

# **The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT**

**2025**



**Annual Report  
of the Town Officers  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**



### **Bud Krouse presented with the Gold-Headed Cane on June 10, 2024**

The gold-headed cane tradition began in 1907 when a town-wide celebration honored Alpheus Haynes on his 100th birthday on July 29. The affair, organized by members of the Baptist Church where Haynes was a deacon for 70 years, included a band concert, speeches and a poem. Deacon Haynes was presented with a gold-headed cane inscribed "To the Oldest Person of Middletown Springs, Vt., in Trust". This cane was purchased from a \$90 fund raised for the day's expenses and it was understood that upon Deacon Haynes death the cane would be passed on to the oldest person. The tradition has continued ever since.

*Photo taken by Emmett Francois*

### **Future Home of the Middletown Springs Public Library**

Pictured on the cover is the future home of the Middletown Springs Public Library and Community Center. For almost 130 years, this site was the home of the St Anne Catholic Church. The building, as it stands now, was built in 1968 after a fire destroyed the former church building that had stood on the property since 1883.

The Catholic Diocese of Vermont closed the St Anne Parish in 2022 and the building became available for other uses. That fall, the Library Board became interested in the building as a potential space for a larger library. At about the same time, donors stepped forward who shared a similar vision and who were prepared to make a donation to the town for the purchase of the property.

On December 13, 2024, after two years of discussions, the Town purchased the property with donated funds for use as a library and community center.

*Cover photo provided by Aileen Stevenson*

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## Town of Middletown Springs IN MEMORIAM

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### **Ann Krouse**

Ann L. Krouse, 83, died February 24, 2024, in Ocala, Fla. She was born in White Plains, N.Y., the oldest of three children of Mildred and John Lopata. In 1966 Ann married Theron "Bud" Krouse and moved just a few miles up the road to Middletown Springs. Ann and Bud lived for lived for 64 years in the home Bud built on Montvert Rd. and raised two children there, Scott and Sharon.

Ann was an entrepreneur. She owned and operated the Valley Market on South St. in Middletown Springs for over 20 years. She also owned and managed several rental properties over the years. She was very sociable and liked running a business and interacting with people.

Ann, along with Bud, was a member of the Historical Society since 1969. Both were Founding Members of the Board of Trustees, where Ann was the first Secretary, serving on the Board until 1972. No matter where she traveled, her heart was always in Middletown Springs, where she felt the most comfortable. She loved the small-town life Middletown offers. On summer days she could be seen scooting around in her golf cart and visiting with her neighbors.

Ann and Bud spent their summers in Vermont and winters in Ocala, Fla. during their retirement years, allowing them time with both sets of grandchildren not to mention skipping the cold Vermont weather months and enjoying the warm and sunny winter days Florida has to offer.

Besides spending time with Bud, Ann enjoyed going to Bingo, playing Bonko with her friends, knitting, and reading. She also loved writing letters to her granddaughter Taylor while she was deployed in the military, and phoning her grandson Tyler, on duty in Nevada with the US Air Force. Ann loved her yellow tiger cat "Jake" whom she rescued.

Ann, a 'fixture' in Middletown, is missed by her family and friends.



### **Wayne Lockwood**

Wayne passed away on February 16, 2024, at the age of 67. Wayne worked for Charlie Rouse driving a milk truck for a couple of years. All told, he was a truck driver for about 40 years, driving everything from dump trucks to tractor trailers. Wayne and his wife, Susan, moved to Middletown Springs in 1993.

Wayne enjoyed hunting and fishing and would help any of the neighbors if they needed help. He had three daughters and six grandchildren. Wayne is missed by family, friends and neighbors.



Town of Middletown Springs  
IN MEMORIAM

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**Harriet Gemmell Ransom**

Harriet Angel married Don Gemmell in Middletown Springs. She and Don had three sons: Robin Gemmell, husband of Anne Reed and father of Angie Gemmell, Scott Gemmell, deceased, and Duncan Gemmell. Harriet and Don raised their sons here in Middletown Springs at their home on East Street.

Harriet loved playing bingo and loved to cook. She was loved by all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her proudest moments were holding her great-great-grandson, attending her great-granddaughter's wedding and seeing her military great-grandson in uniform, watching her oldest great-grandson climb a 30-foot tree and saw its branches, and making sure her great-grandson had his pennies.

She was happiest in her little apartment, where she lived for a short time on North Street in Middletown Springs and where she passed, being loved and cared for by her granddaughter, two great-granddaughters, and her daughter-in-law.

RIP Gramma Harriet.



**Kathy Reed**

6/13/1961 – 5/7/2024

In her youth Kathy attended West Rutland High School, where she met her husband of 44 years, Bill Reed. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1978. On Christmas Eve of 1980 Bill proposed to Kathy with a ring purchased at the cost of two prized hunting rifles. Kathy and Bill were wed on May 3, 1980, and their children Laura and Erin joined them in 1981 and 1983 respectively, completing her young family.

Kathy held numerous jobs and positions throughout her working life which mostly consisted of service to the community. Among those that she spoke fondly of were waitressing at Dean's Motor Lodge, which was owned by her parents. She then went on to work as a fabric manager at Ben Franklin in Fair Haven and retired from Grant's Village Store in her chosen hometown of Middletown Springs. Kathy also served her community as a leader of the local Girl Scouts, as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, and as part of the Middletown Springs First Response and Poultney Rescue Squad.

In retirement Kathy founded her own small business, Witch Bag Creations, selling fabric bags that she enjoyed crafting and indulged in her love of all things Harry Potter. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her daughters and grandchildren, occasionally taking trips to Florida, and keeping her beloved husband busy and in line at home.

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2024 TOWN OFFICERS**

<b>Elected Office</b>	<b>Office Holder</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2027
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>	Jenny Talke Munyak	3 Years	2027
<b>Selectboard</b>	Terry Redfield	2 Years	2025
	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2025
	Sean Ruck	3 Years	2026
	Carl Haynes	2 Years	2027
	Herb Childress	3 Years	2026
<b>Road Commissioner:</b>	Carl Haynes	3 Years	2027
<b>Listers:</b>	Sally Achey	3 Years	2027
	Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2025
	Randy Kniffin	3 Years	2026
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>	Heather Grier*	3 Year	2027
<b>Justices of the Peace:</b>	Herb Childress		2027
<i>Elected in Nov. for 2 years</i>	Chris Fenton		2027
	Patricia Hemenway		2027
	Meredith Morgan		2027
	Chere Tournet		2027
<b>Town Moderator:</b>	Andrew Hayes*	1 Year	2025
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	Steve Harrington	3 Years	2027
	Aaron Anderson *	3 Years	2025
	Holly Cronin	3 Years	2026
<b>Library Trustees:</b>	Bree Gunter	3 Years	2026
	Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2027
	Sean Ruck	3 Years	2026
	Beth Miller	3 Years	2025
	Glenn Tarbell	3 Years	2027
<b>Trustee Copeland Church Fund:</b>	Rita Hansen	1 Year	2025
<b>Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund:</b>	John Weatherhogg	1 Year	2025
<b>Trustees of Louis Fund and Other</b>	Steven Harrington	3 Years	2025
<b>Public Monies:</b>	David Carr	3 Years	2026
	John Weatherhogg	3 Years	2027
<b>Town Auditors:</b>	Juanita Burch Clay	3 Years	2025
	Vacant	3 Years	2027
	Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2026

