

2023

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

ON THE COVER

Fred Bradley
8/16/1942 – 5/11/2022

Fred was a well-known fixture in Middletown Springs for more than 30 years. Whether through his profession as a physical therapist, his love of hunting, or maple sugaring, or in the many years he served on the town's Selectboard, most everyone knew Fred. He was a driving force behind the new town office project as Selectboard chair and a member of the first building committee.

In his professional career, Fred worked at Rutland Regional Medical Center, where he was instrumental in starting the Physical Therapy Department and getting a Rehabilitation Unit in the hospital. After retiring from RRMC, he worked for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association.

Closer to home, Fred was a long-standing member of the Middletown Springs Historical Society and participated in the annual Maple Festival, boiling sap outside with the big black kettle.

He was also on the board of Mentor Connector and was active in the Mill River Union High School sports community, where he acted as a physical therapist to their teams.

Fred enjoyed deer hunting in Vermont, Maine, Canada and the Adirondacks in New York State. The Moose Turd Lodge in the Northeast Kingdom was his pride and joy. He also enjoyed traveling to the beaches of Maine.

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**Town of Middletown Springs
2022 TOWN OFFICERS**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Office Holder</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Town Clerk:	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2024
Town Treasurer:	Jenny Talke Munyak	3 Years	2024
Selectboard:	Terry Redfield	2 Years	2023
	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2025
	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	3 Years	2024
	Heather Grier	2 Years	2024
	Neil Russell	3 Years	2023
Road Commissioner:	Bill Reed	3 Years	2024
Listers:	Sally Achey	3 Years	2024
	Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2025
	Randy Kniffin	3 Years	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Debra House	3 Year	2024
Justices of the Peace: Elected in November for 2 years	Herb Childress		2024
	Elizabeth Cooper		2024
	Patricia Hemenway		2024
	Meredith Morgan		2024
	Leslie Silver		2024
Town Moderator:	Kimberly Bushnell	1 Year	2023
Planning Commission:	Maynard (Bud) Yost	3 Years	2023
	Hilary Solomon	3 Years	2025
	vacant	3 Years	2024
Library Trustees:	Alida Tarbell	3 Years	2023
	Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2024
	Sean Ruck*	3 Years	2023
	Beth Miller	3 Years	2025
	Haley Kenyon	3 Years	2024
Trustee Copeland Church Fund:	Rita Hansen	1 Year	2023
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund:	John Weatherhogg	1 Year	2023
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies:	Steve Harrington*	3 Years	2025
	David Carr	3 Years	2023
	John Weatherhogg	3 Years	2024
Town Auditors:	Juanita Burch Clay	3 Years	2025
	Sarah Grimm	3 Years	2024
	Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2023

* Appointed until Town Meeting 2023

Town of Middletown Springs
2022 TOWN OFFICERS

WELLS SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>	
School Directors			
Sue Burke (Wells)	3 Years	2025	
Eric Montbriand (Wells)	3 Years	2024	
Amanda Weeden (Wells)	3 Years	2023	
George Gonda (Middletown Springs)	3 Years	2025	
Kara Haynes (Middletown Springs)	3 Years	2024	
Matt Heering (Middletown Springs)	3 Years	2023	
Meredith Morgan (At Large)	3 Years	2024	
Moderator			
Eric Montbriand	1 Year	2023	Elected from the floor
Treasurer			
Tammy Holcomb	1 Year	2023	Elected from the floor
Clerk			
Nora Sargent	1 Year	2023	Elected from the floor

APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewer:			Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:		
Selectboard Members	1 Year	2023	Hilary Solomon	1 Year	2023
Tree Warden:			Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (SWAC):		
Terry Redfield	1 Year	2023	Glen Moyer	1 Year	2023
Health Officer:			Terry Redfield (Alt)	1 Year	2023
Carl Haynes	3 Years	2023	Conservation Commission:		
Animal Control Officer:			Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2026
Neil Russell	1 Year	2023	Steve Harrington	3 Years	2025
Service Officer:			Beth Carmody	4 Years	2027
Selectboard Members	1 Year	2023	vacant	4 Years	2027
Emergency Management Director:			vacant	3 Years	2026
Herb Childress	1 Year	2023	Fire Warden:		
Rutland Regional Transportation Council:			James Reed	5 years	2023
Bill Reed	1 Year	2023			

Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

Meeting Calendar

Selectboard	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
Fire Association	3rd Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Library Trustees	4th Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Library
Vol. Fire Department	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Fire House

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
Telephone: (802) 235-2220
Email Address: middletown@vermontel.net

Quarterly Taxes Due to Town Treasurer

For the remainder of FY 22/23:

Q3 - March 15, 2023

Q4 - June 15, 2023

For FY 23/24:

Q1 - September 15, 2023

Q2 - December 15, 2023

Q3 - March 15, 2024

Q4 - June 17, 2024

Contact:

In-person by appointment

Telephone: (802) 235-3265

Email address: mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

Emergency Numbers

For Fire, Rescue Squad/Ambulance or State Police call 911
You also may continue to use the emergency 10-digit numbers:

Fire Department: (802) 235-2300

Middletown Springs Highway Garage: (802) 235-2024

Rescue Squad/Ambulance: (802) 287-9510

State Police: (802) 773-9101

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 (Mondays & Saturdays)

"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 Crossman's General 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 13, 2023
Saturday, October 7, 2023
6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays in 2023, from 6 a.m. to noon on both days. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are accepted. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Large waste will be charged a \$10 per vehicle and/or trailer fee; scrap metal may be disposed of 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 6, 2023

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 29, 2023	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 7, 2023	Fair Haven**	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

FREE SERVICE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend the events listed above, even if there is not 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 information here: <http://www.rcswd.com/hhw/>

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

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

<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling>

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD REPORT

2022

The Year of the Tiger brought many big changes. After many years of hard work toward building a new town office, we have broken ground! Naylor & Breen started the project this fall and will resume building in the spring. Thank you to all who have dedicated their time over many years to see this to fruition. We are looking forward to completion in 2023. We will finally have our new town office and long-needed vault.

I want to thank all of our dedicated elected officials and town employees. Without them, we would not be where we are today. A huge thank you to our road crew for their tireless efforts to improve and maintain the roads although Mother Nature continues to challenge us every season. We welcome Ritchie Miller to our road crew. We were pleased to hire a local resident to this position.

Thank you to the selectboard for working through the challenges we face each week. We are very lucky to be a part of this lovely community.

Regards,
Heather L. Grier
Selectboard Chair



Breaking ground for the new Town Office
Left to right: Dave Munyak, Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon, Peter Stevenson, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Neil Russell, Michael Beattie and Terry Redfield

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Over the course of the past year, we have completed the digital indexing of our land records going back to Book 34. We now have a more user-friendly and much smaller General Index book covering June of 1997 to the present day. In addition, we are scanning all new land record documents and, when time permits, adding the digital images of past land records books in reverse chronological order. We currently have books 61 through 71 (our current working book) fully digitized. It can be a tedious process, but it will ensure that our records are digitally preserved into the future for generations to come.

In Middletown Springs, we've seen a significant slowdown in property sales, and it appears we are winding down from the pandemic rush. The decrease in land records activity has allowed us to work on the digitization process and to prepare for the long-anticipated move to our new home.

Construction is scheduled to resume on the new Town Office site once the weather permits. I anticipate work to continue into the summer months and hope to be in our new permanent home sometime in the fall. It's important to remember that Town Offices are the one and only place that many important documents live, documents that tell the story of our town. Keeping this history safe and secure in a concrete vault is now within our grasp.

Finally, this past year we conducted three elections and made it through our first general election in which every registered voter received their ballot in the mail. It was not without its snags and frustrations but, overall, more people voted by mail than in person in Middletown Springs and voter participation was up across town and the state. I'm continually impressed with the state's elections management system and the folks behind the system at the Secretary of State's office. They work tirelessly to keep clerks informed and on track throughout the process, ensuring that every vote counts and every person who is eligible to vote can do so in a way that works best for them.

This year, especially, I wish to thank all the election workers for supporting me through some very long and sometimes trying days. Elections need scores of people who put in scores of hours, and we have some great folks always willing to step in and lend a hand.

I look forward to ensuring your records are safe and accessible in our new town facility. It's an exciting time for all of us who work in the Town Office.

Many thanks for your support.
Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

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Monday and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
Telephone: (802) 235-2220
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Town of Middletown Springs 2022 VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: 5 Births: 5 Deaths: 8

Town Reports will no longer include individual names and dates in the Vital Statistics section. Publishing this data is considered an identity theft risk.

I understand this new practice is received with mixed reviews, my apologies to those who were counting on a more detailed listing. This information continues to be considered a public record and can be viewed at the town office upon request.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

In Memoriam

Riding Into the Sunset ~ Charles E. "Scooter" Barrett (October 16, 1956 - March 10, 2022)



On March 10th, Charles E. "Scooter" Barrett passed away at Rutland Regional Hospital.

His small engine repair shop was an answer for many mechanical problems that kept farmers, loggers and others from their work - often the last resort for those who could not repair their broken machines. As the years passed, I got to know the Barrett family, including his father who was a WWII soldier in the U.S. Army. Much of Scooter's personality was derived from the influence of his Dad. In the early days, Scooter's brother Bob and he would visit the Devil's Bowl to race and speak about cars and their engines doing battle on the track. As he would get involved in working on some lawn mowers, tractors, snow blowers and the like in his shop, I would offer another pair of hands to place some wayward part while he would guide the bolts into an almost unreachable place to tighten them.

It was at that point when he would "God bless" the engineers who designed such a mechanical conundrum installed in such an inaccessible location. In some instances, he would stop working and, like a surgeon, briefly stop to think about a different approach to the problem. It was then that his vast experience would bring out his incredible recall - knowing the why of the problem - but also a smile

would cross his face because he had hand-made a tool to handle the difficult issue he was faced with. There are many people who have parchment diplomas hanging on their walls but I can vouch that Charles E. Barrett was blessed with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering that no halls of ivy could have ever taught him. When a customer would drop by, he could explain in detail why the green crud in a carburetor was due to the owner using regular gas instead of the non-ethanol and more expensive high test. What frustrated him was that it was usually not long before the customer chose the regular ethanol gas again, only to find out the carburetor was all plugged up once more.

~ Emmett Francois

Town of Middletown Springs

DOG LICENSE REPORT 2022

Vermont state law requires all dogs or wolf-hybrids be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1. All license fees include funds required to be sent to the state rabies and spay and neuter programs.

Licensure requires that all dogs or wolf-hybrids over the age of 3 months have a current rabies vaccination. Certification of vaccination must be on file with or presented to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER MY DOG? 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for **the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program** (VSNIP - see * in box at bottom of page) addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Most importantly, when someone finds a loose or injured dog, the first place they call is the Town Office. If I have your information, I can help to reunite you. I get countless calls where I have no good information to help get a pet back home quickly. Please help me help you by making time to get your dog registered.

Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules.

Registration Information

- **For animals adopted and registered on or before April 1, 2023**
Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00
- **If registered after April 1, 2023, late fees apply**
Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$17.00
- **New animal adoptions after April 1, 2023, have 30 days to register without incurring a late fee. After the 30-day grace period standard late fees will apply.**
- **For new animal adoptions after October 1, 2023, fees are as follows (within 30 days of adoption):**
Neutered or Spayed - \$7.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00
- **Late registration fees after October 1, 2023:**
Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not-neutered or Spayed - \$11.00

In 2022 there were 112 registered dogs in Middletown Springs.

Middletown Springs also has an animal control ordinance in effect. The full ordinance can be found on the Town's website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Animal-Control.pdf>. If you are the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid please review the town ordinance to be sure you are in compliance. Each year the Selectboard appoints an animal control officer. Current information on who the town's animal control officer is can be found on the town's website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>.

Lastly, if your schedule just doesn't fit the clerk's office hours, you can still get your pet registered. If we don't already have your information on file, you can mail your rabies certificate, license fee and any other pertinent information to PO Box 1232, Middletown Springs 05757 and I will complete the registration and mail you back the license and tag.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

Town Clerk's office hours:
Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm
Thursday & Friday from 1pm to 4pm
Phone: 802-235-2220
Email: middletown@vermontel.net

*VSNIP, funded through a portion of licensing fees, makes spay and neuter procedures affordable. The dog owner's cost for the surgery is only \$27.00. The Rutland County Humane Society (802-483-6700) is one of many locations around the state that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a 9" self-addressed, stamped envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV

Town of Middletown Springs

Vermont Department of Health 2022 Annual Health Report for Rutland County



Rutland Office of Local Health
300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building
88 Merchants Row
Rutland, VT 05701
888-253-8802 or 802-786-5811
Email AHS.VDHOLHRutland@vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont.

For example, in the past year and beyond, Rutland Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 75 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,959 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped managed 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 12 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,695 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 52% percent of students in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Rutland>

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF LISTERS

The Board of Listers are elected officials in Middletown Springs whose primary responsibility is to determine the fair market value of all real property. Real property includes land and structures. The value is converted into an assessment, which is one component in the computation of real property tax bills.

The State of Vermont oversees the Board of Listers by comparing values with actual sales. This past year has been challenging. Sales increased dramatically and sales prices were inflated. We are hopeful this will temper in the coming year(s).

Also challenging for the Board of Listers is the fact that Middletown Springs does not have any zoning and does not require any permits. Therefore, we ask property owners to notify us if they are doing major renovations, putting on additions or building new structures. Also notify us of any major depreciation or removal of any structures or additions.

State law requires the Board to assess the value as of April 1st of each year. Changes to assessment are mailed to owners in early June and new assessments can be grieved by contacting the board within the time specified in the change of assessment notice. If any property owner simply wants to see how their property is assessed, the Board will be glad to meet with them and explain the process.