\* Appointed Until Town Meeting 2025

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2024 TOWN OFFICERS**

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<b>Elected Office</b>	<b>Office Holder</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS</b>			
Emergency Management Director	Herb Childress	1 Year	2025
SWAC Representative:	Amanda Magill/ Terry Redfield (alternate)	1 Year	2025
Fire Warden:	James Reed	5 Years	2028
Health Officer:	Vacant (SB Chair, by default)	3 Years	2026
Animal Control Officer:	James Reed	1 Year	2025
Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:	Terry Redfield	1 Year	2025
	Chris Fenton	1 Year	2025
	Carl Haynes	1 Year	2025
Conservation Commission:	Steve Harrington	3 Years	2025
	Vacant	4 Years	2026
	Beth Carmody	4 Years	2027
	Vacant	3 Years	2025
	Vacant * E Cooper Resigned	4 Years	2026
Tree Warden:	Vacant * Terry Redfield Resigned	1 Year	2025
Representatives to the Regional Planning Commission	Steve Harrington	1 Year	2025
Representative to the Rutland Region Transportation Council	Bill Reed	1 Year	2025
Fence Viewer	Full Selectboard	1 Year	2025
<b>WELLS SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>School Directors</b>			
Sue Burke	Wells	3 Years	2025
Eric Montbriand	Wells	3 Years	2027
Amanda Weeden	Wells	3 Years	2026
George Gonda	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2025
Mary Plunkett	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2027
Matt Heering	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2026
Meredith Morgan	At Large	3 Years	2027
<b>Moderator</b>	Vacant	1 Year	2025
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tammy Holcomb	1 Year	2025
<b>Clerk</b>	Patty Kenyon	1 Year	2025

## Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

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### Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd & 4th Thurs of the month	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st Mon of the month	5:30 p.m.	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Last Tues of the month	7:30 p.m.	Fire House
Library Trustees	4th Wed of the month	6:30 p.m.	Library
Conservation Commission	3rd Mon of the month	6:00 p.m.	Library

### Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday and Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Telephone: 802-235-2220

Email Address: [middletown@vermontel.net](mailto:middletown@vermontel.net)

*Closed Every Wednesday and All Federal Holidays*

### Quarterly Taxes Due

For the remainder of FY 24/25:

Q3 - March 17, 2025

Q4 - June 16, 2025

For FY 25/26:

Q1 - September 15, 2025

Q2 - December 15, 2025

Q3 - March 16, 2026

Q4 - June 15, 2026

### Town Treasurer

Phone: 802-235-3256

Email Address: [mtstreasurer@vermontel.net](mailto:mtstreasurer@vermontel.net)

### Emergency Numbers

For Fire, Rescue Squad/Ambulance/State Police call **911**

You also may continue to use the emergency 10-digit numbers:

**Fire Department: 802-235-2300**

**Poultney Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 802-287-5575**

**State Police: 802-786-0023**

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## STATE OF VERMONT ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

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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.vermont.gov>
- Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.vermont.gov>



# Town of Middletown Springs

## NOTICES

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### Transfer Station Hours

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal, compost collection, and Zero-Sort recycling every **Saturday from 6am to 2pm**. 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 Village Store. The Zero-Sort recycling is FREE for recycling products. Electronics may be recycled anytime during regular Fort Dumpster hours at no charge. We also collect and recycle small household batteries (less than 9 lbs.) at no charge. Amanda Magill staffs the transfer station.

### Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

**Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 6:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2025 - 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays each year. 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 3, 2025**

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 26, 2025	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 4, 2025	Fair Haven**	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**FREE SERVICE TO:** Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, **Middletown Springs**, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend the events listed above, even if it is not the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED. More here: <http://rutlandcountyswac.org>

### Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

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

**(Food Waste, Compost, is collected free of charge at the town Transfer Station.)**

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

Town of Middletown Springs  
**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 (FY24)**

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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, 2024, 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, 2024.

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 bank statements, Treasurer's Report, town trust funds, and board orders.

In addition, based on our observations, we have made recommendations, as needed, for improving the accuracy and reliability of the town's accounting and financial management system.

**Actions Taken FY24:**

- 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 Selectboard orders.
  - Recommend actions to the Selectboard from the Sullivan, Powers' "letter of deficiencies" (from the external audit).
- Reviewed minutes from Selectboard meetings and budget meetings.
- Made recommendations, in the FY23 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Reviewed the town building project finances and the use of ARPA 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 priority for FY24 was again to monitor town finances related to the town office building project and ARPA funds and will continue into FY25.

**Hours:** In FY24, the two auditors between them worked over 61 hours with over 36 paid hours, and over 25 volunteer hours. One auditor position remained vacant this year. Over the past 12 years, auditors have averaged 140 total hours per year.

**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, 2024, 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 FY24 Treasurer's Report received on August 27, 2024, and updated on October 3, 2024.

Town of Middletown Springs  
**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 (FY24) - CONT'D**

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**Based on our observations and testing, we find that:**

- Record keeping and reporting by the Treasurer continues to be accurate, efficient, and clear.
- The Town Clerk's diligence, organization, and efficiency support the stability and safety of the town's financial functions.
- The Delinquent Tax Collector continues to manage a transparent and effective process for collecting delinquent taxes.
- The Selectboard has worked diligently and effectively in managing the town finances.

**Concerns and Recommendations:**

**General Policies and Procedures:**

- As in previous years, we recommend that the Select Board require new town officers to read and sign off on their understanding of town policies. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY13.
- As in previous years, we recommend that the Town take action on the observations and recommendations of the Sullivan, Powers external audit. With this in mind, we recommend that the Selectboard 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. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY20.
  - Updating the credit card policy, and cash receipts policy. The Selectboard has done some work on these as of June 2024.
    - Note: The Selectboard approved an updated purchasing/procurement policy on December 12, 2024.
- We recommend that the Town set up an inventory and replacement schedule for computers and office equipment. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY21.
- We recommend that the Town create an approved vendors' list. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY21.

**Town Trust Funds:**

- We commend the trustees of the Copeland Cemetery Fund, and of the Copeland Milk Fund for posting meeting agendas and minutes on the town website. We remind the Trustees of Public Monies of the need to do so. We recommend that all town trust funds develop an informational page about their fund for the town website.
- We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Selectboard seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document. We note that the trustees are alert to this and have decided to stay with the current practice for the present. 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. With the completion of the town office project, and with the start of the library building project, we recommend an external audit be scheduled as the last audit was for FY18.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors J. Burch-Clay and T. Weatherhogg  
Date: January 3, 2025

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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It's been another busy year at the Town Office. This year was a year with three elections. Starting in March with Town Meeting, where there were three separate elections on one day, town, school and the Presidential primary; then in August we held the State primaries and finally the General Election in November. I am looking forward to 2025 when we have only one scheduled election to manage.

We are continuing to enjoy the new Town Office workspaces and cannot fathom how we ever made things work in the former office. Searching land records and genealogy is so much easier and faster. It's a pleasure to help folks find their ancestors and to be able to show them the volumes of resources we have available and still have room to move around.

We have made great strides in digitizing the land records and are now back to the late 1930's. The next big project we plan to undertake is digitizing and indexing the recorded survey maps. Having those images included with the land records module will make searches even easier. I thank my two assistants, Elizabeth Cooper and Meredith Morgan, for their work to keep those efforts moving forward and for their unwavering support during the past year's elections.

Dog licenses for 2025 are available. All registration fees have increased by \$2. The additional fees go directly to the state to help fund animal welfare programs. All dog or wolf hybrid owners are required to license their dog(s) each year by April 1. After April 1, a late penalty will be applied. I encourage everyone to come in and register their pets before the April 1st deadline.

I'll end with a heartfelt thank you to the community for your support over the past year. It's truly an honor to serve the community of Middletown Springs.

Patty Kenyon  
Town Clerk

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**2024 Vital Statistics**

**Marriages: 4      Births: 4      Deaths: 6**

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

This information continues to be considered a public record and can be viewed at the town office upon request.

Patty Kenyon  
Town Clerk

## Town of Middletown Springs DOG LICENSE REPORT 2024

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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 VSNIIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont. Additionally, when someone finds a loose or injured dog, they generally call the Town Office. If I have your information, I can help to reunite you. Please help me, help you by making time to register your dog.

**New for 2025** – All Dog Fees have increased by \$2. New pricing is reflected in the rates below. The increased fees go directly to the State of Vermont to support animal welfare programs.

### Registration Information

**For animals adopted and registered or before April 1, 2025**

Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00    Not Neutered or Spayed - \$15.00

**If registered after April 1, 2025, late fees apply**

Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00    Not Neutered or Spayed - \$19.00

**New animal adoptions after April 1, 2025, 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, 2025, fees are as follows (within 30 days of adoption):**

Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00    Not Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00

**Late registration fees after October 1, 2025:**

Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00    Not-neutered or Spayed - \$13.00

**If your schedule just doesn't fit the clerk's office hours**, you can still get your pet registered. You can mail your rabies certificate, license fee and any other pertinent information to PO Box 1232, Middletown Springs 05757 or drop your payment & information in the CLERK'S DROPBOX (right hand side of the South Street entrance door) and I will complete the registration and mail you back the license and tag.

**In 2024 there were 138 registered dogs in Middletown Springs.**

Middletown Springs 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>.

Each year the Selectboard appoints an animal control officer. Check the town's website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/> for current appointment.

Patty Kenyon, Town Clerk

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### THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIIP"

**VSNIIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them.** Participating veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. *For an application*, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

**PLEASE LICENSE NOW!**



# Town of Middletown Springs

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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### 2024

This past year has been a good one for our Town. Our first full year in the new Town Office has gone wonderfully—our public functions are much better accommodated, we're able to keep our records safer and more secure, and we have the space for multiple users and tasks at once. If you haven't been in yet, please stop by; we'd love to show you around.

Our long search for a transfer station operator came to an end in the Fall, when we brought Amanda Magill on board. Amanda has already cleared and reorganized the workspaces and greets all of us with a smile and an offer to assist. We're grateful to have her on board.

The biggest news of the year, of course, was the award of two significant grants for the renovation of the former St. Anne Catholic Church to become the new Public Library, and the gift of that building to the town by anonymous donors. We're grateful to have that recognition of the past work and future prospects of our Library, and to move an important Town project forward without asking for taxpayer construction support at all.

The coming year will bring lots of challenges and opportunities as our Town continues to change. The building we've used for our Town Garage has been purchased by the Middletown Springs Historical Society, and they've asked us to be out by the end of 2026. The work of creating a new highway maintenance and operations garage, back-burnered for so long, now comes to the fore. Bill Reed has deferred his retirement, but we hope to be able to rebuild the team soon so that he can finally let our roads down off his shoulders.

The Vermont Department of Taxes has informed us that it's time for us to conduct a town-wide reappraisal. In addition, it's been five years since our most recent professional audit, and it's soon time to plan for that as well. Both of those projects will help us bring the financial underpinnings of the Town up to date and in line with State and Federal standards.

As always, Middletown Springs is like a duck—peaceful above the waterline and paddling like mad beneath the surface. The Board appreciates the broad support of our neighbors as we conduct the work of the Town, and we look forward to seeing you at a Selectboard meeting, or having you step forward to take on one of the many offices or volunteer opportunities available.

With thanks,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Chair



Town Office and Future Middletown Library

**Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures  
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**

Achey, S	5,826.16	Dept of Public Safety	2,258.91
Achey, S reimburse office furniture	1,284.19	Doran Brothers	1,285.00
Airgas	143.30	Dupont Storage Systems	8,225.00
Allied Auto Parts	5,091.67	Earles Truck Repair	22,342.04
Alta Construction Equipment	2,106.04	Easifile	2,647.57
Alta Material Handling	10,568.02	Eastern Sales	378.10
Amazon	349.40	Everything2go	2,905.00
American Red Cross	250.00	EyeMed	217.44
APEX Software	520.00	Ferguson Waterworks	6,052.87
ARC	500.00	Fleck, D	228.63
Assoc of VT Conservation	50.00	Francois, E	100.00
Autosaver Ford	955.52	Front Porch Forum	380.00
B & B	2,375.00	Gagnon Lumber	188.80
BCBSVT	10,727.33	Garland's Agway	667.37
Bed Bath & Beyond	554.49	GMP	8,964.73
Big Heavy World	250.00	Good Point Recycling	161.60
BROC	200.00	Green Up Vermont	50.00
Brown's	8,383.00	Grier, H	56.68
Burch-Clay, J	308.56	Grimm, S	571.58
Bushnell, K	15,594.25	Habitat for Humanity	350.00
Cargill	20,141.56	Haven House Farm; Mower	5,250.00
Carr, B	63.77	Hawkins - PAYOFF settlement	4,218.41
Carr, D	63.77	Hemenway, P	1,909.50
Casella Construction	85,384.11	Highwinds Leasing	768.85
Casella Recycling	6,299.75	House, D	3,793.56
Castle, J	9,119.84	Hoyt, K	126.98
Castle Trucking	2,885.00	Hubbard	31,874.25
Catamount Security	6,441.00	IDS	130.46
CED Rutland	11,131.66	Impact Fire Services	465.00
CEDRR - Regional Marketing	745.00	James P. Mars Builder	13,663.00
Chesnut-Tangerman, R	1,006.63	Keefe & Wesner	7,630.00
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Kenyon, H	7,496.09
Childress, H	2,682.85	Kenyon, M	743.00
Childress, H reimbursement furniture	51.53	Kenyon, P	26,854.84
Collaboration 133	375.99	Kenyon, P reimbursement office supplies	45.96
Colvin, K	56.68	Keyser Energy	135.06
Computer E-Z	3,524.50	Kimball Midwest	1,605.74
Cooper, E	7,776.13	Kniffin, R	760.08
Cooper, E, Town Report	2,180.00	Kupferer & Blake	1,447.50
Costantino, Greg; Excavator Rent	5,000.00	LHS	2,341.00
Countryside Lock	245.00	Long Trail Engineering	990.00
Davenport, D	455.00	Lowell, D	60.22
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Luke Larson Carpentry	91.36
Dennison Lubricants	3,270.25	Lyle Welding	4,103.00

**Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures  
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**

Maine Oxy	205.75	Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	14,973.92
Marcell Oil	33,609.39	Rutland Humane Society	125.00
Martelle Property	20,830.00	Rutland Parent Child Center	400.00
MBFS USA (2021 Freightliner)	31,724.17	Rutland Regional Planning Comm.	3,000.00
McCormack, M	92.11	Silver, L	60.22
Mentor Connector	200.00	Staples	925.55
Microsoft 365	105.99	State of Vermont(permit fees)	1,550.00
Middletown Springs Fire Dept	81,885.00	Stevenson, P	1,038.56
Middletown Springs Historical Society	1,275.00	SW Agency on Aging	750.00
Middletown Springs Public Library	3,088.62	SWAC	4,986.81
Miller, R III	38,753.81	Talke Munyak, J	16,608.22
Morgan, M	3,242.99	Talke Munyak, J (mileage)	1,269.45
Moyer, G	4,825.35	Target	126.51
Music Mountain Compost	600.00	Todd Transportation	880.00
Nat'l Bank of Middlebury (town office loan)	50,316.45	Tractor Supply	175.42
Naylor & Breen Builders	314,245.48	Treasurer, County of Rutland	6,230.64
NBF Architects	1,439.30	UPS Store	97.37
Neighborworks	400.00	USPS	2,759.89
NEMRC	6,182.94	United States Treasury	50,428.16
Newstory Center	200.00	Viking-Cives	704.31
Noble Ace Hardware Poultney	522.92	Viper virus protection	75.78
Parker Pump Service	4,837.70	VLCT	2,153.00
Pete's Tire Barn	6,796.79	VLCTPACIF	29,252.50
Philip Mahar	500.00	VLCTUI	528.00
Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00	VMCTA	35.00
Portland Glass	632.79	VMERS	10,692.67
Poultney Auto Supply	105.47	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Poultney Rescue Squad	11,116.00	VT Department of Health	23.00
Quick Print of Rutland	2,065.00	VT Department of Taxes	5,070.37
RAVNA	1,500.00	VT Family Network	250.00
Redfield, T	3,445.24	VT Farmers Food Center	500.00
Riedinger, A	59.04	VT RCDC	100.00
Reed, D LLC	3,500.00	VT State Treasurer	820.00
Reed, J	275.00	VTEL	4,711.16
Reed, W	58,012.93	Wayfair	729.37
Reed, W - (RC Mileage)	849.08	Weatherhogg, T	298.05
Reed, W - (medical)	4,743.25	Wells Spring UUSD	1,159,757.61
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	Westabee, A	751.17
Riley, M	60.22	White, G	145.00
RSVP	200.00	Wholesale Distributors	1,053.15
Robinson, J	663.24	Winmill	5,474.01
Rubinstein, N	177.13	WMS Water	4,467.00
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	Zoom	149.90
Rutland County Restorative Justice	250.00		