It is the goal of the Board to be fair to every property owner across town by assessing all properties equitably. We also want to remind property owners to file a Homestead Declaration by April 15th each year, if appropriate.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sally Achey, Chair, 802-235-2434
Randy Kniffin, 802-235-2620
Pat Hemenway, 802-235-2421
Email mtslisters@vermontel.net

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT FOR 2022

Thus far in the contract, Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 36 incidents, made 12 criminal arrests, and performed 47 traffic stops - issuing 20 tickets and 9 warnings - in the town of Middletown Springs. Deputies have received positive feedback from the board as well as the citizens of Middletown on the successful impact the Sheriff's patrols have had on speed and criminal activity. I would like to say it's a privilege to work in the town of Middletown Springs and thank the citizens of Middletown for their positive feedback and support. We hope to continue serving the citizens of Middletown Springs for many years to come.

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
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• **Ballot request #8 on 2023 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs 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 2022, SWAC successfully complied with Year Two Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. 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. (rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues pertaining to legislation, 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 the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products. Contact your local representative to support these efforts.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.25 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 115 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

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 to Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste.. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it 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 year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2022 HW Schedule - Saturday, April 29, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; **Saturday, October 7**, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) - date to be determined - For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. The SWAC website provides additional information on these 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, and, 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.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

The Town of Middletown Springs is represented by Glen Moyer, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon.
Telephone: (802) 342-5701 Email: solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com www.rutlandcountyswac.org

Town of Middletown Springs SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, Off Post Road, Rutland, Vermont

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven, Vermont

2023 HW Contractor - US Ecology of Burlington, Inc. (formerly ENPRO Services of Vermont, Inc).

THE SERVICE IS FREE TO: Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.

BETWEEN EVENTS: Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW and trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

WHAT TO BRING:

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. Examples include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, propane tanks, mercury thermostats, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline, engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (fertilizer without pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides is not a hw - use it for its intended purpose), and batteries (single use or rechargeable - for large batteries, see note below).

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

ELECTRONICS - Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash.

LARGE BATTERIES - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

FLUORESCENT BULBS - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection sites throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit: <http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>.

TIRES - Tires are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee and some SWAC transfer stations. Contact your local transfer station for more information.

VAPING DEVICES - Check with our local law enforcement officials for options for disposal.

BUSINESS WASTE - Small businesses (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages may be able to dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

Town of Middletown Springs SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS (Cont'd)

Small businesses may also register to drop waste off at the SWAC hazardous waste collection events. Businesses will need a detailed breakdown of materials to be dropped off. An estimate can be given by the HW contractor. Payment is due at time of drop off. Contact solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com for additional information.

OTHER INFORMATION

CONTAINERS: Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events. USED WASTE OIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HW HAULER. However, waste oil WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.

Used waste oil is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for FREE. Visit <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you.

EVENT MANAGEMENT: Please place all items to be disposed in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. DO NOT exit your vehicle. PLEASE wear a mask for personal protection and leave pets at home.

To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint and fertilizer) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.



Pouring cement for the new Town Office



Structure taking shape for the new Town Office

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (FY22)

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, 2022 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, 2022.

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 reconciliation of bank statements, collection of fees and delinquent taxes, Treasurer's Report, town trust funds, the grand list, and board orders.

Actions Taken FY22:

- Reviewed the Treasurer's Report, asked questions, and discussed financial information.
- We continued to:
 - Do a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts, using accounting software.
 - Review and sign off on the Select Board orders.
 - Recommend actions to the Select Board board from the Sullivan, Powers' "letter of deficiencies" (from the external audit).
 - Attend Select Board meetings, budget meetings, and town building meetings.
 - Make recommendations, in the FY21 report, concerning town trust funds.

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 priorities for FY22 were to work with the Select Board and Treasurer on financial controls policies and procedures, to review property and tax information, including the grand list and delinquent taxes.

The priority for FY23 is to monitor town finances related to the town office building project and ARPA funds.

Hours: In FY22, the three auditors between them worked over 144 hours, with 84 paid hours, and over 60 volunteer hours.

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements we have examined are an accurate representation of the financial position of the Town of Middletown Springs as of June 30, 2022, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on observations and information collected throughout the year, as well as the FY22 Treasurer's Report received on October 26, 2022 and updated on October 28, 2022.

Based on our observations and testing, we find that:

- Record keeping and reporting by the Treasurer is accurate, efficient, and clear.
- The Town Clerk's diligence, organization, and efficiency ensure stability and safety in the town's financial functions, as shown in updated procedures for cash handling, petty cash, etc.
- We commend the Delinquent Tax Collector for managing a transparent and effective process for collecting delinquent taxes that has greatly reduced back taxes.
- We commend the Select Board for adopting policies related to financial health, on Fraud Prevention and Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting in October 2021.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (FY22)

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 we have in the past, we continue to 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 Select Board 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.
 - Updating the Procurement Policy.
- As in the FY21 report, we recommend that the Town set up an inventory and replacement schedule for computers and office equipment.
- As in the FY21 report, we recommend that the Town create an approved vendors list.
- We recommend that the board orders consistently be reviewed and signed by every Select Board member.

Trust Funds:

- We remind the **Trustees of Public Monies** to keep their information updated on the town website.
- With regard to the **Copeland Cemetery Fund**:
 - There was no Copeland Cemetery Fund annual report for 2020-2021, and to the best of our knowledge there has been no meeting of trustees in FY22.
 - We recommend that the Pleasant View Cemetery Association appoint two representatives to serve on the Copeland Cemetery Fund as required by the fund guidelines.
 - We continue to recommend that the Cemetery Fund be used, as directed by Copeland, to maintain the Pleasant View Cemetery, without requesting extra money from the town budget. There appear to be adequate resources in this fund for this purpose.
- With regard to the **Copeland Milk Fund**:
 - We again remind the Copeland Milk Fund to post minutes and other information on the town website. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY15.
 - We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Select Board seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document. 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 in a restricted account. We recommend an external audit be scheduled after the completion of the new town office.

Respectfully approved and submitted by
Auditors J. Burch-Clay, S. Grimm, and T. Weatherhogg
January 6, 2023

Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

TAX YEAR:	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
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	2,169,713	2,148,042
Abatelements & Adjustments	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)	0	(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	(729)	155	
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 FY 2016		1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794						
Received in FY 2017				1,316	1,901	30,990	1,967,583					
Received in FY 2018	142	141	136	1,089	3,912	5,372	19,311	1,845,997				
Received in FY 2019	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014			
Received in FY 2020				5,964	4,372	4,770	7,824	16,739	30,664	1,916,322		
Received in FY 2021			4,164	1,049		2,764	3,847	833	4,703	45,434	2,131,623	0
Received in FY 2022			463	6,177	6,948	7,726	3,619	8,522	4,684	7,986	26,101	2,099,327
Principal Delinquency As of FY21/22 end	369	366	329	803	1,009	440	5,252	8,664	6,450	15,106	12,144	48,715
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY21/22 End												99,644

Town of Middletown Springs

2021 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411) FOR FY 21/22

(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	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	138	23,943,600	18,035,800	5,907,800	23,943,600
Residential II R2	204	56,842,300	35,011,500	21,830,800	56,842,300
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	266,500	235,700	30,800	266,500
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,032,300	954,400	1,077,900	2,032,300
Seasonal I S1	5	207,500	0	207,500	207,500
Seasonal II S2	28	3,632,600	272,700	3,359,900	3,632,600
Commercial C	6	836,800	0	836,800	836,800
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	2,173,000	0	2,173,000	2,173,000
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,469,400	2,037,800	1,431,600	3,469,400
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	8	663,300	0	663,300	663,300
Miscellaneous M	52	2,822,500	6,800	2,815,700	2,822,500
TOTAL LISTED REAL	476	96,889,800	56,554,700	40,335,100	96,889,800
P.P. Cable	1	610,736		610,736	610,736
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	610,736		610,736	610,736
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		97,500,536	56,554,700	40,945,836	97,500,536
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	4/4	40,000	30,000	10,000	40,000
Veterans >10K		120,000			
Total Veterans		160,000	30,000	10,000	40,000
P.P. Contracts	1	610,736			
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			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/1	867,336	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			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	72/72	6,783,300	1,799,400	4,983,900	6,783,300
Special Exemptions	1		0	679,800	679,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		7,810,636	1,829,400	5,930,300	7,759,700
Total Exemptions		7,810,636	1,829,400	5,930,300	7,759,700
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		896,899.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			547,253.00	350,155.36	897,408.36
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, 2022

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$182,021
Cash - restricted	\$196,515
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	\$99,643
ARPA FUNDS	(\$111,798)

TOTAL ASSETS	\$366,381
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	\$4,196
Property tax credits payable	\$4,003
 Total Liabilities	 \$8,199
 Fund Balance - unrestricted	 \$161,668
Fund Balance - restricted	\$196,515

Total Fund Balance	\$358,182
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$366,381
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Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

GRAND LIST as of 7/27/2021 411 report	\$89,749,400
1% of Grand List	\$897,494

		<u>Allocation</u>
Town Tax Rate:	\$0.4400	\$394,897
Highway Tax Rate:	\$0.3560	\$319,508
 School Tax Rates:		
Resident	\$1.5822	\$563,722
Non-Resident	\$1.6324	\$567,511
State Payable		\$302,404

Total Taxes Assessed	\$2,148,042
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Abatements/Adjustments/Credits	\$0
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Less: Current Year Taxes Collected	<u>\$2,099,327</u>
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Principal Taxes Receivable for FY21/22	\$48,715
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Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve Account
For Year Ending June 30, 2022**

Balance as of June 30, 2021		Amount
		\$335,985.61
RECEIPTS:		
Town Allotment		
50,000.00		
Interest Earned		\$166.26
TOTAL REVENUE		\$50,166.26
EXPENDITURES:		
State of Vermont	Water Permit	\$150.00
Rutland Herald	Budget warning	\$320.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Design alterations	\$715.00
Rutland Herald	Budget warning	\$160.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Building consulting	\$1365.00
M & W Soils Engineering	CP Soil report	\$800.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Building consulting	\$3385.00
Long Trail Engineering	Grading/water	\$750.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Construction document review	\$13240.00
State of Vermont	Permit fee	\$250.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Interior design/construction docs	\$11005.00
Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	Review of property contracts	\$1882.50
Long Trail Engineering	Grading/water	\$3180.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Document completion/Mechanical consultation	\$11920.00
Department of Public Safety	Construction Permit Application	\$7259.66
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$56,382.16
Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve balance as of 6/30/22		\$329,769.71

Town of Middletown Springs TREASURER'S REPORT

Supplementary Information Supporting Schedule of Reserve Fund Cash Flow For Year Ending June 30, 2022

	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT					MUNICIPAL FACILITIES				GENERAL FUND							GF	
	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reapp. / Raisal	Highway Surplus	Highway	Town Bldg	Town Surplus	Transfer Stn	Tax Stabiliz.	Record Pres	Ceme- tery	Cons. Comm.	Com- puter	Audit Reserve	Vol Fire Dept	Bridge	Misc
Balance as of June 30, 2021	31,737	69,043	4,903	73,899	0	84,228	335,986	68,170	17,505	10,000	32,335	8,117	400	3,275	6,268	70,090	20,852	2,089
<u>Receipts</u>																		
Interest																		
Highway Surplus	83	181	13	193	-	42	166	34	9								6	
Reappraisal Income - St of Vt					42,610													727
Reserve Surplus from Budgets	20,000	40,000	1,217	4,665		20,000	-	-	10,000		2,840	365	100	-	5,000	9,054	1,000	42,610
Memorial Day Income																		4,665
End of Year Excess Distribution	-							64,603		5,000							130	109,576
																		130
																		69,603
																		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,083	40,181	1,230	4,858	42,610	20,042	166	64,637	10,009	5,000	2,840	365	100	-	5,000	9,054	1,006	130
<u>Expenditures</u>																		
Record Preservation											934							934
Computer				-										225				225
Town Building							6,382											6,382
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,382	-	-	-	934	-	-	225	-	-	-	-
Balance as of June 30, 2022	51,820	109,224	6,133	78,756	42,610	104,270	329,770	132,807	27,514	15,000	34,242	8,482	500	3,050	11,268	79,144	21,858	2,219
																		1,058,667

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	2021-2022 <u>Budget</u>	2021-2022 <u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,148,042	2,099,327	(48,715)
School \$ from Town	1,131,233	1,120,457	(10,776)
State VT	302,404	312,318	9,914
Adjustments	0	0	0
Town Taxes Net - Current	\$714,405	\$666,553	(\$47,853)
Other Revenues			
Delinquent Tax	30,000	72,227	42,227
Interest on Delinquent taxes	5,000	45,901	40,901
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	2,500	5,569	3,069
State of Vermont - Highway	49,500	53,471	3,971
State of Vermont - Current Use	46,000	54,478	8,478
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines	0	1,304	1,304
Highway Grant Revenue	40,000	10,920	(29,080)
Highway Grant Revenue Other	0	2,804	0
Licenses & Permits	7,000	11,109	4,109
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	1,780	(220)
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	0
Interest	200	449	249
Other/Bank Fees	0	50	50
Recycling Receipts	750	750	0
Transfer Station Fees	21,000	24,347	3,347
Special Trash Fees	2,000	1,630	(370)
Total OTHER Revenue	\$211,950	\$292,788	\$80,838
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	\$926,355	\$959,341	\$32,985
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Town Clerk	27,500	27,500	0
Salary - Town Treasurer	17,500	17,500	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,900	3,900	0
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	0
Salary - Listers	8,250	4,777	3,473
Salary - Animal Control Officer/EMD	250	250	0
Law Enforcement	24,750	19,469	5,281
Salary - Auditors	2,000	1,266	734
Payroll Taxes	6,000	5,970	30
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	5,000	0
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	3,000	2,009	991
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	1,000	91	909
Clerical	1,000	0	1,000
Computer Technology (Reserve)	6,500	6,500	0
Elections	4,000	4,761	(761)
Street Lights	4,500	4,520	(20)