# Town of Middletown Springs DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN

## DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

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	2022/2023	2023/2024
<b>Taxes Assessed</b>	\$ 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	2,198,526	2,252,526
Abatements & Adjustments	\$ (1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)		(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	(729)	155			(78)
Received in FY 2011	\$ 1,785,061													
Received in FY 2012	\$ 26,024	1,790,212												
Received in FY 2013	\$ 9,778	23,040	1,870,104											
Received in FY 2014	\$ 17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825										
Received in FY 2015	\$ 2,368		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			
Received in FY 2022	\$		463	6,177	6,948	7,726	3,619	8,522	4,684	7,986	26,101	2,099,327		
Received in FY 2023	\$					72	4,893	8,306	5,850	12,674	6,810	38,865	2,159,212	
Received in FY 2024	\$										1,238	5,287	26,169	2,212,168
Principal Delinquency As of FY23/24 end	\$ 369	366	329	803	1,009	368	359	357	600	2,432	4,096	4,563	13,145	40,280
<b>Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY23/24 End</b>														<b>\$69,074</b>

# Town of Middletown Springs 2024 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411)

01/10/2025  
11:15 am

Middletown Springs 2024 Billed Grand List  
Form 411 - (Town code: 393)  
Main District

(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	137	23,954,500	17,185,600	6,768,900	23,954,500
Residential II R2	207	58,558,200	37,137,500	21,420,700	58,558,200
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	266,500	168,100	98,400	266,500
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,167,000	954,400	1,212,600	2,167,000
Seasonal I S1	5	200,500	0	200,500	200,500
Seasonal II S2	23	3,014,700	135,200	2,879,500	3,014,700
Commercial C	6	839,900	0	839,900	839,900
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	2,663,900	0	2,663,900	2,663,900
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,469,400	1,776,900	1,692,500	3,469,400
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500
Miscellaneous M	50	2,815,300	6,800	2,808,500	2,815,300
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>98,568,400</b>	<b>57,364,500</b>	<b>41,203,900</b>	<b>98,568,400</b>
P.P. Cable	1	635,611		635,611	635,611
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>635,611</b>		<b>635,611</b>	<b>635,611</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>99,204,011</b>	<b>57,364,500</b>	<b>41,839,511</b>	<b>99,204,011</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	6/6	60,000	60,000	0	60,000
Veterans >10K		180,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>240,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	635,611			
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			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>892,211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256,600</b>	<b>256,600</b>
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			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	71/71	6,756,400	1,853,900	4,902,500	6,756,400
Special Exemptions	1		0	679,800	679,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>7,888,611</b>	<b>1,913,900</b>	<b>5,838,900</b>	<b>7,752,800</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>7,888,611</b>	<b>1,913,900</b>	<b>5,838,900</b>	<b>7,752,800</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>913,154.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>554,506.00</b>	<b>360,006.11</b>	<b>914,512.11</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411</b>			



## Town of Middletown Springs REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF LISTERS

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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 the property tax bill. The State of Vermont oversees the Board of Listers by comparing assessed values with actual sales.

One challenge that the Listers face 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. We also ask that you notify us of any major depreciation or removal of structures.

State law requires the Board to assess the value as of April 1 of each year. Changes to assessments are mailed to owners in early June and assessments can be grieved by contacting the board with the time frame 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 and consistently.

We also want to remind property owners to file a Homestead Declaration by April 15, if appropriate.

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

Sally Achey, Chair  
Randy Kniffin  
Pat Hemenway  
Email: [mtslisters@vermontel.net](mailto:mtslisters@vermontel.net)  
Phone: 802-235-3217

## RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT FOR 2024

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Incidents for 2023-2024 contract: Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to fifty-two incidents, and performed 20 traffic stops issuing 19 tickets and 9 warnings in the town of Middletown Springs. Deputies have received positive feedback from the Selectboard as well as the citizens of Middletown on the successful impact the Sheriff's patrols have had on speeding and criminal activity. The Rutland County Sheriffs pride ourselves on being adaptable to the needs of the town when the need arises.

I would like to say it is 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,

Sheriff David J. Fox

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



# Town of Middletown Springs SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

## - SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

[www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury  
John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven  
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer - Fair Haven

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SWAC represents the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven, serving a combined population of approximately 14,000 residents. These towns collaborate to ensure compliance with state laws and mandates, managing solid and hazardous waste in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

In 2024, SWAC successfully fulfilled the Year Four requirements of the Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP aligns with the State's Material Management Plan (MMP) and provides a comprehensive framework for managing solid and hazardous waste in SWAC towns over a five-year period. As mandated by state regulations, all Vermont towns must participate in a SWIP. The currently approved and adopted SWIP can be reviewed on the SWAC website. Looking ahead to 2025, all Solid Waste Management Entities (SWMEs) will be required to rewrite their SWIPs to meet both extensive existing criteria and new requirements outlined in the updated MMP. SWAC will be seeking input from residents to assist with this important process.

SWAC serves as a liaison to the State of Vermont, advocating for the interests of its member towns on matters such as legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship initiatives. SWAC is an active member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and the Product Stewardship Institute. These organizations have played a key role in advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation in Vermont. EPR laws hold manufacturers financially accountable for the end-of-life collection and recycling or disposal of their products, significantly reducing disposal and recycling costs for Vermont residents.

Currently, active EPR programs cover the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronic waste. Additionally, Vermont's Legislature has passed [Act 58](#), which mandates manufacturers of HHW products establish and fund programs for the collection and disposal of their hazardous products. This law, to be phased in over the coming years, will help to alleviate the financial burden on towns for managing hazardous waste disposal.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW):** HHW collection is the costliest endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracts with Republic to hold two HHW events. **8.19 tons** of hazardous waste was collected from 139 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, asbestos, 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.

**2025 HW Schedule** - Saturday, **April 26**, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, **October 4**, 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. Visit the SWAC website for more information.

**Between Events:** Residents outside the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) can purchase a non-district permit to access the Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows for household hazardous waste drop-off, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-off services. Permits can be purchased at the scale house or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, as well as at the RCSWD offices located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for purchase on weekends. For more information and current rates, call 802-775-7209.

Many thanks to town staff who keep operations going despite the difficulties involved. Many thanks to the SWAC representatives, volunteers, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and cost effectively.