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

(General Gov't cont'd)	2021-2022	2021-2022	Variance
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Telephone	3,000	2,941	59
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	0
Office Supplies	2,000	1,557	443
Copier Expense	1,500	1,011	489
Bank Charges	0	100	(100)
Town Report	4,000	3,959	41
Record Preservation (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	0
Education/Conferences	500	30	470
Mileage	1,000	948	52
Town Office Security	500	300	200
Postage	2,000	1,483	517
Legal	7,000	1,004	5,996
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	0	3,765	(3,765)
Website Maintenance	400	200	200
Office Maintenance	500	0	500
Tax Map Updates	1,000	1,900	(900)
Lister Expenses	500	491	9
Solid Waste - Trash/Compost Hauling	20,000	20,630	(630)
Solid Waste - Wages	11,750	11,061	689
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	1,687	(187)
Solid Waste State Plan	3,500	3,514	(14)
Solid Waste - Electric	1,750	1,738	12
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	4,500	4,780	(280)
Solid Waste - Recycling	13,000	7,997	5,003
SubTotal Solid Waste	56,000	51,407	4,593
Insurance - Property & Liability	17,000	9,256	7,744
Insurance-Unemployment	750	620	130
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	17,000	13,956	3,044
Miscellaneous	500	985	(485)
VLCT - Dues	2,000	1,991	9
Planning Commission Dues	975	975	0
Rutland County Tax	7,500	7,203	297
Public Notices	1,500	0	1,500
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	0
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	0
Library	27,772	27,772	0
Municipal Facilities - Transfer Station (Reserve)	10,000	10,000	0
Town Property Maintenance	1,800	1,868	(68)
Planning Grant Expenses	0	0	0
Conservation Commission (Reserve Acct)	0	0	0
Conservation Commission (Reserve)	200	200	0
Town Excess	0	69,603	(69,603)
Town Building (Reserve)	50,000	50,000	(0)
West Street Town Property	5,000	0	5,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$376,347	\$408,339	(\$31,992)
APPROPRIATIONS			
Poultney Rescue Squad	7,450	7,450	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	0
Vermont Green Up	50	50	0

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

(Dues/Orgs cont'd)	2021-2022 <u>Budget</u>	2021-2022 <u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	0
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	0
BROC	200	200	0
Center for Independent Living	100	100	0
Vermont RCDC	100	100	0
Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	0
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	79,500	79,500	0
NewStory Center	200	200	0
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	0
R.S.V.P.	200	200	0
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500	500	0
Neighbor Works	400	400	0
ARC	500	500	0
Rutland CO Parent/Child Center	400	400	0
VT Assn of Blind	300	300	0
American Red Cross	250	250	0
Mentor Connector	200	200	0
Child Advocacy Center	400	400	0
Pleasant View Cemetery Assoc.	1,500	1,500	0
Regional Marketing Initiative	745	745	0
Front Porch Forum	150	150	0
Big Heavy World	250	250	0
VT Family Network	250	250	0
Habitat for Humanity	350	350	0
Rutland City Restorative	250	250	0
VT Farmers Food Center	500	500	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$98,362	\$98,362	\$0
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,350	1,349	1,001
Payroll Class III	41,050	24,694	16,356
Payroll Maintenance	8,000	6,751	1,249
Payroll Winter II	3,100	4,036	(936)
Payroll Winter III	32,000	22,500	9,500
Payroll Winter Maintenance	8,700	11,001	(2,301)
Payroll Tax	10,000	7,486	2,514
Payroll Administrative	4,800	5,635	(835)
Payroll Holiday	4,500	2,249	2,251
Payroll Comp Used	2,000	1,906	94
Payroll Sick Pay	1,300	834	466
Payroll Vacation	4,300	3,763	537
Payroll Personal	600	177	423
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	3,000	1,781	1,219
Road Commissioner	4,500	3,343	1,157
Highway Mileage	800	836	(36)
Insurance - Health	20,000	12,464	7,536
Traffic Control	500	0	500
VMERS	7,000	3,702	3,298
Subtotal Highway Payroll	158,500	114,508	43,992
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	0

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Highway (cont'd)	2021-2022 <u>Budget</u>	2021-2022 <u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Garage - Electric	500	651	(151)
Garage - Heat	2,500	3,340	(840)
Garage - Phone	700	612	88
Computer Technology	300	594	(294)
Equipment (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	0
Consulting	500	420	80
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	0
GIA GRANT Project	0	11,121	0
Gravel - Bank run	5,000	5,470	(470)
Gravel - Processed	20,000	15,913	4,087
Riprap	5,000	3,705	1,295
Culverts	3,000	2,928	72
Street Signage	1,000	651	349
Miscellaneous/Shop Supplies	3,000	5,119	(2,119)
Mowing	5,000	4,772	228
Bridge Repair (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	0
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	226	274
Winter Sand/Stone	25,000	12,536	12,464
Salt	15,000	12,938	2,062
Calcium	3,000	3,090	(90)
Guardrails	2,000	0	2,000
Tree Trimming	2,000	0	2,000
Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	1,350	1,650
Highway Public Notices	500	0	0
Highway Surplus (Reserve)	0	42,610	(42,610)
Paving (Reserve)	40,000	40,000	0
FACILITY Projects (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	0
Backhoe Payment	27,000	26,912	88
2021 Freightliner Purchase	0	31,724	(31,724)
Repairs/Parts - Grader	12,000	3,006	8,994
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Ford F350	1,500	2,084	(584)
Repairs/Parts/Other	0	1,276	(1,276)
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Ford F350	1,000	348	652
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	3,300	5,343	(2,043)
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	2,500	11	2,489
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	3,000	258	2,742
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	25,000	26,704	(1,704)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	5,000	3,521	1,479
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	6,000	5,173	827
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	5,316	(3,316)
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	4,000	5,566	(1,566)
Repairs/Parts 2021 Freightliner	0	2,207	(2,207)
Sander/Plow 2021 Freightliner	0	1,692	(1,692)
Contract Labor - Hauling	6,000	495	5,505
Contract Labor - Rental	8,000	0	8,000
Contract Labor-Plowing	500	1,450	(950)
Contract Labor - Other	500	0	500
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	\$450,300	\$452,641	(\$2,341)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	\$925,009	\$959,342	(\$34,333)

Town of Middletown Springs
HIGHWAY PROJECT / ARPA

Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program
Dudley Road - GIAFY21 - Fall 2021
Project Managed by Bill Reed

EXPENSES:

Materials/Services:

Casella Construction	\$1,062.72
Hadeka Stone	\$2,784.00
Mars	\$2,216.50

Total Materials/Services	\$6,063.22
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Middletown Springs PAYROLL	\$5,057.96
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TOTAL TANGIBLE EXPENSES	\$11,121.18
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TOWN Equipment Usage	\$9,497.17
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TOTAL PROJECT	\$20,618.35
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Grants in Aid Award	\$10,920.00
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA
Special Restricted Revenue Funds from the US Government
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$0.00
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REVENUE:

8/8/2021	Government Disbursement	\$39,153.22
9/3/2021	Government Disbursement	\$72,645.12

Total Revenue	\$111,798.34
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EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
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ARPA Balance as of 6/30/22	\$111,798.34
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**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

Net Expenditures

Achey, S	2,665.00	Go Daddy	19.17
Achey, S (carbonite renewal)	283.49	Green Up Vermont	50.00
Airgas	132.00	Grier, H	1,124.13
Allied Auto Parts	544.76	Grimm, S	601.83
Allstates Construction	3,090.00	Habitat for Humanity	350.00
Alta Construction Equipment	2,238.23	Hadeka Stone	4,296.00
Alta Material Handling	2,708.00	Hemenway, P	1,016.93
American Red Cross	250.00	Highwinds Leasing	1,011.45
APEX Software	235.00	House, D	3,578.70
ARC	500.00	Hubbard	29,730.40
Association of VT Conservation	100.00	IDS	95.06
ATG Westminster	401.95	James P. Mars Builder	27,970.50
Autosaver Ford	115.45	JCB Finance	26,912.04
BCBSVT	9,169.76	Jim Doran Roofing	2,900.00
Big Heavy World	250.00	Keefe & Wesner	41,630.00
BROC	200.00	Kenyon, H	55.46
Brown's	3,678.50	Kenyon, P	24,305.82
Burch-Clay, J	421.55	Kenyon, P (reimbursement)	391.83
Bushnell, K	14,543.76	Kevin M. O'Toole, Esq.	3,765.19
CAI Technologies	1,900.00	Keyser Energy	289.58
Cargill	12,937.72	Kimball Midwest	1,835.08
Carrara	370.00	Kniffen, R	837.48
Casella Construction	7,715.95	Kofile Preservation	1,933.72
Casella Recycling	3,076.79	LHS	2,776.20
Castle, J	4,506.69	Long Trail Engineering	3,930.00
Castle Trucking	405.00	Lyle Welding	1,055.00
Centerline Architects	13,046.49	M & W Soils Engineering	800.00
Chesnut-Tangerman, M	5,330.64	Maine Oxy	557.66
Chesnut-Tangerman, R	1,021.69	Marcell Oil	24,346.65
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Martelle Property	660.00
Childress, H	577.76	MBFS USA (2021 Freightliner)	31,724.17
Clark, B	12,407.46	Mentor Connector	200.00
Clark, B H SA	3,185.76	Microsoft 365	105.99
Clark, C	272.26	Middletown Springs Fire Dept	79,500.00
Collaboration 133	199.99	Middletown Springs Historical Society	5,100.00
Combined Insurance/Fidelity	108.72	Middletown Springs Public Library	5,941.88
Computer E-Z	887.50	Miller, E	1,568.49
Cooper, E	1,333.75	Miller, R III	11,142.87
Countryside Lock	300.00	Morgan, M	771.74
Dean, N	133.23	Moyer, G	10,172.40
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Music Mountain Compost	600.00
Dennison Lubricants	2,515.43	Neighborworks	400.00
Dept of Public Safety	7,259.66	NEMRC	5,567.47
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Newstory Center	200.00
Earles Truck Repair	12,576.20	Parker, R	5,464.50
Facey Goss & McPhee	45.00	Parker, R (mower reimbursement)	426.93
Family Mediators	420.00	Pete's Tire Barn	1,263.95
Fastenal	33.00	Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00
Feeley, K	52.20	Postmaster	1,477.30
Fenton, C.	71.44	Poultney Auto Supply	4,231.34
Ferguson Waterworks	3,023.04	Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00
Fradette, D	842.32	Poultney Rescue Squad	7,450.00
Front Porch Forum	150.00	Power Washer Sales	166.82
Garland's Agway	55.00	QPR	188.50
GMP	6,909.05	Quick Print of Rutland	1,998.25

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022
Net Expenditures cont.

RAVNA	1,500.00	Treasurer, County of Rutland	7,203.04
Redfield, T	1,328.12	Trend Business Solutions	518.23
Reed, D	2,400.00	Turenen Truck Equip Repair	54.29
Reed, K	16.31	United States Treasury	40,652.30
Reed, W	48,026.85	Viking-Cives	1,113.37
Reed, W - (RC Mileage)	914.80	Viper virus protection	68.89
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	VLCT	1,991.00
Riley, M	97.94	VLCTPACIF	23,257.00
RSVP	200.00	VLCTUI	620.00
Rubinstein, N	139.35	VMCTA	65.00
Russell, N	1,211.86	VMERS	6,226.71
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Rutland Chamber of Commerce	745.00	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Rutland County Restorative Justice	250.00	VT DEC - Watershed Management	1,700.00
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	19,468.72	VT Department of Labor	100.00
Rutland Herald	480.00	VT Department of Taxes	3,809.82
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	VT Family Network	250.00
Rutland Parent Child Center	400.00	VT Farmers Food Center	500.00
Rutland Regional Planning Comm.	975.00	VT RCDC	100.00
Seedway	323.30	VT State Treasurer	1,040.00
Shaw's Plumbing Svc	2,400.00	VTEL	3,552.20
Silver, L	104.46	We Dig	2,000.00
Staples	1,391.70	Weatherhogg, T	241.04
State of Vermont(permit fees)	400.00	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	2,886.25
SW Agency on Aging	750.00	Wells Spring UUSD	1,120,456.92
SWAC	4,427.05	White, G	1,579.40
Talke Munyak, J	15,408.36	Wholesale Distributors	7,203.10
Talke Munyak, J (mileage)	991.78	Williams Hardware	572.80
Tarbell, R	1,900.00	Winmill Equipment CO	1,511.41
Town of Castleton	570.00	Zoom	179.88

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL BUDGET

	<u>FY 2022 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024 Budget</u>
Revenue				
Tax Related				
Property Taxes	\$714,405	\$666,553	\$814,454	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$30,000	\$72,227	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000	\$45,901	\$2,500	\$4,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,500	\$5,570	\$1,250	\$2,000
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	\$0	(\$3,765)	\$0	\$0
Total Tax Related	\$751,905	\$786,485	\$833,204	\$21,000
State of Vermont				
Vermont Highway	\$49,500	\$53,471	\$53,000	\$53,000
Vermont Current Use	\$46,000	\$54,478	\$50,000	\$50,000
Traffic Fines	\$0	\$1,304	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue - Highway	\$0	\$2,804	\$46,100	\$16,500
Grant Revenue - Highway	\$40,000	\$10,920	\$0	\$0
Total State of Vermont	\$135,500	\$122,976	\$149,100	\$119,500
Fees and Permits				
Fees and Permits	\$7,000	\$159	\$10,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$9,081	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$1,190	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$140	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$1,290	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	\$35	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	(\$785)	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Fees & Permits	\$7,000	\$11,109	\$10,000	\$7,000
Other Revenue				
Recycling Receipts	\$750	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$1,780	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copeland Milk Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$200	\$449	\$200	\$500
Other	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$21,000	\$24,347	\$24,000	\$24,000
Special Trash Fees	\$2,000	\$1,630	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bank Fees	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$31,950	\$35,006	\$34,700	\$35,000
Total Revenue	\$926,355	\$955,577	\$1,027,004	\$182,500
General Government				
Salaries				
Town Clerk	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$28,325	\$29,175
Town Treasurer	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$18,025	\$18,565
Tax Collector	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$4,020	\$4,140
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Listers	\$8,250	\$4,777	\$8,500	\$8,500
Animal Control Officer	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$275
Law Enforcement	\$24,750	\$19,469	\$25,600	\$0
Accounting/Auditors	\$2,000	\$1,266	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,000	\$5,970	\$6,180	\$6,365
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3,000	\$2,009	\$6,000	\$6,180