Your town was represented by:

Town of Benson	Greg Fontaine, Guy Charlton, Heidi Chandler
Town of Fair Haven	Bonnie Rosati, Joe Gunter
Town of Pawlet	Lenny Gibson
Town of Shrewsbury	Bert Potter
Town of Tinmouth	Chris Martone, Gail Fallar

Town of Chittenden	Elmer Wheeler, Alyssa Reynolds
Town of Middletown Springs	Amanda Magill, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon
Town of Rutland	Larry Delveneri, Steve Canney
Town of Sudbury	Steve Sgorbati (Chair)
Town of West Haven	John Garrison (Vice Chair)

### Timeline for Vermont's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law

**January 15, 2024:** ANR will submit a recommended annual registration fee to the Legislature for overseeing the HHW EPR program.

**July 1, 2025:** A single Stewardship Organization (SO) must register with ANR, which will approve only one organization for the initial collection plan.

**July 1, 2025:** The registered SO must submit a single Collection Plan covering all manufacturers to ANR for approval, valid for up to five years. ANR will hold a public comment period during the approval process. For subsequent plans, multiple organizations may register but must collaborate on a unified Collection Plan.

**July 1, 2025:** Landfill disposal of covered household hazardous products is banned.

**6 Months After Plan Approval (Date TBD):** The Collection Plan must be implemented within six months of ANR approval (estimated by March 1, 2026, if approved by October 1, 2025).

Manufacturers not participating in the approved plan will be prohibited from selling covered HHW products in Vermont.

**Reimbursement for SWMEs:** SWMEs will begin receiving reimbursement from the SO around 2027 for costs incurred since program implementation. The stewardship organization will fund program implementation beginning six months after ANR approves the Collection Plan.

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES**

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**2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, 175 Fair Haven, Vermont

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 scale house 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/>

**LED Lights are not considered hazardous and can be disposed of in the trash.**

**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.

**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 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.

Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023-2024 <u>Budget</u>	2023-2024 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
<b>Taxes</b>			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,252,526	2,212,168	(40,358)
School \$ from Town	1,179,303	1,159,758	(19,545)
State VT	252,518	271,153	18,635
Adjustments/Credits	10,633	9,801	(832)
<b>Town Taxes Net - Current</b>	<b>831,338</b>	<b>791,059</b>	<b>(40,280)</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>			
Delinquent Tax	15,000	32,694	17,694
Interest on Delinquent taxes	4,000	5,090	1,090
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	2,000	4,383	2,383
State of Vermont - Highway	53,000	53,582	582
State of Vermont - Current Use	50,000	50,000	0
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines	0	545	545
Grant Revenue General	0	4,000	4,000
Grant Revenue Highway	16,500	16,500	0
Licenses & Permits	7,000	7,066	66
Recycling Receipts	1,000	1,000	0
Cramton Fund	2,000	5,762	3,762
Copeland Milk Fund	6,000	6,000	0
Interest	500	13,537	13,037
Other	0	3,244	3,244
Transfer Station Fees	24,000	21,538	(2,462)
Special Trash Fees	1,500	1,680	180
<b>Total OTHER Revenue</b>	<b>182,500</b>	<b>226,619</b>	<b>44,119</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (Net Tax + Other)</b>	<b>1,013,838</b>	<b>1,017,678</b>	<b>3,839</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Salary - Town Clerk	29,175	29,175	0
Salary - Town Treasurer	18,565	18,565	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	4,140	4,140	0
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	0
Salary - Listers	8,500	9,131	(631)
Salary - Animal Control Officer	275	275	0
Law Enforcement	26,125	14,974	11,151
Salary - Auditors	2,000	1,277	723
Payroll Taxes	6,365	7,625	(1,260)
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	5,000	0
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	6,180	6,180	0

Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023-2024 <u>Budget</u>	2023-2024 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>General Government</b>			
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	1,135	0	1,135
Clerical	1,000	1,000	0
Computer Technology (Reserve)	8,500	8,500	0
Elections	5,000	4,113	887
Planning Commission	1,500	0	1,500
Street Lights	5,000	4,830	170
Telephone	3,500	4,243	(743)
Office Rent (former Town Office)	1,275	1,275	0
Office Supplies	2,000	1,528	472
Copier Expense	2,000	769	1,231
Town Report	4,000	4,063	(63)
Record Preservation (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	0
Education/Conferences	500	35	465
Mileage	1,100	1,269	(169)
Town Office Security	600	389	211
Postage	2,000	2,571	(571)
Legal	5,000	1,159	3,841
Website Maintenance	1,000	376	624
Tax Map Updates	2,000	0	2,000
Lister Expenses	500	448	52
Solid Waste - Trash/Compost Hauling	22,000	20,254	1,746
Solid Waste - Wages	12,465	10,345	2,120
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	4,153	(2,653)
Solid Waste SWAC Dues	3,700	3,855	(155)
Solid Waste - Electric	2,000	1,024	976
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	5,000	5,400	(400)
Solid Waste - Recycling	12,000	11,536	464
<b>SubTotal Solid Waste</b>	<b>58,665</b>	<b>56,567</b>	<b>2,098</b>
Insurance - Property & Liability	15,000	16,278	(1,278)
Insurance-Unemployment	650	528	122
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	15,000	12,975	2,025
Miscellaneous	1,000	260	740
VLCT - Dues	2,150	2,143	7
Planning Commission Dues	1,000	1,000	0
Rutland County Tax	8,500	6,231	2,269
Library Facilities (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	0
Public Notices	500	0	500
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	0



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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023-2024 <u>Budget</u>	2023-2024 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>General Government</b>			
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	0
Library	30,450	30,450	0
Transfer Station Facility (Reserve)	10,000	10,000	0
Town Property Maintenance	2,500	5,155	(2,655)
Energy Grant	0	2,000	(2,000)
Conservation Commission (Reserve)	200	200	0
Town Excess	0	32,692	(32,692)
Tax Stabilization	0	5,000	(5,000)
Town Office Loan	50,325	50,316	9
Town Office Utilities (new)	5,825	2,785	3,040
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>409,900</b>	<b>421,690</b>	<b>(11,790)</b>
<b>Dues/Organizations</b>			
Poultney Rescue Squad	11,116	11,116	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	0
Vermont Green Up	50	50	0
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	0
SW 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.	81,885	81,885	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 Cty 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 (CEDRR)	745	745	0
Front Porch Forum	150	150	0
Big Heavy World	250	250	0

Town of Middletown Springs  
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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023-2024	2023-2024	Favorable
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Dues/Organizations (cont'd)</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL DUES/ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>104,413</b>	<b>104,413</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highway</b>			
<b>Dispute PAYOFF - Dudley Road 2024</b>	0	4,218	(4,218)
Payroll Class II	2,500	1,489	1,011
Payroll Class III	33,500	41,148	(7,648)
Payroll Maintenance	10,300	12,903	(2,603)
Payroll Winter II	5,150	3,545	1,606
Payroll Winter III	34,000	30,773	3,227
Payroll Winter Maintenance	11,350	14,879	(3,529)
Payroll Tax	11,000	10,267	733
Payroll Administrative	5,200	9,387	(4,187)
Payroll Holiday	4,000	3,433	567
Payroll Comp Used	2,000	2,686	(686)
Payroll Sick Pay	1,500	736	764
Payroll Vacation	3,600	3,679	(79)
Payroll Personal	500	563	(63)
Payroll Bldg. Maintenance & Grounds	3,000	3,786	(786)
Road Commissioner	4,500	2,468	2,032
Highway Mileage	1,000	849	151
Insurance - Health	21,000	15,688	5,312
Traffic Control	500	0	500
VMERS	7,000	6,290	710
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	0
Garage - Electric	750	583	167
Garage - Heat	3,500	2,342	1,158
Garage - Phone	700	468	232
Computer Technology	300	0	300
Equipment (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	0
Consulting	5,000	0	5,000
Property Rental	2,400	3,500	(1,100)
Gravel - Bank run	5,000	2,398	2,602
Gravel - Processed	29,000	50,885	(21,885)
Riprap	6,000	8,167	(2,167)
	2023-2024	2023-2024	Favorable