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL BUDGET

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
General Government cont.				
Salaries				
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,000	\$91	\$1,100	\$1,135
Total Salaries	\$104,350	\$92,932	\$110,225	\$86,535
Other				
Clerical	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Technology	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Elections	\$4,000	\$4,761	\$7,500	\$5,000
Planning Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Street Lights	\$4,500	\$4,520	\$4,500	\$5,000
Telephone/Internet	\$3,000	\$2,940	\$3,000	\$3,500
Office Rent	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$1,275
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,557	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$1,500	\$1,011	\$2,000	\$2,000
Bank Charges	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$3,959	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$30	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$1,000	\$948	\$1,000	\$1,100
Office Security	\$500	\$300	\$500	\$600
Postage	\$2,000	\$1,483	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$7,000	\$1,004	\$7,000	\$5,000
Website Maintenance	\$400	\$200	\$650	\$1,000
Office Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Tax Map Updates	\$1,000	\$1,900	\$0	\$2,000
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$491	\$500	\$500
Total Other	\$46,000	\$37,805	\$51,250	\$47,475
Solid Waste				
Solid Waste Trash/Compost/Haul	\$20,000	\$20,630	\$20,000	\$22,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$11,750	\$11,061	\$12,100	\$12,465
Solid Waste Other - Sanitation	\$1,500	\$1,687	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste SWAC Fees	\$3,500	\$3,514	\$3,700	\$3,700
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,750	\$1,738	\$1,750	\$2,000
Solid Waste Non-Reg Trash Disposal	\$4,500	\$4,780	\$5,000	\$5,000
Solid Waste Recycling	\$13,000	\$7,997	\$12,000	\$12,000
Total Solid Waste	\$56,000	\$51,407	\$56,050	\$58,665
Insurance				
Property & Liability	\$17,000	\$9,256	\$15,000	\$15,000
Unemployment	\$750	\$620	\$650	\$650
Workers' Compensation	\$17,000	\$13,956	\$16,000	\$15,000
Total Insurance	\$34,750	\$23,832	\$31,650	\$30,650
General Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$985	\$1,000	\$1,000
VLCT Dues	\$2,000	\$1,991	\$2,100	\$2,150
Planning Commission Dues	\$975	\$975	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rutland County Tax	\$7,500	\$7,203	\$7,600	\$8,500
Library Facilities Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Public Notices	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$500
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Firehouse Facilities Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL BUDGET

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
General Government cont.				
General Expenses				
Library	\$27,772	\$27,772	\$29,000	\$30,450
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$1,800	\$1,868	\$2,000	\$2,500
Conservation Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$69,603	\$0	\$0
Total General Expenses	\$80,247	\$148,597	\$102,400	\$84,300
Town Office				
General/Mgt Fees -Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Loan Payment - New Bldg	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,325
Town Office Utilities & Maint	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,825
Total Town Office	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$56,150
Town Projects				
Town Projects—West Street	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Total Town Projects	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Total General Government	\$376,347	\$404,572	\$406,575	\$363,775
Highway				
Payroll				
Payroll Class II	\$2,350	\$1,349	\$2,400	\$2,500
Payroll Class III	\$41,050	\$24,694	\$32,300	\$33,500
Payroll Maintenance	\$8,000	\$6,751	\$10,000	\$10,300
Payroll Winter II	\$3,100	\$4,036	\$5,000	\$5,150
Payroll Winter III	\$32,000	\$22,500	\$33,000	\$34,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$8,700	\$11,001	\$11,000	\$11,350
Payroll Taxes	\$10,000	\$7,486	\$10,600	\$11,000
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$3,343	\$4,500	\$4,500
Health Insurance	\$20,000	\$12,464	\$20,000	\$21,000
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll—Administrative	\$4,800	\$5,635	\$5,000	\$5,200
VMERS Employer	\$7,000	\$3,702	\$7,000	\$7,000
Payroll—Holiday	\$4,500	\$2,249	\$4,000	\$4,000
Payroll—Comp Time Used	\$2,000	\$1,906	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll—Sick Pay	\$1,300	\$834	\$1,500	\$1,500
Payroll—Vacation	\$4,300	\$3,763	\$3,600	\$3,600
Payroll—Personal Days	\$600	\$177	\$500	\$500
Road Commissioner—Mileage	\$800	\$836	\$800	\$1,000
Total Payroll	\$155,500	\$112,727	\$153,700	\$158,600
Garage				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$500	\$651	\$550	\$750
Heat	\$2,500	\$3,340	\$2,500	\$3,500
Phone	\$700	\$612	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$300	\$594	\$1,000	\$300
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$3,000	\$1,781	\$3,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$500	\$420	\$8,000	\$5,000
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Total Garage	\$33,500	\$33,397	\$41,750	\$39,250

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL BUDGET

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
Highway cont.				
Road Maintenance				
Bank Run Gravel	\$5,000	\$5,470	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$20,000	\$15,913	\$25,000	\$29,000
Rip Rap & Ditching Stone	\$5,000	\$3,705	\$6,000	\$6,000
Road Fabric	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$3,000	\$2,928	\$4,500	\$4,500
Street Signage	\$1,000	\$651	\$250	\$250
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$1,997	\$1,500	\$1,500
Mowing	\$5,000	\$4,772	\$6,000	\$5,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$226	\$500	\$500
Winter Sand & Stone	\$25,000	\$12,536	\$22,500	\$24,000
Salt	\$15,000	\$12,938	\$16,000	\$20,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,000	\$3,200
Guardrails	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Tree Trimming	\$2,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Backhoe Payment	\$27,000	\$26,912	\$0	\$0
Grants In Aid Grant	\$0	\$11,121	\$0	\$0
Spruce Knob Project	\$0	\$0	\$57,650	\$0
Anticipated Hwy Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,625
Highway Surplus	\$0	\$42,610	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Tandem 2021 Freightliner Payment	\$0	\$31,724	\$32,000	\$32,000
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$1,350	\$3,000	\$3,000
Hiway CapProjects Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Shop Supplies	\$0	\$3,122	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Road Maintenance	\$181,000	\$242,066	\$252,400	\$224,075
Repairs & Parts				
Grader	\$12,000	\$3,006	\$5,000	\$5,000
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$1,500	\$2,084	\$1,500	\$3,500
Other	\$0	\$1,276	\$500	\$500
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350	\$1,000	\$348	\$500	\$600
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,300	\$5,343	\$3,000	\$3,000
Loader	\$2,500	\$11	\$2,500	\$2,500
Sander/Plow 7600 International	\$3,000	\$258	\$2,000	\$1,500
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$25,000	\$26,704	\$27,500	\$32,000
7600 International	\$5,000	\$3,521	\$5,000	\$5,000
Freightliner Green 2016	\$6,000	\$5,173	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sander/Plow Freightliner 2016	\$2,000	\$5,316	\$2,000	\$2,000
JCB Backhoe	\$4,000	\$5,566	\$3,000	\$6,000
Repairs - Freightliner 2021	\$0	\$2,207	\$500	\$1,500
Sander/Plow - Freightliner 2021	\$0	\$1,692	\$500	\$1,000
Total Repairs & Parts	\$65,300	\$62,507	\$58,500	\$69,100
Contract Labor				
Hauling	\$6,000	\$495	\$4,000	\$2,000
Rental	\$8,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Plowing	\$500	\$1,450	\$1,500	\$1,500
Other	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Total Contract Labor	\$15,000	\$1,945	\$11,000	\$8,500

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL BUDGET

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
Highway cont.				
Total Highway	\$450,300	\$452,641	\$517,350	\$499,525
Appropriations				
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$7,450	\$7,450	\$7,940	\$11,116
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Community Care Network	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
BROC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Regional Ambulance Service	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
MTS Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$81,885	\$81,885
New Story	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Rutland County Humane Society	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
RSVP	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$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 Ass'n	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
CEEDR (Regional Mktg Initiative)	\$745	\$745	\$745	\$745
Front Porch Forum	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Habitat for Humanity	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Rutland Co Restorative Justice Ctr	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Appropriations	\$98,362	\$98,362	\$101,237	\$104,413

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, Lucius 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.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Opening Account Value	\$143,273.63	\$136,364.17	\$295,895.12
Deposits, including investments transferred in		104,516.63	
Withdrawals and fees, including investments transferred out	-1,881.12	-12,486.53	-19,030.14
Dividend and interest income	5,719.28	5,930.86	9,590.09
Change in market value	-10,747.62	61,569.99	-44,463.46
Closing account value	\$136,364.17	\$295,895.12	\$241,991.61

The amount of \$16,058.46 was used to purchase a new heating system for the church building.

Trustees: Dan Ellingsen, Dale Carr, Rita Hansen



Growing community traditions: the 2nd Annual Town Gathering - welcoming the new, reconnecting with the old

**Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND**

REPORTING PERIOD	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	(July 1, 2019)	(July 1, 2020)	(July 1, 2021)
INVESTMENTS	\$493,956.75	\$487,515.88	\$621,764.56
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	\$3,767.12	\$3,768.02	\$9,769.61
DISTRIBUTIONS			
Town of Middletown Springs	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Producer Distribution	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Producer Loan	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
OTHER INCOME			
Producer Loan Repayment		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	(June 30, 2020)	(June 30, 2021)	(June 30, 2022)
INVESTMENTS	\$487,515.88	\$621,764.56	\$562,258.94
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	\$3,768.02	\$9,769.61	\$3,570.44
TRUSTEES:	Carl P. Haynes	Terry Redfield	Rodney Tarbell

COPELAND CEMETERY FUND

An annual report will be provided as an addendum on the town website prior to the Town Meeting.



The Town's Memorial Day Parade was back in action in 2022.

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 2022 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. It was especially helpful this year as our cost per mowing increased by a 50% margin!

We are happy to report that this last spring, April 2022, we were once again able to enlist the assistance of the Middletown Springs Elementary School 6th grade students to help with our annual spring clean-up efforts. The students eagerly rake up leaves in specified areas and patrol the grounds and make periodic piles of brush and debris for later pick up. This is a tremendous help for us in finishing the spring clean-up and making the cemetery presentable for the May 1 opening. We are happy to have been able to resume this mutually-beneficial community-building relationship with our local elementary school students and staff, and hope to continue this effort for years to come.

The Association wishes to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to both Alida Tarbell and Alice Hoisington for their years of volunteer service to this organization. We welcomed Chris Ray to the Board, and we hope to have him serve for many 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 also 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. Please consider this Report to serve as our request to be on the 2023 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2023/24 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, Chair Don Marcy, emeritus Chris Ray Art Castle



Treasures of Pleasant View Cemetery

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2022**

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2022	\$15,493.55
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	\$615.00
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	\$1,135.56
Burials	\$4,400.00
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	\$4,000.00
Town of Middletown Springs--2022-2023 Appropriation	\$1,500.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$27,144.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$7,800.00
Arthur Castle--Burials	\$2,200.00
MSES Sixth Grade Class--Spring Cleanup	\$150.00
Community Bank--Perpetual Care	\$3,660.00
DeBonis Landscaping--Grave openings/topsoil	\$2,510.00
Glen Moyer--tree work	\$130.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$16,450.50

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2022 \$10,693.61

PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$8,793.20
240 Shares Foot Locker	\$9,069.60
Community Bank--Money Market	\$9,460.09
Community Bank--CD	\$38,055.92
TD Bank--CD	\$35,145.47
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	\$10,330.06

\$110,854.34

TRUSTEES

Arthur Castle
Terry Redfield
Christopher Ray

Note: Appropriation Request #10 on 2023 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Louis Library Fund

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Beginning Balance – Investments			
Net Account Balance	\$117.33	\$695.10	\$673.04
Securities	\$24,065.73	\$24,220.43	\$28,521.16
Total Portfolio Equity	\$24,183.06	\$24,915.53	\$29,194.20
 Ending Balance – Investments			
Net Account Balance	\$695.10	\$673.04	\$740.45
Securities	\$24,220.43	\$28,521.16	\$26,003.85
Total Portfolio Equity	\$24,915.53	\$29,194.20	\$26,744.30
 Distributions			
Middletown Springs Library	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bank charges	\$168.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Distributions	\$1,168.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
 Net Fund Balance	\$23,746.87	\$27,194.20	\$24,744.30



Seasons of Story Time at the Library



Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Henderson Fund

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Beginning Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
Money Market	\$4,047.53	\$5,507.66	\$7,179.27
Securities	\$60,934.65	\$64,978.18	\$72,877.78
Total Portfolio Equity	\$64,982.18	\$70,485.84	\$80,057.05
 Ending Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
Money Market	\$5,507.66	\$7,719.27	\$9,823.20
Securities	\$64,978.18	\$72,877.78	\$66,341.62
Total Portfolio Equity	\$70,485.84	\$80,057.05	\$76,164.82
 Distributions			
Scholarship 1	\$388.50	\$500.00	no scholarships awarded to date
Scholarship 2	\$388.50	\$500.00	
Scholarship 3		\$500.00	
 Bank charges	\$2.59	\$0.00	\$0.00
 Total Distributions	\$779.59	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
 Net Fund Balance			\$76,164.82



Several of the many past graduates of Martha Heitkamp's daycare,
along with Martha herself.