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Highway</b>	Road Fabric	1,000	1,230	(230)
	Culverts	4,500	1,330	3,170
	Street Signage	250	78	172
	Miscellaneous	1,500	1,008	492
	Mowing	5,000	5,850	(850)
	Bridge Repair (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	0
	Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	0	500
	Winter Sand/Stone	24,000	22,671	1,329
	Salt	20,000	20,142	(142)
	Calcium	3,200	0	3,200
	Guardrails	1,500	0	1,500
	Tree Trimming	3,500	0	3,500
	Grant GA0362	20,625	23,486	(2,861)
	Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	1,550	1,450
	Highway Public Notices	500	230	270
	Shop Supplies	2,000	3,269	(1,269)
	Highway Surplus (Restricted)	0	(55,092)	55,092
	Paving (Reserve)	40,000	40,000	0
	Highway Building Facilities (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	0
	2021 Freightliner Purchase	32,000	31,724	276
	Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	7,406	(2,406)
	Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Ford F350	3,500	8,258	(4,758)
	Repairs/Parts/Other	500	0	500
	Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Ford F350	600	1,913	(1,313)
	Small Equipment-repairs/purchases	3,000	819	2,181
	Repairs/Parts - 1984 Loader	2,500	3,490	(990)
	Sander/Plow - 7600 International	1,500	234	1,266
	Gas/Diesel/Fluids	32,000	35,362	(3,362)
	Repairs/Parts - 7600 International	5,000	142	4,858
	Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	5,000	11,940	(6,940)
	Sander/Plow - 2016 Freightliner	2,000	738	1,262
	Repairs/Parts - JCB Backhoe	6,000	19,324	(13,324)
	Repairs/Parts - 2021 Freightliner	1,500	5,210	(3,710)
	Sander/Plow - 2021 Freightliner	1,000	1,640	(640)
	Contract Labor - Hauling	2,000	9,038	(7,038)
	Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	5,000	0
	Contract Labor-Plowing	1,500	1,855	(355)
	<b>Total Highway Expenditures</b>	<b>499,525</b>	<b>491,575</b>	<b>7,950</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b><u>1,013,838</u></b>	<b><u>1,017,678</u></b>	<b><u>(3,840)</u></b>

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

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**GENERAL FUND Balance Sheet**  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

**ASSETS**

Cash - unrestricted	\$375,025
Cash - restricted	45,757
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	69,074
ARPA FUNDS	(132,781)

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$357,075</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

Accounts Payable	\$119,647
Petty Cash	(30)
Payroll taxes/retirement payable	6,107
Property tax credits payable	<u>5,780</u>

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$131,504</b>
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Fund Balance - unrestricted	179,813
Fund Balance - restricted	<u>45,757</u>

<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$225,571</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$357,075</u></b>
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**Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

**GRAND LIST as of 7/08/2023**  
**411 report**

**\$90,547,900**

1% of Grand List	905,479
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		<u>Allocation</u>	
Town Tax Rate	0.4780	432,819	
Highway Tax Rate	0.4310	390,261	
School Tax Rates:			
Resident	1.5615	596,678	
Non-Resident	1.6237	582,625	
State Payable		252,518	
Adjustments/Credits Applied		(2,375)	
Total Taxes Assessed			2,252,526
Adjustments			(78)
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected			<u>2,212,168</u>

<b>Principal Taxes Receivable for FY23/24</b>	<b><u>\$40,280</u></b>
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# Town of Middletown Springs TREASURER'S REPORT

## Supplementary Information Supporting Schedule of Restricted Fund Cash Flow For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT					General Fund Highway Surplus	MUNICIPAL FACILITIES							OTHER RESERVE					GF	
	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reappraisal			Highway	Town Office	Town Surplus	Vol Fire Dept	Transfer Sta	Library	Bridge	Record Pres	Computer Tech	Cons Com	Cemetery	Audit	Tax Stabl	Misc
Balance as of June 30, 2023 \$	72,606	89,296	6,645	84,687		99,714	124,640	303,851	203,297	104,144	37,611	20,000	22,935	36,872	5,321	700	8,352	16,268	5,000	1,292
Receipts																				
Interest	1,637	2,014	150	1,910			3,052	3,685	4,978	2,550	921	490	562	1,007	157	21	246	479	147	
Reappraisal Income - St of Vt				4,655																
Reserve Surplus from Budgets	20,000	40,000	376				20,000		15,513	10,000		9,899	400	2,613	2,017	150		5,000		
Rebates/ Grants/Awards							1,479		32,692							350	5,000			
End of Year Excess Distribution																				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21,637	42,014	526	6,565		-	23,052	5,165	37,669	18,063	10,921	10,389	962	3,620	2,174	521	5,246	5,479	5,147	-
Expenditures																				
Highway Surplus						55,092														
Town Office								222,914												
Record Preservation Expense								42,149						2,648						
Budget overspend from Reserve														5,604			1,340			
Close Misc Accounts to General																				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-		55,092	-	265,063	-	-	-	-	-	8,251	-	-	1,340	-	-	147
Balance as of June 30, 2024 \$	94,243	131,310	7,171	91,252		44,622	147,692	43,952	240,967	122,206	48,532	30,389	23,897	32,241	7,495	1,221	12,258	21,747	10,147	1,135
																				1,112,477



Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

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**Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities  
Town Office Reserve Account  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$303,850.98</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Green Mountain Power Rebate	1,479.40
Efficiency Vermnt Incentive	2,000.00
ARPA Funding ***	87,868.12
Interest Earned	3,685.37
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$95,032.89</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
Catamount Security	security system 6,077.00
Keefe & Wesner	architect review 2,720.00
Dupont Storage	vault storage 2,056.25
Parker Pump	well work 4,837.70
Martelle	retaining wall/railing 3,002.50
Naylor & Breen	contractor - expenses above loan 222,914.36
Computer EZ	new office computer set 3,429.50
Todd Transportation	office move 880.00
Dupont Storage	vault storage 6,168.75
Matt Kenyon	materials for kitchen cabinets 743.00
Noble Ace Hardware	keys for office 19.25
Naylor & Breen ***	contractor -funded by ARPA \$ 87,868.12
Furnishings	office furniture 6,034.20
WMS Water LLC	water testing 3,420.00
Long Trail Engineering	990.00
Impact Fire Services	fire inspection 465.00
Dept of Public Safety	final construction permit 2,258.91
WMS Water LLC	water testing 1,047.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$354,931.54</b>
<b>Town Building Reserve Balance as of 6/30/24</b>	<b><u>\$43,952.33</u></b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
HIGHWAY PROJECT / ARPA

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HIGHWAY PROJECT  
Fitzgerald Road Grant - GA0362  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

EXPENSES:

Materials/Services:

Browns	2,467.50
Casella	11,234.80
Ferguson	3,341.40
Garland Agway	338.00
Mars	1,680.00

Total Materials/Services	19,061.70
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Middletown Springs PAYROLL	4,424.55
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TOTAL TANGIBLE EXPENSES	23,486.25
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TOWN Equipment Usage	10,281.17
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TOTAL PROJECT	<u>33,767.42</u>
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Grant Award	16,500.00
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Town In-Kind Match	4,125.00
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Total Town Budget	20,625.00
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Budget Less Tangible Expenses	(2,861.25)
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA  
Special Restricted Revenue Funds from the US Government  
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2024

Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 220,649.40
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Total REVENUE	0
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EXPENDITURES:

10/27/2023	Naylor and Breen Contractor - Town Office	87,868.12
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Total EXPENDITURES	\$ 87,868.12
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ARPA Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$132,781.28</u>
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Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