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Matthews/Bigelow Fund

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Beginning Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	\$23,767.70	\$23,940.32	\$24,821.70
Total Portfolio Equity	\$23,767.79	\$23,940.32	\$24,821.70
Beginning Balance Checking	\$25.58	\$25.69	\$25.69
 Ending Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	\$23,940.32	\$24,821.70	\$24,906.84
Total Portfolio Equity	\$23,940.32	\$24,821.70	\$24,906.84
Ending Balance Checking Account	\$25.69	\$25.69	\$25.69
 Distributions			
Middletown Springs First Response	\$350.00	**	**
Middletown Springs Fire Department	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
Total Distributions	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
 Net Fund Balance			\$24,232.53

**Middletown Springs First Response Disbanded in 2021



Lt. Richie Miller of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department gets the town ready to light up for Christmas.

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

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department (MSVFD) responded to calls consisting of motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, carbon monoxide alarms, fire alarm activations, furnace malfunctions, EMS assists, unattended death, lawnmower fires, illegal burns, smoke in the area, chimney fires, grass and brush fires, power poles down and trees and wires down. All mutual aid calls were structure fires and chimney fires. Mutual aid requests for Poultney Volunteer Fire, which in turn, is MSVFD's first mutual aid department. Thank you to all our MSVFD members, who are 100% volunteer!

Along with volunteers responding to emergency calls, these same volunteers spend many hours doing trainings. This year, members of MSVFD completed 400-man hours of training. These hours are on top of emergency response calls. Our members are dedicated and deserve appreciation for time they put into our community. Trainings take place in several locations throughout the year. MSVFD works closely with other local departments, as there is a volunteer shortage across the nation. As rural volunteer fire departments, we rely on each other when responding to calls. We have learned to run other agencies' equipment, apparatus and water supplies. We are also familiar with each other's preplans and emergency responses.

MSVFD was awarded a Wildland Fire Equipment Grant in January 2022. This is a 50/50 grant. We received \$7,000 in forest fire/grass and brush fire gear for \$3,500. The items include forestry hose and fittings, wildland protective gear (shirts, pants, hard hats, gloves), pack pump parts, backpacks and a first aid kit. This gear is designed specifically to help prevent heat exhaustion by lightening the load while hiking up rough terrain with hoses, water cans and other equipment. Hiking into high altitude, rough terrain is not uncommon with grass/brush fires and forest fires.

MSVFD received a donation of used hydraulic rescue tools (aka: "jaws of life"). The items included a combo tool, cutter, 3 rams, a power unit, and two 100-ft. hose reels. Currently, 4 out of 5 MSVFD apparatus carry hydraulic rescue tools. The donation is worth approximately \$65,000.

MSVFD has recently acquired cold water and ice water rescue gear. MSVFD will be certified as a cold water and ice water rescue team after trainings are completed in 2023. The gear is designed to work in small ponds and rivers up to large lakes. This gear will be used for victims through the ice, victims in cold water, vehicles into a river, and animal rescues. A large portion of properties contain ponds. Our closest cold water/ice water rescue certified team is currently in Whitehall, NY. At minimum, this would be a 35-minute response time: dangers of hypothermia and exposures to the cold take only a few minutes.

MSVFD currently has five apparatus in operation. One ladder truck, two engine/rescues, one attack truck, and one tanker. The tanker holds 1,250 gallons of water and serves a specific purpose for fires of any nature. The ladder and engine/rescues serve multiple purposes, such as housing equipment for motor vehicle accidents (including "jaws of life" on all three), medical assists (including a defibrillator), priority one echoes, shutting down roadways, structure fires, accessing roofs, accessing chimneys, accessing trees, and water supply for fires. The ladder truck can be set up in under two minutes, which means a roof or chimney can be accessed in less than two minutes upon arrival. The ladder truck can be set up by one person and prevents firefighters from falling through a burning roof, while saving a structure within minutes. A 35 ft. ground ladder takes at least 4 minutes and three people to set up. MSVFD is proud to say they have the quickest, safest, highest ladder in the surrounding area. The attack truck is also a multi-purpose apparatus. Its primary use is for grass and brush fires, but it is capable of being a primary pumper on a structure fire. It is the smallest of the apparatus; therefore, it is used to access an emergency scene involving rough terrain, deep snow and mud. It is equipped with a winch for recoveries of off-road motor vehicles, ATVs and downed trees/debris. Our newest apparatus is a 1995 vintage. Our oldest apparatus is 1973 vintage. The MSVFD takes great pride in our apparatus. All apparatus is in excellent shape and looks new. All apparatus has a zero-dollar balance. New replacements



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

of these vehicles would total approximately \$3,750,000. We have no intentions of replacing existing apparatus in the foreseeable future.

MSVFD held SIX fundraisers in 2022. The first fundraiser of the year was the Summer Grill Giveaway. MSVFD raffled off a 3-in-1 combination grill. The Memorial Day concession stand is a big fundraiser for the fire department. The third fundraiser was a Pampered Chef event. In the fall, MSVFD hosted the Balls of Fire Golf Tournament. The Hunter's Raffle took place in October. The final fundraiser of the year was the Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle. MSVFD raffled off two fresh turkeys, weighing approximately 25 lbs. each. Although Halloween at the firehouse is not a fundraiser, it is a favorite community event. We had a record number of trick-or-treaters this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk-or-Treat as well. We hope to see more Trunk-or-Treat participants in 2023!

The fire department took part in a Fire Safety Day at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Students of all ages learned the importance of knowing their address, landmarks, when to call 911, escape routes, knowing two ways out, looking for exit signs, looking for AED signs, "firefighter call out" responses, and fire and smoke behavior. Grades 4 through 6 participated in using a fire extinguisher. A mock fire was created, and students were able to go through the PASS steps while engaging a fire extinguisher. Students took part in a demonstration learning about the "jaws of life" and observing how they work.

MSVFD is working hard to build relationships with community members. In 2022, MSVFD hosted Fire Safety Tuesdays during the month of October. Every Tuesday night in October, the public was invited to stop in with questions on fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and solar panels.

The MSVFD Board of Trustees is a non-profit organization, which oversees financials, fundraising and communication for the fire department. After several meetings, the Board of Trustees decided to level fund the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024. We understand families are burdened with rising expenses on almost everything. Fundraising will be a key role in our budget this year, as our expenses have also increased. The total operating budget request is \$81,885, which is the same as last year.

We appreciate the support, positive feedback and communication from the community. We look forward to helping our community in the coming year. The MSVFD membership meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The MSVFD Board of Trustees meets monthly, on the second Wednesday of the month. Please stop by with questions, concerns, information, and volunteer interests. The MSVFD membership and Board of Trustees is committed to building relationships in our town. We welcome ALL our community members to stop by. We will continue to do our best to improve and provide fire service to you all.



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

Profit & Loss

January through December 2022

Ordinary Income

Contributions	800.00
Fund Raiser 2022	5,629.79
Parade	357.20
Personal Loan	730.00
Town Quarterly Payment	80,096.25
Total Income	\$87,613.24

Expense

Accounting Services	635.00
Building Maintenance	2,352.94
Cold Water Rescue	6,266.14
Diesel/Gas	3,100.10
Dispatcher	4,600.00
Electric	2,412.72
Equipment Maint & Repair	888.40
Fire Fighting Supplies	1,067.55
Fund Raising	961.58
Garage Rental 535	2,400.00
Golf Tournament	2,100.00

Grant writer	2,500.00
Heating Fuel	6,340.05
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	5,471.18
Insurance	13,582.00
Legal Expense	220.00
Loan	10,290.84
Loan Reimbursement	730.00
New Equipment	4,927.10
Postage/Stationary/Office Sup.	674.21
Radio Repair	908.14
Telephone	2,957.23
Training	275.99
Turnout Gear	9,880.47
Vehicle Maintenance #531	1,147.12
Vehicle Maintenance #534	7,034.84
Vehicle Maintenance #535	3,423.99
Total Expense	\$97,147.59

Net Ordinary Income	-\$9,534.35)
Net Income	-\$9,534.35)

Bank Balances

	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
General Operation Checking	4,029.37	639.71
General Operations Money Market	9,291.85	478.00
Fire Truck Replacement	4,385.36	1.09
Total	\$17,707.18	\$ 1,118.80

Note: Appropriation Request #9 on 2023 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 6 paid employees and 5 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 201 calls in 2022. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	127
Calls in Middletown Springs	35
Calls in Tinmouth	1
Interfacility transfers	17
Mutual aid given to surrounding towns	21
Total calls taken in 2022	201

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 has had a difficult year regarding recruitment and retention. With the ongoing nationwide shortage in EMS, we are staying optimistic for 2023. 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. Poultney Rescue would like to thank the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 4th 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 supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 2 fulltime and 4 part time/per diem emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 7th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Josiah Simons is going onto his 5th year at PRS as an EMR/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 11th year at PRS as an AEMT/Training Officer/Part time employee. PRS welcomed Mason Havenstrite in October as a new EMT/part time employee. Mike McLean is in his 3rd year at PRS as a VEFR/per diem employee. James Reed is in his 6th year as an EMT/per diem employee. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Katie Geno/EMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR, Rachael Lynch/VEFR.

We would also 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 courses. If you would like to one of these courses, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2023. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Katrina Davenport, Administrator

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2023 Town Warning

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. This past year we met with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission for guidance and filed the necessary documentation to renew our "Village Center Designation" with the state.

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, Laura Derrenderinger and Maynard Yost.

For information about joining the Planning Commission or participating in monthly meetings, please contact Hilary Solomon, hilary@pmnrco.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. The RRPC and Town of Middletown Springs continued working together in 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Assisted Planning Commission with Village Center renewal.
- Worked with Road Foreman on Better Roads application for Haley Rd culvert upgrade.
- Conducted a full culvert inventory update for the Town and provided VTCulverts technical training to Road Crew.
- Worked with the town to ensure goals were met in VDEC Tactical Basin Plan Report Card for the South Lake Champlain Watershed and educate about the upcoming CWSP South Lake Champlain Basin funding for phosphorous reduction projects to be administered by RRPC and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.
- Worked with EMD to update 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan and adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Worked with Selectboard to appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 22/23 fiscal year.
- Worked with Town and Library to develop Hot Weather Response Annex.
- Worked with Road Commissioner and Town Clerk on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone – achieved 15% target! - and complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction project (4 segments improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding.
- Provided GIS and mapping support.

For the FY24 budget cycle, municipal dues have been set at \$1,000 per town. We hope that you will continue to see the value of contributing and participating in all RRPC program areas and ask that you include this amount in the Selectboard's budget as part of a "local planning" line item. These dues support programs that benefit each community and the Region and are used to leverage additional funds from state and federal sources. 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! Because together, we grow strong communities!

Town of Middletown Springs CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUTLAND REGION

The Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) exists to serve our region's families, communities, and businesses. If CEDRR's work this year was a story it would be called "From Whoopie Pies to Water Projects" and this is why - in bulleted form. For the full story, go to www.RutlandVermont.com and click on the Annual Report.

Business Development

- 22,000 sq/ft Hub CoWorks and StartUp Rutland Business Incubator opens with 300+ attendees
- Grants brought to Rutland County:
 - \$1,688,000 - Welch Congressionally Directed Spending for Vermont Farmers Food Center
 - \$1,492,687 - Economic Development Administration and match for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator
 - \$489,000 - Northern Borders Regional Commission for Airport Industrial Park water line
 - \$343,474 - Incentives provided to 22 businesses in partnership with Efficiency Vermont
 - \$50,000 - USDA grant for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator
 - \$40,000 - Department of Labor Grant in collaboration with Stafford Tech for student internships with local businesses
 - \$37,500 - Buildings and General Services Regional Economic Development Grants for 4 businesses
 - \$33,000 - Vermont Community Foundation for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator

Community Building

- 3,000+/- attendees at the first annual Whoopie Pie Festival & Parade of Heroes - celebrating essential workers and the unveiling of Vermont's largest (542 lb.) Whoopie Pie
- 400 attendees at the Real Rutland Feud at the Paramount
- 7 Mixers
- 5 Ribbon Cuttings
- 2 Legislative Events

Marketing

- 400,000 www.RealRutland.com social media views on the Weekend Getaway campaign which resulted in hosting families from California, Texas, New York City and North Carolina
- 300+ social media posts
- 52 newsletters and announcements of special events
- 30 local concierge volunteers
- 12 monthly informational blogs

We look forward to continuing our story with all of you in 2023!

With respect and in service to our families, communities, and businesses,

Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

References

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https://www.flipsnack.com/vtredc/2020_2021-cedrr-annual-report.html

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Meeting: <https://vimeo.com/635386794>

Real Rutland: <https://realrutland.com/>

Real Rutland Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/therealrutland/>

Real Rutland Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/therealrutland/>

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT



The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 80 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt; and Program Assistant, Averie Noble.

Stormwater Management: The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven and Wells to design and/or implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We finished work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed which identified stormwater runoff issues and proposed high priority mitigation projects.

This past year, we worked with homeowners around lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed Lake Wise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in 105 recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

Clean Water Service Provider: The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission have been named as the South Lake and Southern Lake Champlain Direct Clean Water Service Provider and are working with many partners around the state to create the new watershed-wide project funding mechanism. This new process aims to keep decision-making local and aims to be a very open and inclusive process. The process will include open meetings and valuable input from local and regional experts, as well as local groups interested in focusing on water quality.

Agricultural Programs: The District assists farmers who apply manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery: PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings (over 4,000 seedlings) were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-6880; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission (MSCC) is a 5-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 community nature walks, 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.

Green-Up Vermont Day: The 2022 Green-Up Vermont Day took place on May 7. Roughly 20 individuals/families turned out to help clear the town's roadsides of trash and keep our town looking cared for. Approximately 25 bags of trash were collected and disposed of.

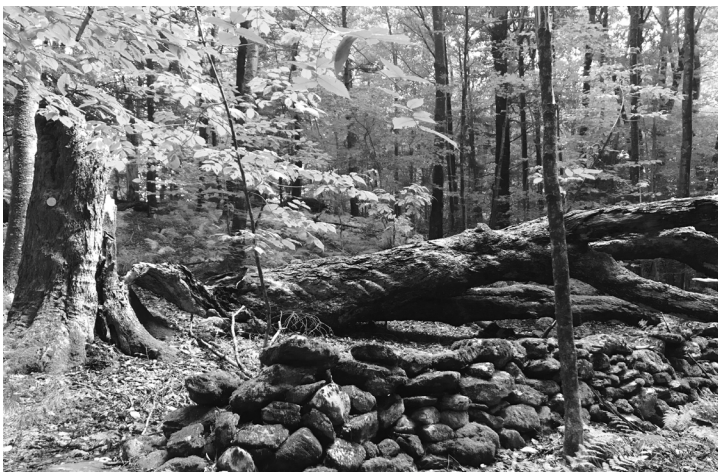
Sullivan Educational Woods: On September 16 and 17 we held a trail clean-up with the assistance of several volunteers, and removed extensive debris resulting from a series of storms, including several downed trees. We all removed encroaching vegetation and large woody debris from the old meeting circle and kiosk in order to prepare for increased community use of the site. Special thanks to Richard Kniffin and John Weatherhogg who turned out with much-needed chainsaws. We held a community woods walk with several families with young children on December 10. Children were introduced to the woods and enjoyed a series of activities during the walk, including bark rubbings. Moving forward we will be scheduling a wider array of activities at Sullivan Woods for families, schoolchildren and the wider community, to enhance community use of this wonderful resource. Look for postings of what's to come in the Town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

General: We also worked to clarify and ensure consistency of the procedural functioning of the commission with respect to the select board and the wider community.

The Commission welcomes ideas and input from community members. 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.

We would like to thank past commission members Tasha Turan, Rhonda Phillips and Richard Kniffin for their past service!

Current Members: Beth Carmody Elizabeth Cooper Steve Harrington
Two seats are currently vacant.



A giant has fallen in Sullivan Educational Woods



Mushrooms popping at Sullivan Educational Woods

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022

Middletown Springs Historical Society Trustees made progress during 2022 despite concerns about Covid and other pandemic viruses. The Maple Festival paused the in-person, indoor event for 2022 but the Strawberry Festival, largely an outdoor event, continued as a successful in-person, outdoor event with a turnout of several hundred strawberry lovers.

Historical Society Trustees were able to continue in-person board meetings and collections care work sessions in 2022. The Collections Management Committee, headed by Mary Lou Willits, conducted a dozen work days, including two training sessions led by textile conservator Michele Pagan. Mary Lou also designed and created the exhibit "Fancy Goods: Hats and Fashion Accessories 1850-1950" featuring 48 items from local families in the museum collection.

Projects went forward at the Adams House and the Mineral Springs Park. The restoration of windows on the second floor and attic of the Adams House by Andy Floyd was completed, partially funded by a grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont. In the Springs Park, landscape designer Elizabeth Cooper began studies for a Master Plan, partially funded by another grant from PTV. The plan will document the history of the park from its origin as part of the Monvert Hotel resort, its re-creation and construction of the replica spring house in the 1970s led by Bud Krouse, and ongoing improvements including repairs following flooding in 1976, 2001, and 2011 with Tropical Storm Irene.

A new website for the Historical Society is under development by Ferguson-Caras LLC of Granville, N.Y., working with a MSHS board committee. The new site, which will soon be introduced to the public, will feature town history articles, photo galleries, an archive of newsletters, and commentaries from local historians. Its new structure will allow for easier updating and enhanced handicap accessibility.

There are 74 Historical Society memberships in town and about 180 others throughout the country supporting the Society's efforts and furthering its mission. Membership is open to all. Members receive the MSHS newsletter and discounted facilities rentals for family gatherings.

Please support preserving and making the history of Middletown Springs available to everyone!

2023 Events:

Maple Festival and Maple Raffle drawing - Sun., March 19

Strawberry Festival - Sun., June 18

Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 17

Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 8

Trustees for 2022-2023 are: Beth Carmody, Kim Gaylord, Pat Hemenway, Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Maureen McCormack, and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President

Mission Statement:

Our mission 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
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Throughout the year, the Middletown Springs Public Library receives deeply appreciated support from this community: from the town allotment, trustee fundraisers, the Friends of the Library, and the time and energy of many people. It is with this support and the good will of our patrons that we have weathered the impact of the Covid pandemic. Since the summer, we have seen the activity in and around the library increase. In 2023 we hope to meet, or even surpass, our pre-pandemic numbers.

The trustees have begun the exploratory work necessary to determine if it will be possible and financially prudent to expand in this location. Mini-grants from Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) have helped cover the cost of working with Long Trail Engineering to investigate our options for possibly relocating the septic, and with N.B.F. Architects on a design study to ascertain if there is a viable way to bring the building into ADA compliance without losing usable square footage (and ideally gaining some), all while protecting the historic character of the building.

The Friends of the Library celebrated 10 years since they became a 501(c)3 non-profit. Their Story Walk has become a delightful new fixture, enjoyed by those walking between the library and the school including students with their teachers, dog walkers, and other community members. The Friends continue to provide a portion of our collection budget, and its members volunteer regularly to help in the library and with the trustees' fundraising.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell, Library Director

2022 by the Numbers

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

\$27,772 - Town Allotment
\$9,314 - Trustee Fundraisers:
 Drive-By-Pie
 Annual Appeal
 Book Sale
 Community Calendar
\$7,500 - Grants:
 Preservation Trust of VT
 Stewarts (FOL)
 VT Dept. of Libraries (ARPA)
\$1,045 - Memorial Gifts
\$5,800 - Friends of the Library:
 \$1,000 for the collection
 \$4,800 to match PTV grant

ACTIVITIES

6 Story Walks (FOL)
43 Programs, including
18 Outdoor Story Times
350 People attending
104 Halloween visitors
45 Blind Dates with a Book
1 Parade Float

PEOPLE

34 New Patrons
461 Active Library Cards
2 Part-time Staff
7 Volunteer Staff
5 Trustees
28 Book Sale Volunteers
19 Bakers made 65 pies!

COLLECTION

7754 Items in the collection
12 Pairs of snowshoes
3 Swaps: Puzzles, seeds,
 knitting needles
11 Activity Kits

CIRCULATION

3,165 check-outs of
 2,034 distinct titles
1,908 visitors
Inter-Library Loan:
 334 borrowed/133 loaned
1,370 digital audiobooks &
 e-books circulated

MOST POPULAR (by Category)

Fiction
Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
The Paris Apartment
North
 Non-Fiction
Future-Steady
Why I Wake Early
The Soul of America
 Biography
Taste
Out of the Corner
In Love
 Young Adult
The Way Back
All Boys Aren't Blue
The Fellowship of The Ring
 Chapter Books
Friends Forever
Millionaires For the Month
Bloom
 Picture Books
Mel Fell
Miss Maple's Seeds
Viking In Love

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 21/22 Actual	FY 22/23 Curr Budget	FY23/24 Propd Budget
Income				
Town Allotment	27,772.00	27,772.00	29,000.00	30,450.00
Louis Library Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00	750.00	750.00
FOL Contribution	750.00	1,000.00	750.00	750.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	39.00	50.00	50.00
Donations	300.00	349.25	300.00	300.00
Fundraising	4,750.00	8,964.81	7,500.00	7,350.00
Interest	15.00	22.01	15.00	20.00
Total Income	\$34,637.00	\$40,147.07	\$38,365.00	\$39,670.00
Expenses				
Librarian	16,848.00	16,991.20	18,720.00	19,656.00
Assistant Librarian	6,032.00	6,031.92	6,656.00	6,989.00
Payroll Taxes	1,587.00	1,760.53	1,941.00	2,038.00
Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Collection Development	4,150.00	4,288.45	4,160.00	4,160.00
Heat	800.00	1,068.93	800.00	800.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,135.53	1,000.00	1,100.00
Telephone / Internet	620.00	591.41	600.00	500.00
Supplies	300.00	371.99	450.00	400.00
Postage / ILL Courier	800.00	534.05	838.00	777.00
Grounds	1,000.00	1,130.28	1,200.00	1,500.00
Programs/Publicity	500.00	223.57	500.00	250.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	1,919.36	1,000.00	1,000.00
Technology / Computers	400.00	315.57	400.00	400.00
Total Expenses	\$34,637.00	\$36,362.79	\$38,365.00	\$39,670.00
Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts				
	FY20/21		FY21/22	
HFCU Savings Acct: Bequests	5,305.32		5,311.78	
Memorial Contributions	7,925.00		8,970.00	
Fidelity Funds Acct: Bldg Capital Improvements and/or Expansion	34,749.95		32,283.78	
Total Restricted Monies	\$47,980.27		\$46,565.56	
Grants				
	FY20/21	Remaining	FY21/22	Remaining
Stewarts Shops (via FOL)	500.00	28.43	400.00	283.62
ARPA Funds	600.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00
Preservation Trust Project				
Preservation Trust Grant			4,800.00	0.00
FOL Match			4,800.00	0.00
MSPL Share			3,400.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,700.00	\$283.62

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Middletown Springs residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From medically fragile infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services Middletown Springs's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 visits to 3,900 patients. In Middletown Spring, we provided 679 visits to 30 individuals.

(802) 775-0568

•Appropriation request #12 on 2023 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. Green Up Day 2022 was a tremendous success. We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life. The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2023, May 6th and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! 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.

www.greenupvermont.org

•Appropriation request #13 on 2023 Town Warning

Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2022, 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 the Town of 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 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 665 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 2023 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided 605 meals that were delivered to the homes of 9 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 6 Middletown Springs elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 104 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 5.75 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 6 residents of Middletown Springs.

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 9 elders in your community for a total of 75.5 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs and linking them to these services if desired. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

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; Nutrition education and counseling services; 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 2023 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 47 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 2023 Town Warning**

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For over 43 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. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

In FY22, 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.

During FY22, 2 residents of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs: Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) - \$1,500.00 spent on assistive technology (scooter, hearing aids etc); Information Referral and Assistance

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

• **Appropriation request #17 on 2023 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rural Fire Protection Program

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) program helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and finds financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling over \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. In the past year, RFP provided grants to support the construction and repair of 27 rural fire protection projects throughout Vermont, as well as covering site assessments, project design and program oversight.

Two hundred and sixteen Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities. In FY22, RFP received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from over 90 towns, support which is critical to fully funding RFP programming.

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

• ***Appropriation request #18 on 2023 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 staff works closely as a team with your community ambulance and First-Response personnel.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. The funds communities contribute (\$0.50 per capita based on the 2010 census) help to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of "Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism." In 2022, in addition to our 10,609 ambulance calls, "Medic One" responded to 101 intercept calls.

(802) 773-1746.

• ***Appropriation request #19 on 2023 Town Warning***

NewStory Center

For 43 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY22, NewStory Center served 728 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Middletown Springs for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

We provided services for at least 2 residents of Middletown Springs this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

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

Office: 802-775-6788

• ***Appropriation request #20 on 2023 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2021. The Rutland County Humane Society took in 6 animals from the Town of Middletown Springs from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, 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 2023 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 607 volunteers. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 101,761 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,047,741.

In FY22, 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 RSVP Operation Dolls & More, One-2-One, and RSVP Bone Builders.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Middletown Springs for their continued support of RSVP.

802-775-8220

•Appropriation request #22 on 2023 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. The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years.

PMNRCD is working to develop a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed to identify and prioritize benefits of potential stormwater projects. Several identified projects are located in Middletown Springs. Additionally, in 2022, PMNRCD provided:

- water quality and nutrient management planning, soil testing, and access to our aerators and no-till seeder through our trained outreach specialists.
- environmental education opportunities to schools in the watershed and internship opportunities to Castleton University Students.
- native shrubs and trees for local plantings from our Champlain Valley Native Plant Nursery.
- plantings of roughly 4,000 trees, free of charge, to improve stream stability and provide improved wildlife habitat.

(802) 287-8339; www.pmnrcd.org

•Appropriation request #23 on 2023 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.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and Middletown Springs, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, down payment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and housing improvement assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In 2022, our services included:

- 302 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 25 Energy Loans, totaling \$460,477, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 34 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$1,011,010 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 26 Home Repair Loans totaling \$138,931 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$149,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 126 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 218 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

• **Appropriation request #24 on 2023 Town Warning**

ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)

ARC Rutland Area's primary mission is to support community inclusion and social opportunities for local citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This mission is supported by facilitating two internal local clubs, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE-R) and Aktion Club with the Kiwanis, holding dances and other social activities, the Great Outdoor Initiative, Representative Payee Services, the Wing Center sensory room, and attending state and local meetings to keep informed of issues that affect the population we serve. 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.

Our work in 2022 included:

- The staff and the board spending many hours setting up and learning how to operate the new equipment in our newly expanded sensory room at the Wing Center. Sensory rooms are "safe" spaces designed to provide a place for individuals with sensory issues to decompress and confront a variety of sensory issues in a way that will ultimately help them learn to cope with seemingly normal experiences.
- Maintaining the Rutland Family Support Network listserve, which provides families and individuals with news, information, and answers questions pertaining to developmental disabilities.
- Holding social events, including themed dances (Christmas Reindeer Dash, Spring Fling, etc.), a pool party and cookout at White's Pool, and a barn picnic. These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise.
- Serving 52 individuals with DD/IDs by managing each client's individual SS/income and processing payments of their financial obligations on a monthly basis; as well as providing budgeting and completing paperwork pertaining to each client's SS/SSI reviews and coordinating with each client's support team.

ARC employs one full-time and one part-time staff member. The office and programming are supported by volunteers and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. We do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. We rely on the support of Rutland County, along with grants and fundraisers to support our services.

Our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over 60 years. Typically, 1,000 individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually.

www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370

• **Appropriation request #25 on 2023 Town Warning**

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Rutland County Parent-Child Center

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing the barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides many services to the community, including: two Early Childhood Education Centers (ECE), Early Developmental Assessments and Interventions (CIS), educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth (Learning Together and Sevens Club), family navigation services (Parenting Classes, Playgroups, etc.), and food security support (Food Pantry). All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families. Overall, we have served over 800 parents/caregivers, and over 1200 children in Rutland County in 2022. We are expecting the need to only grow in 2023.

As is true everywhere, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to heighten the needs of families in Rutland County, and we will continue to increase our capacity and scope of services. Our food pantry continues to be one of the largest in the state, by volume and clients served. Additionally, we are set to break-ground on our long-dreamt project at One PCC Place. This is a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City, where we will deliver quality whole-family programming in newly renovated space. With all reverence, RCPCC is requesting a continuance of last year's total of \$400.

www.rcpcc.org

• **Appropriation request #26 on 2023 Town Warning**

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

In FY22, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired continued adapting to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic and responding to an increased number of clients and schools and other public environments being re-opened, and as our population continues to age. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. Examples from 2022 include:

- Our SMART Device Program helps independent-living clients maintain connection to their communities.
- PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Groups help members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.
- HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence) pairs therapists with students to practice living skills.
- The 2022 IRLE (Intensive Residential Life Experience) Summer Camp, which helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills was held at Six Flags.

An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We anticipate steadily increasing demand for our services well into the future.

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In FY22, VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 2 adults in Middletown Springs and 87 adults and 28 students in Rutland County.

www.vabvi.org 800-639-5861 ext. 217

• **Appropriation request #27 on 2023 Town Warning**

American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made 576 homes safer by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 34,765 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level).
- We collected over 132,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,900 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Middletown Springs.

Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

• **Appropriation request #28 on 2023 Town Warning**

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The Mentor Connector

The Mentor Connector takes tremendous pride in serving the youth in Rutland County and we count on the support from the community to continue to do this essential work. The pandemic created traumatic stressors that have the potential to impact youths' mental wellbeing. Surrounding youth with the proper support can help our youth now and in the future. The year of 2022 brought many changes. The Mentor Connector was impacted by changes in staffing, funding and the needs of youth. As we embark on 2023 with a new Executive Director, The Mentor Connector remains steadfast to our three existing programs: community-based mentoring, transitional living for runaway and homeless youth and mental health counseling.

- The community-based mentoring program is the cornerstone of our work. A youth is uniquely matched with a mentor and together, they build a stable relationship through fun activities. Tailored to provide the youth with experiences and teachable moments that build social and emotional growth, the match focuses on three tenants: life skills, educational curiosity and workforce development.
- The transitional living program provides safe housing and skilled staff who offer training, support and advocacy as the youth transforms their lives and secures a path to independence.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434

• **Appropriation request #29 on 2023 Town Warning**

Child First Advocacy Center

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist family's in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In calendar year 2022, The Child First Advocacy Center served 160 clients and 155 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to three (3) Middletown Springs families 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 and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

(802) 747-0200

• **Appropriation request #30 on 2023 Town Warning**

Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities around Rutland County and the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (see p. 47). 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. Go to www.RealRutland.com for highlights of the Region.

The Regional Marketing Initiative is entering year-seven of a 10-year plan and has an anticipated budget for 2023 of \$134,000. Middletown Springs' previous and future participation has been and will be essential to the success of this important project.

802-770-7061

• **Appropriation request #31 on 2023 Town Warning**

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Front Porch Forum

Since 2006, Front Porch Forum's mission is to help neighbors connect and build community. We do that by hosting regional networks of online neighborhood forum. Common sense and a growing body of research tell us that well-connected neighborhoods are friendlier places to live, with less crime, healthier residents, higher property values, and better service from local government and public utilities. FPF hosts forums in every community in our state, and a majority of Vermont households now participate. Members have shared millions of postings among nearby neighbors about lost dogs, car break-ins, plumber recommendations, school budgets, block parties, helping neighbors in need, and more. Rather than charge mandatory fees to towns for helping reach constituents regarding Town Meeting Day, selectboard meetings, tax deadlines, road closures and rabies clinics, FPF asks municipalities to consider a voluntary contribution to help cover our operating costs.

<https://frontporchforum.com>

• **Appropriation request #32 on 2023 Town Warning**

Big Heavy World

In its 26th year, Big Heavy World's mission is to preserve the historical record of music originating in Vermont; to create economic opportunity for Vermont's musicians and the industries vital to them; to develop community among Vermont musicians and patrons; and to accomplish this mission in a substance-free environment that empowers and educates youth. Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization manages many ongoing and special projects (including tech resources for local libraries, documentary film, weekly broadcasts of local music, and a map-based directory of Vermont's music sector) that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

<https://bigheavyworld.com>

• **Appropriation request #33 on 2023 Town Warning**

Vermont Family Network

Vermont Family Network (VFN) empowers and supports all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop shop" to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, waning funds threaten to reduce the number of families we can support. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care. We are proud to serve over 1,500 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

VFN is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches over 10,000 children and adults annually about important issues like disability awareness, bullying, and child abuse through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication.

vermontfamilynetwork.org 802-876-5315 ext 105

• **Appropriation request #34 on 2023 Town Warning**

Habitat for Humanity Rutland County

Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County 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. Habitat for Humanity Rutland County has built four homes to date, with the support of over 140 different volunteers from all parts of Rutland County. Many others help manage the non-profit that operates with one administrative coordinator who works 12-15 hours each week.

802-747-7440 rutlandhabitat@gmail.com

• **Appropriation request #35 on 2023 Town Warning**

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Rutland County Restorative Justice Center

Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (RCRJC) 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. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and those with mental health and substance use treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, and connection to treatment and education.

In FY22, the RCRJC's seven programs served 331 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system, helping: 119 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 29 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument to determine risks and needs of the youth; 99 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth work to improve school/appointment attendance, therapeutic treatment engagement, one-to-one support and community-based visits, case plan and court hearing support, coping skills, time management, and community and family connections; 140 youth gain skills through our five-week social and emotional intelligence course; 54 youth aged 16-21 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 33 people seek substance misuse treatment and 55 people work towards reduced fines, violation issues, and reinstatement of their driver's licenses.

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 2023 Town Warning

Vermont Farmers Food Center

The Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC), located in Rutland at 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. As of January 2022, our main facility has been closed and unable to be used for programming and the Winter Farmers Market. This has been a hardship and we are working on the steps necessary to complete the environmental cleanup and reopen in 2023.

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. Over 2900 meals have been delivered weekly at VFFC and working with distribution partners throughout the county.
- Online Market began in April 2020 as 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.

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

•Appropriation request #37 on 2023 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
PRE-TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2022

Held Virtually on Monday, February 28, 2022
Start time: 6:30pm | Approved Minutes

Moderator, Kimberly Bushnell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Kimberly welcomed everyone to our second virtual Town Informational Meeting. She started with some thanks - first to Meredith Morgan and Beth Miller for helping her with the technology behind the scenes. She will make some housekeeping announcements, the online pledge will play, Representative Sally Achey will speak first with an update from the state legislature. Kimberly then went through instructions for speaking and asking questions during meeting. Kimberly played the pledge to officially start the meeting. After the pledge Kimberly took a moment to acknowledge the people of Ukraine who are currently under attack fighting for democracy in their country.

Representative Sally Achey gave an update on her work at the statehouse. Sally thanked everyone for the time to share news of what's going on at the state level. She reviewed some of the highlights. One item of importance was the work being done on re-districting. Our district does have a proposed change in boundaries. Poultney lost enough residents to trigger the need to add people to their district from another town. The result is a proposed change in our district to reallocate half of Wells to the Poultney district, to balance that out we received the full town of Tinmouth. Currently Wells is petitioning to not be split in half, so we will have to wait and see how that all sugars out. Broadband expansion is progressing. There is a dedicated board working on this. This will be a slow process but there is a very qualified dedicated team working hard to move this forward. They've been working on many other bills as well, in addition to broadband they are looking at spending money for work on climate initiatives and money for increasing cell towers in the area, it's a wait and see on most of these at this point in the session. The legislature is in a unique position this year with a lot of federal dollars flowing into the state and having to figure out what's the best way to distribute those funds for the long-term health of the state.

The floor was opened for questions:

- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman asked that given that she did not support the clean heat standard or the climate council, what climate measures does she support?
 - Sally answered: She supports money for weatherization, money to help businesses and municipalities. She discussed her reasons for opposing the clean heat standard program and what would help her to support it. She needed more details and would support a two-step process to ease the burden on businesses.
- Nora Rubinstein asked Sally to discuss her vote on the reproductive rights bill and also asked if she could be more proactive communicating with constituents on her stances and on the work that is happening at legislature.
 - Sally responded that she did not support the vagueness of the reproductive rights bill and also felt it was not necessary to have a change in the state's constitution because our current laws already guarantee full abortion rights.
 - In answer to the second question, she offered to set up some public forums for people to come and talk to her in person about what's happening in the legislature.
- Rosemary Moser encouraged Sally to use Front Porch Forum and other resources to reach out with updates, so folks do not need to rely solely on attending an event to get the news. She then asked about her stance on the childcare bill currently under consideration.
 - Sally answered that she is supportive of childcare and knows that it's an important issue. She will be looking very carefully at the programs for childcare as they come through the legislature.

There were no other questions. Kimberly thanked Sally and wished her well at her next town meetings tonight.

Kimberly introduced Terry Redfield, Selectboard chair, who wanted to address the group before we get started.

Terry spoke briefly about some items of interest this past year and thanked everyone for coming out and joining this meeting.

- There was a changing of the guard at the town clerk position after 30 years.

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- Voters approved the funding of a new town office after more than 10 years of work.
- This fall we found ourselves short a person in our highway department. Terry thanked Bill Reed, Road Foremen, as well as Richie Miller, Joe Castle, and the Tarbell enterprise for stepping in to help with storms and relieve the pressure.
- He also offered thanks to other public officials, from the auditors to the listers, election workers to our moderator, all are vital to our operations. He reminded people there are positions still available and in need of people to serve in them.
- Lastly, he spoke of the work of the Selectboard this past year to put together a cost-conscious budget. We do not always agree on everything nor should we, but he is proud of the work this board has done and would appreciate your support.

The moderator read the warning for 2022 Town Meeting.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
 - No questions.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
 - Auditor, Juanita Burch-Clay spoke on behalf of the auditors to recognize the good work of the Town Treasurer – Jenny Talke Munyak, the new Town Clerk – Patty Kenyon, the Delinquent Tax Collector – Deb House. They would also like to recognize the very good progress by the Selectboard in adopting various financial policies which put our town on a good foundation.
 - Also, would like to remind the Selectboard to continue to align our work with the recommendations of the outside auditors. Feel the town is in good shape at the moment.
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$360,975 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$281,900 to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
 - Sarah Grimm would like to give the Selectboard an opportunity to speak to the budget.
 - Terry Redfield gave a brief overview of the process. On the town side we tried to pretty much level fund everything. There are salary increases at 3%. There was some additional money in computer technology and in elections as we will have 3 elections to fund in this year's budget with the August primary and the general election in November.
 - Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke to the budgeting process. In the town report you see a three-year comparison, but when the board works on the budget, they go back five years to get a better sense of the fluctuations that happen from year to year.
 - Judy Robinson asked a question about the amount raised by taxes, where does the other money come from?
 - Robin answered that money comes from revenues - from state aid, current use, income from solid waste, delinquent taxes - basically there are other revenue streams that factor in.
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$517,350 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$383,875 to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
 - Sarah Grimm asked a question about the Spruce Knob Highway project and what the town is required to match on these grant projects?
 - Patty Kenyon answered that generally the match is an 80/20 match. But the fuller picture is that reporting standards for grants have changed. She then provided an explanation of the process and why the numbers can sometimes appear unbalanced due to rules for accounting for time and machine allowances.
 - Treasurer, Jenny Talke Munyak, pointed out that the amount of money we spent out of pocket, which is under total material expenses vs what we got for the grant award, that gives you a boiled down more in line picture of the 80/20 match.

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

- Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman asked that the board explain what this item means and how it's saved us money in the past.
- Patty Kenyon gave an overview of the fund and that we did use the money to reduce an unanticipated deficit. This money comes from using a budget surplus to a savings account that can allay any future budget cost overruns. Right now, we have \$10,000 in the fund and are hoping to add another \$5,000 this year if we have a surplus.
- Herb Childress was ready to ask what the current balance of the fund was, but Patty just answered that question.

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?

- Patty Kenyon explained this article is similar to article 5. If we end up with a surplus at the end of the year, we either have to buy down taxes or have some place designated for it to go. Since we have so many needs for facilities projects the board set this up to save that potential pool of money, which will help us reduce out of pocket costs when are ready to move any of those projects forward.
- Chat question – any surplus over the \$5,000 tax stabilization fund?
- Answer: Yes, that is correct.
- Jenny Talke Munyak pointed to page 21 in the town report. All of our reserve funds are outlined there. You can see that we applied a surplus last year to that account of just over \$24K.
- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman wanted to make it crystal clear why we do this – by state statute, the Selectboard cannot put money aside on their own, allocations of this sort need to be voter approved. So, therefore these items are on the ballot.

7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish and fund a Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities allocating \$20,000 to said fund to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?

- Kristal Hier president of the Library Board of Trustees explained the needs at the library and that they had been working to address those needs with the first town office project that was voted down. Other projects were then addressed in different ways and the library was not. The Selectboard added this article to begin the saving process for this project in the future.
- Sarah Grimm asked Kristal to talk about the space issues and asked is the plan to expand the current building or move?
- Kristal answered that they are working currently on the idea of expanding and if that will adequately address their needs.
- Elizabeth Cooper asked how does this works? Does the money get added to the budget if it's approved?
- Jenny Talke Munyak answered that the amount is not in the budget. If passed, it would get added to the budget numbers you see in the town report. This goes for any appropriation that the town will vote on.

8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$25,600 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

- Sarah Grimm asked the Selectboard to speak to their vision of what they see the sheriff services being in town.
- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman explained the current situation with the sheriff's department. We share essentially one full time deputy between four towns. System currently seems to be working.
- Judy Robinson asked the question -we've had this for two of three years, you say this is working well, how are things better than before we had this?
- Neil Russell answered that he had his doubts about how effective this is. To get back to Sarah's question about what we've asked the sheriff to do, we've primarily asked them to focus on speeding in the village and policing the four corners. It's the best we can afford to get some kind of coverage.
- Patty Kenyon explained that we vote on this every year because the vote has been so close each year.

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So, the board has decided that giving the power to the people to decide this item is the best way to address what is a tough call.

- Heather Grier reiterated the reasoning behind adding this as a separate item.
- Herb Childress asked to what extent does the selectboard have a say in what the sheriff does in town?
- Heather Grier answered that we do have a say. In her meetings with the sheriff and other town reps she talked about the four corners and speed coming in and out of town. That was the primary focus for our town. They do go out on the back roads on occasion and check on houses if people are going to be out of town. If there's a call for us, they do come here.
- Neil Russell explained the process for 911 emergency. The call gets put out and everyone gets dispatched, unless someone is closer, then one can call the other off.
- Terry Redfield noted that this is sort of an all or nothing scenario. If we don't have the sheriff, we essentially have nothing. The state police are not always able to be here unless there's a real emergency.

9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$81,885 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

- Sarah Grimm asked someone from the fire department to talk about the state of the planning for the new building project.
- Joe Castle, Fire Chief answered that this article is strictly for the operations of the fire department. As far as the new building they are working with an architect and have drawn some money from the reserve fund to do that work. That project is still very much a work in progress.
- Debra House stated she has done a lot of research on local volunteer fire departments and their budget needs and asks. Wells and Tinmouth ask the voters for between \$25 and \$30 thousand a year. She wonders why our budget is so much more than others and that we don't do a significant amount of fundraising work that it seems other towns do. Why is that? We need to question why our budgets are so high?
- Joe Castle stated that this is the first increase they've asked for in the last five years. Regarding fundraising, they do have multiple fundraisers a year, they see very poor turn out. He can't speak to what other towns ask for because he doesn't have comparative information.
- Debra reiterated her confusion on how we are so out of the ballpark on the ask? If Tinmouth is getting \$25K and Wells is getting \$30K why do we need \$88K? How many active firefighters do we have? Do we really need a new fire station? And urges that we should be taking a serious look at this as a town.
- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke to his research on some of these same questions over the years. One of the major differences is that Middletown Springs has an association instead of being part of the town, does that factor in?
- Debra says no, and she will let it go there.
- Joe weighed in that they are not asking for the full operation of the fire department. The full budget is over \$100 thousand dollars. Our town asks our volunteers to risk their lives for free and our department provides better equipment than most other surrounding towns. In terms of volunteers, we never fail to get at least three or four people responding to calls, which other towns are not as lucky with. Joe invited folks to come in to the fire department on a Tuesday night to ask questions and get more information.
- Beth Miller weighed in with an observation that funding \$80,000 over 400 properties, that's roughly \$200 per property, that seems very reasonable to her.
- Juanita Burch-Clay in the chat added that it keeps our insurance costs down.
- Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman in the chat added that not to mention the dedication of the volunteers.

Kimberly had a request in the chat to lump everything going forward, her intention was to go through article 11 and then lump together. Kimberly asked the Selectboard to weigh in. Patty Kenyon spoke that she would go through 10 and 11 then bundle.

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?

- Juanita Burch-Clay, Auditor, spoke to this article saying that there is a trust fund that she believes should be tapped into to help care for the cemetery.
- Terry Redfield as the president of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association, pointed to the financials for the Cemetery Association and that they do not have a lot of money to draw from in their finances.

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- Nita explained that she was not talking about the investments of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association, but instead about the Copeland Cemetery Fund which is an entirely different sum of money that could be tapped to help support the Association. That money has not been used in the past few years. She feels that the Pleasant View Cemetery Association should be getting the \$1500 from the Copeland Cemetery Fund. For the past two years the Copeland Cemetery Fund hasn't put a report in the town report. Hopefully this will change as we move forward with new trustees.
- Patty Kenyon tried to clarify some of the confusion. There is a Copeland Cemetery Fund, the town elects one trustee to manage that fund, the PV Cemetery association has two trustees that oversee the fund. So, without an annual report from the Copeland Fund there's no real way to know where the fund stands or what is available.
- John Weatherhogg from the chat stated that as the town elected Trustee for the Copeland Cemetery Fund it is his goal to get the trustees together soon to determine how the funds have been invested and to take action on disbursing these funds.

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- No questions.

12-37. Kimberly Bushnell, we'll now bundle articles 12 through 37. Would anyone like to weigh in on Articles 12 through 37?

- Hilary Solomon thanked the voters for their ongoing support of the Poultney Mettowee Watershed District – Article 23. She looks forward to visiting the selectboard soon with updated information on new initiatives.
- No other questions on the remainder of the articles.

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Kimberly moved us on to Article 38.

38. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

Nita Burch-Clay in the chat – regarding the Copeland Cemetery Fund, see the recommendations in the Auditors Report on page 16 of the Town Report.

Meeting recessed at approximately 8:15pm until 7am tomorrow when the polls will open.

Thanks all around to those who made this second virtual town meeting possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk | Selectboard Clerk

Minutes approved by the Town Moderator - Kimberly Bushnell on 3/27/2022

Attest: Patty Kenyon - Town Clerk 3/28/2022

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RESULTS OF 2022 BALLOT QUESTIONS**

Article #	Ballot Item	Yes	No	Blank	Spoiled
2	Auditor's Report	267	35	5	0
3	General Budget	215	88	4	0
4	Highway Budget	216	85	5	1
5	Tax Stabilization Fund	235	70	2	0
6	Surplus to Facilities	221	82	4	0
7	Library Facility Fund	176	128	3	0
8	Sheriff's Contract	174	128	5	0
9	MSVFD	211	92	2	2
10	Pleasant View Cemetery	236	65	6	0
11	Poultney Rescue Squad	255	47	4	1
12	RAVNA/Hospice	241	63	3	0
13	VT Green-Up Day	251	54	2	0
14	CommCare/Rut Mental Health	212	90	5	0
15	SW VT Council on Aging	221	73	13	0
16	BROC	199	97	11	0
17	VT Center for Independent Living	216	76	15	0
18	VT Rural Fire Protection	232	63	12	0
19	Rutland Regional Ambulance	249	46	12	0
20	NewStory Center	208	85	12	2
21	Rutland County Humane Soc	229	67	11	0
22	RSVP/Volunteer Center	175	120	12	0
23	PMNRCD	199	96	11	1
24	Neighborworks	176	115	16	0
25	ARC	183	109	15	0
26	Rutland Parent/Child Center	188	105	13	1
27	VT Assn Blind and Visually Impaired	224	70	12	1
28	American Red Cross of NH/VT	225	70	11	1
29	Mentor Connector	171	122	14	0
30	Child First Advocacy Center	217	86	4	0
31	Regional Marketing Initiative	153	149	5	0
32	Front Porch Forum	224	79	4	0
33	Big Heavy World	158	142	7	0
34	VT Family Network	198	101	7	1
35	Habitat of Humanity–Rutland	193	108	5	1
36	Rutland Restorative Justice Center	184	116	7	0
37	VT Farmers Food Center	213	89	5	0

Wells Springs Unified Union School District

Article	Yes	No	Blank	Spoiled
#2 Budget	206	183	83	1

Office	Candidate		
Moderator	Eric Montbriand	305	Write-in 1
Treasurer	Tammy Holcomb	382	Write-in 1
Clerk	Nora Sargent	398	Write-in 0
School Director - Wells 3 years	Sue Burke	361	Write-in 2
School Director - MTS 3 years	George Gonda	333	Write-in 10
School Director - MTS 2 years	Kara Haynes	379	Write-in 6
School Director - MTS 1 year	Matthew Heering	347	Write-in 2

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RESULTS OF 2022 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Tally</u>
Moderator 1 Year	Kimberly Bushnell	271
	Write-In	0
	Blank	35
Selectboard 3 Years	Carl Haynes	140
	Patty Kenyon	158
	Blank	7
	Spoiled	1
Selectboard 2 Years	Heather Grier	213
	Write-In	77
	Blank	16
Lister 3 Years	Patricia Hemenway	258
	Blank	48
Auditor 3 Years	Nita Burch-Clay	248
	Write-In	2
	Blank	56
Library Trustee 3 Years	Beth Miller	270
	Blank	35
	Spoiled	1
Library Trustee 1 Year Remaining	Alida Tarbell	283
	Blank	23
Library Trustee 2 Years Remaining	Kristal Hier	271
	Blank	35
Library Trustee 2 Years Remaining	Haley Kenyon	249
	Blank	56
	Spoiled	1
Trustee Copeland Church Fund 1 Year	Rita Hansen	272
	Write-In	1
	Blank	33
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund 1 Year	John Weatherhogg	246
	Write-In	1
	Blank	59
Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies 3 Years	No Candidate	
	Write-In	21
	Blank	285
Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies 1 Year	David Carr	263
	Write-In	1
	Blank	41
	Spoiled	1
Planning Commission 3 Years	No Candidate	
	Write-In	26
	Blank	280
Planning Commission 3 Years	No Candidate	
	Write-In	14
	Blank	292
Planning Commission 1 Year Remaining	No Candidate	
	Write-In	11
	Blank	295
Planning Commission 2 Years Remaining	No Candidate	
	Write-In	12
	Blank	294

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WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2023

Town Meeting—Monday, March 6, 2023 and Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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 6, 2023, 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 7, 2023. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 7, 2023 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 land line telephone: Dial 1-929-436-2866 (charges may apply). When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591 #, Passcode 15920.
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here:
<https://zoom.us/j/4383450591?pwd=UkRKbnI2c28xcDhmcWJlTmE3UENkZz09>
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POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 7, 2023, 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 **\$363,775** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$286,275** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$499,525** for the **care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$394,525** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund** with **any surplus up to \$5,000** from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
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7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to allocate **\$20,000** to the **Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
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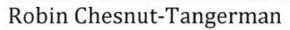
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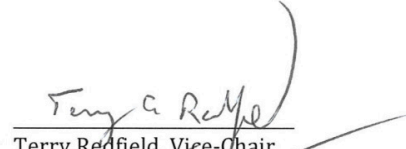
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BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS:


Heather Grier, Chair


Patricia Kenyon, Clerk


Robin Chesnut-Tangerman


Terry Redfield, Vice-Chair


Neil Russell

Received for Record on January 27, 2023

ATTEST: 
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

**Middletown Springs Town Officers Positions
Open for Election 2023***

<u>Elected Office</u>	<u>Term Length</u>
Selectboard Member	2 Years
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Town Moderator	1 Year
School Director (Wells Springs)	3 Years
Lister	3 Years
Town Auditor	3 Years
Planning Commission	3 Years
Library Trustee	3 Years
Trustee Copeland Church Fund	3 Years
Trustees Copeland Cemetery Fund	1 Year (1 seat elected, 3 trustees serve)
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies	1 Year (1 seat elected, 3 trustees serve)
	3 Years
	3 Years (2 Years remaining)

*** This list does not reflect whether the incumbent intends to run for re-election. Current elected office holders can be found on the Town Website. <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>**

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting March 1, 2023 and March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Middletown Springs and Wells, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Wells Village School in said Town or virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/fcz-yywr-gzp
- or join by phone (US) +1 516-387-4878 PIN: 286 911 850#

at seven o'clock in the evening on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**, to transact any of the following business (Articles 1-6) not involving voting by Australian ballot.

All virtual attendees will be considered passive participants that will be allowed to ask questions and comment during the meeting. Virtual attendees will not be allowed to vote. Only in-person attendees will be able to vote. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** in Middletown Springs and from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Wells at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot (Articles 7-9).

March 1, 2023

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| Article 1 | To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 2 | To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 3 | To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 4 | To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon. |
| Article 5 | To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2023-2024 budget. |
| Article 6 | To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting. |

March 7, 2023

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| Article 7. | A. To elect one school director from the Town of Middletown Springs for a term of three (3) years.

B. To elect one school director from the Town of Wells for a term of three (3) years. |
| Article 8. | School Budget: Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$5,782,862.10 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 \$20,617 per equalized pupil which is 7.51% more than last year. |
| Article 9. | Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer \$125,000.00 of fiscal year 2022 year-end surplus to the District's Capital Improvement 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.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 VSA Section 2680(h), Article 5 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.


Polling Places and Times

Middletown Springs: Historical Society 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.


Wells: Town Hall 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING


Approved by the Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and
Dated at Wells, Vermont this 11th day of January 2023.


Eric Montbriand, Board Chair

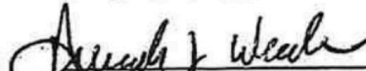

Meredith Morgan, Board Vice-Chair


Kara Haynes, Board Clerk



Sue Burke, Board Member


George Gonda, Board Member


Matt Heering, Board Member


Amanda Weschen, Board Member

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Wells Springs Unified Union School District Clerk

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- Join **Front Porch Forum** (<http://frontporchforum.com>), the online list serve for Middletown Springs
- Subscribe to the **middleTOWN NEWSletter** published on or close to the first of the month. For a digital subscription, write to middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to have your email address added OR send \$7 (12 First Class stamps) to the Library to have a hard copy sent to you each month for a year.
- Check the **Town's website** for information and links to resources. The website is updated regularly. If there is something you are looking for and can't find there, let us know by emailing middletown@vermontel.net. 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, MARCH 1, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
VIRTUALLY AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

meet.google.com/fcz-yywr-gzp

OR BY TELEPHONE BY CALLING:

(US) +1 516-387-4878 PIN: 286 911 850#

**THE BOARD WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
TO THE PUBLIC AND 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, March 1: Wells Springs Board of School Directors
Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**

Virtually or by phone (See inside back cover for details)

Monday, March 6: Pre-Town Meeting

For landline, smartphone or computer access instructions
please reference page 71 of this Town Report

Monday, March 6: Deadline to vote Early or Absentee Ballot

Town Office open until 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17: Town Meeting Vote!

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Historical Society dining room -
access from Firehouse Lane