REVENUE	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
<b>TAX RELATED</b>				
Property Taxes	\$831,338	\$791,059	\$889,396	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$15,000	\$32,694	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$4,000	\$5,090	\$2,000	\$2,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,000	\$4,382	\$2,000	\$2,000
Tax Sale Attorney Fees		\$0		
<b>Total Tax Related</b>	<b>\$852,338</b>	<b>\$833,225</b>	<b>\$898,396</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>STATE OF VERMONT</b>				
Vermont Highway	\$53,000	\$53,582	\$53,000	\$53,000
Vermont Current Use	\$50,000	\$59,693	\$58,000	\$65,000
Vermont Other/Grants	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Traffic Fines	\$0	\$545	\$0	\$0
Grant Rev - Hiway	\$0	\$0	\$69,000	\$12,000
Grant Revenue - Hiway	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>	<b>\$119,500</b>	<b>\$134,320</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
<b>FEES AND PERMITS</b>				
Fees and Permits	\$7,000	\$560	\$7,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$5,101	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$1,212	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$759	\$0	\$0
Motor Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	(\$12)	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	(\$625)	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Fees &amp; Permits</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,066</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>				
Recycling Receipts	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$5,762	\$3,000	\$3,000
Copeland Milk Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$500	\$13,537	\$5,000	\$7,000
Other	\$0	\$3,244	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$24,000	\$21,538	\$22,000	\$20,000
Special Trash Fees	\$1,500	\$1,680	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$52,760</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,013,838</b>	<b>\$1,027,370</b>	<b>\$1,124,396</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

EXPENSES	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
<b>General Government</b>				
<b>SALARIES</b>				
Town Clerk	\$29,175	\$29,175	\$30,195	\$30,950
Town Treasurer	\$18,565	\$18,565	\$19,215	\$19,695
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$4,140	\$4,140	\$4,285	\$4,395
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Constable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Listers	\$8,500	\$9,131	\$7,000	\$7,000
Animal Control Officer	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
Law Enforcement	\$26,125	\$14,974	\$25,000	\$25,000
Accounting/Auditors	\$2,000	\$1,277	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,365	\$7,625	\$7,000	\$7,700
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$6,180	\$6,180	\$6,400	\$6,560
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,135	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Childcare Contr ER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$112,660</b>	<b>\$101,542</b>	<b>\$112,570</b>	<b>\$115,225</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
Clerical	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$7,500
Computer Technology	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Elections	\$5,000	\$4,113	\$6,000	\$3,000
Planning Commission	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Street Lights	\$5,000	\$4,830	\$5,000	\$5,000
Telephone/Internet	\$3,500	\$4,243	\$4,800	\$4,800
Office Rent	\$1,275	\$1,275	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,529	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$2,000	\$769	\$500	\$250
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$4,062	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation {R}	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$35	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$1,100	\$1,269	\$1,200	\$1,200
Office Security	\$600	\$389	\$600	\$500
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,571	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$5,000	\$1,159	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Website Maintenance	\$1,000	\$376	\$1,000	\$3,500
Office Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Map Updates	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$448	\$600	\$600
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$47,475</b>	<b>\$37,568</b>	<b>\$45,200</b>	<b>\$49,350</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

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	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>				
Solid Waste Trash/Compost/Haul	\$22,000	\$20,254	\$22,000	\$22,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$12,465	\$10,345	\$12,840	\$10,500
Solid Waste Other - Sanitation	\$1,500	\$4,153	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste SWAC Fees	\$3,700	\$3,855	\$4,050	\$4,100
Solid Waste Electric	\$2,000	\$1,024	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal	\$5,000	\$5,400	\$5,000	\$5,000
Solid Waste Recycling	\$12,000	\$11,536	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$58,665</b>	<b>\$56,567</b>	<b>\$58,890</b>	<b>\$56,600</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Property & Liability	\$15,000	\$16,278	\$19,000	\$23,000
Unemployment	\$650	\$528	\$650	\$650
Workers' Compensation	\$15,000	\$12,974	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$30,650</b>	<b>\$29,780</b>	<b>\$34,650</b>	<b>\$38,650</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$260	\$1,000	\$1,000
VLCT Dues	\$2,150	\$2,143	\$2,210	\$2,300
Planning Commission Dues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rutland County Tax	\$8,500	\$6,230	\$8,000	\$8,000
Library Facilities Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Public Notices	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Firehouse Facilities Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$30,450	\$30,450	\$31,950	\$39,729
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$2,500	\$5,155	\$2,500	\$5,000
Energy Grant	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$32,692	\$0	\$0
Town Tax Stabilization	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,300</b>	<b>\$143,130</b>	<b>\$105,360</b>	<b>\$97,229</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>				
Loan Payment - Town Office	\$50,325	\$50,316	\$50,325	\$50,325
Town Office Utilities & Maintenance	\$5,825	\$2,785	\$12,500	\$10,000
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>\$56,150</b>	<b>\$53,101</b>	<b>\$62,825</b>	<b>\$60,325</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS IN GEN GOVERNMENT</b>				
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET**

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	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
<b>APPROPRIATIONS IN GEN GOVERNMENT</b>				
Commtty Care Netwrk   Rutland Mental Health	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Center BROCC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	\$375	\$375	\$400	\$400
New Story	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Rutland County Humane Society	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
RSVP	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC/Advocacy•Resources•Community	\$500	\$500	\$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
Child First Advocacy Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Front Porch Forum	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Habitat for Humanity	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Appropriations in Gen Government</b>	<b>\$10,367</b>	<b>\$10,367</b>	<b>\$10,242</b>	<b>\$10,392</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$420,267</b>	<b>\$432,055</b>	<b>\$429,737</b>	<b>\$427,771</b>

**HIGHWAY**

**PAYROLL**

Payroll Class II	\$2,500	\$1,489	\$2,750	\$2,800
Payroll Class III	\$33,500	\$41,148	\$36,850	\$37,800
Payroll Maintenance	\$10,300	\$12,903	\$11,330	\$11,600
Payroll Winter II	\$5,150	\$3,545	\$5,670	\$5,800
Payroll Winter III	\$34,000	\$30,773	\$37,400	\$38,330
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$11,350	\$14,879	\$12,485	\$13,000
Payroll Taxes	\$11,000	\$10,267	\$12,100	\$9,750
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$2,468	\$4,625	\$4,625
Health Insurance	\$21,000	\$15,688	\$21,500	\$30,000
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll-Administrative	\$5,200	\$9,387	\$5,750	\$5,900



Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
VMERS Employer	\$7,000	\$6,290	\$7,700	\$7,900
Payroll-Holiday	\$4,000	\$3,433	\$4,400	\$4,510
Payroll-Comp Time Used	\$2,000	\$2,686	\$2,200	\$2,255
Payroll-Sick Pay	\$1,500	\$736	\$1,650	\$1,700
Payroll-Vacation	\$3,600	\$3,679	\$3,960	\$4,060
Payroll-Personal Days	\$500	\$563	\$550	\$560
Road Commissioner-Mileage	\$1,000	\$849	\$1,050	\$1,000
Payroll Tax Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$565
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$158,600</b>	<b>\$160,783</b>	<b>\$172,470</b>	<b>\$182,655</b>
<b>GARAGE</b>				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$750	\$583	\$750	\$750
Heat	\$3,500	\$2,342	\$3,000	\$1,000
Phone	\$700	\$468	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$300	\$0	\$250	\$250
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$3,000	\$3,786	\$3,000	\$500
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$3,500	\$3,600	\$3,600
<b>Total Garage</b>	<b>\$39,250</b>	<b>\$34,279</b>	<b>\$39,900</b>	<b>\$35,400</b>
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>				
Bank Run Gravel	\$5,000	\$2,398	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$29,000	\$50,885	\$29,000	\$29,000
Rip Rap & Ditching Stone	\$6,000	\$8,166	\$6,000	\$6,000
Road Fabric	\$1,000	\$1,230	\$1,500	\$1,500
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$4,500	\$1,330	\$4,500	\$3,000
Street Signage	\$250	\$78	\$250	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$1,009	\$1,000	\$1,000
Mowing	\$5,000	\$5,850	\$4,000	\$4,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt {R}	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Winter Sand & Stone	\$24,000	\$22,670	\$24,000	\$30,000
Salt	\$20,000	\$20,142	\$20,000	\$20,000
Calcium	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Guardrails	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Tree Trimming	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Grants In Aid Grant	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$10,000
Grant: GA0362	\$20,625	\$23,486	\$0	\$0
Better Roads Grant Anticipated	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Highway Surplus	\$0	(\$55,092)	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$500	\$230	\$500	\$500

Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Tandem Freightliner Payment	\$32,000	\$31,724	\$32,000	\$32,000
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$1,550	\$2,500	\$2,000
Dudley Road Mud Season Expense	\$0	\$4,218	\$0	\$0
Highway Facility Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Shop Supplies	\$2,000	\$3,270	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>\$224,075</b>	<b>\$184,144</b>	<b>\$276,750</b>	<b>\$216,000</b>
<b>REPAIRS &amp; PARTS</b>				
Equipment Parts & Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
Grader	\$5,000	\$7,406	\$5,000	\$0
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$3,500	\$8,258	\$5,000	\$0
Deere Backhoe 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$600	\$1,913	\$500	\$0
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,000	\$819	\$3,000	\$0
Loader	\$2,500	\$3,490	\$2,500	\$0
Sander/Plow 7600 International	\$1,500	\$234	\$1,500	\$0
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$32,000	\$35,362	\$32,000	\$32,000
7600 International	\$5,000	\$142	\$5,000	\$0
Freightliner Green 2016	\$5,000	\$11,940	\$6,000	\$0
Sander/Plow Freightliner 2016	\$2,000	\$738	\$2,000	\$0
JCB Backhoe	\$6,000	\$19,324	\$4,000	\$0
Repairs - Freightliner 2021	\$1,500	\$5,210	\$5,000	\$0
Sander/Plow - Freightliner 2021	\$1,000	\$1,640	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Parts</b>	<b>\$69,100</b>	<b>\$96,476</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>
<b>CONTRACT LABOR</b>				
Hauling	\$2,000	\$9,037	\$10,000	\$10,000
Rental	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Plowing	\$1,500	\$1,855	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$15,892</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$499,525</b>	<b>\$491,574</b>	<b>\$580,120</b>	<b>\$528,055</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES GEN GOV &amp; HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$919,792</b>	<b>\$923,629</b>	<b>\$1,009,857</b>	<b>\$955,826</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AS BALLOT ARTICLES</b>				
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$11,116	\$11,116	\$32,554	\$39,700
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$81,885	\$81,885	\$81,885	\$86,000
Mentor Connector	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Chamber Economic Develop. Rutland Region	\$745	\$745	\$800	\$745
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$200
<b>Total Appropriations as Ballot Articles</b>	<b>\$94,046</b>	<b>\$94,046</b>	<b>\$115,339</b>	<b>\$126,845</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
COPELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

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## Trustees Annual Report FY'24

The Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund has done well over the previous Fiscal Year '24. We started the year July 1, 2023, with \$173,599.35. Distributed \$10,000.00 to two entities and through Market gains, earned all of that back plus some, ending the year at \$177,175.05! The Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund was established in 1922 to maintain the Copeland family plot in the Pleasant View Cemetery and to provide for general maintenance of the cemetery. Last year, after several years of inactivity, the Trustees voted to award \$5,000.00 to maintain the Copeland family plot and \$5,000.00 to maintain the Town Cemetery. The Trustees voted last year to move the Fund from Citizens Securities, Inc to the Heritage Family Credit Union in concert with the Town Trusts. The Trustees were unsuccessful in moving the fund management last year and will direct Citizen's Bank to transfer the total Fund to Heritage Family Credit Union in a timely fashion. The Trustees met early in 2025 and will consider awarding funds for FY'25 at its Spring meeting. The Fund Value at the end of December 2024 was \$185,005 all through Market Gains in 2024!

Citizens Securities, Inc.	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
<b>Beginning Balance – Investments</b>	<b>July 1, 2022</b>	<b>July 1, 2023</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>		
Bank Deposits	3,365.13	3,634.34
Equities	49,888.86	57,477.60
Fixed Income	112,122.42	112,487.41
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>165,376.42</b>	<b>173,599.35</b>
<b>Ending Balance – Investments</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>		
Bank Deposits	3,634.34	3,307.72
Equities	57,477.60	59,180.63
Fixed Income	112,487.41	114,686.70
Dividends YTD*	2,089.58	2,558.88
Change in Value**	5.22	3,540.58
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>173,599.35</b>	<b>177,175.05</b>
<b>Distributions</b>		
Copeland Cemetery General Account		
\$5,000.00 to Pleasant View Cemetery Assn. – maintenance of Copeland plot		
\$5,000.00 to MTS Cemetery for general maintenance		
Bank charges		1,282.29 (01-06,24)
<b>Total Distributions</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Net Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$177,175.05</b>

Trustees      Art Castle, Chris Ray, and John Weatherhogg (Voted Trustee)

\*Numbers added to Fixed Income already

\*\*Changing the Interest Category to Change in Market Value January 10, 2025

Town of Middletown Springs  
COPELAND MILK FUND 2024

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**TRUSTEES REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD	FY22 -----	FY23 -----	FY24 -----
<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	(July 1, 2021)	(July 1, 2022)	(July 1, 2023)
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	621,764.56	562,258.94	631,978.46
<b>MONEY MARKET CHECKING</b>	9,769.61	3,570.44	9,472.32
<b><u>DISTRIBUTIONS</u></b>			
Town of Middletown Springs	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Producer Distribution	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>			
Producer Loan Repayment	6,000.00	6,000.00	
<b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	(June 30, 2022)	(June 30, 2023)	(June 30, 2024)
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	562,258.94	631,978.46	702,247.33
<b>MONEY MARKET CHECKING</b>	3,570.44	9,472.32	9,374.62

TRUSTEES: Carl P. Haynes, Terry Redfield, Christopher Fenton

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**COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND  
COMMITTEE REPORT 2024**

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

Below is the Committee Report.

	<b><u>FY 2022</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>
<b>Opening Account Value</b>	<b>295,895.12</b>	<b>241,991.61</b>	<b>239,885.23</b>
Deposits, including investments transferred in		2,500.00	
Withdrawals and fees, including investments transferred out	-19,030.14	-34,557.52	-18,319.30
Dividend and interest income	9590.09	9,070.25	10,037.84
Change in market value	-44,463.46	20,880.89	21,736.16
<b>Closing Account Value</b>	<b>241,991.61</b>	<b>239,885.23</b>	<b>253,339.93</b>

Trustees: Dan Ellingsen, Dale Carr, Rita Hansen  
Respectfully submitted, Rita Hansen

# Town of Middletown Springs TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

## Louis Library Fund

The John J. Louis Library Fund was established in January of 1915 and again in July of 1916 to support the building, equipment and maintenance of the Middletown Springs Public Library. The Fund was fully established upon the death of Mr. Louis' wife Olive in 1948. The Trustees have placed the funds in a managed portfolio of funds with the Heritage Family Credit. The Trustees are pleased to support the work of the Town Library with an amount of \$2,000.00. Congratulations!

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
<b>Beginning Balance – Investments</b>			
Net Account Balance	695.10	673.04	740.45
Securities	24,220.43	28,521.16	26,003.85
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>24,915.53</b>	<b>29,194.20</b>	<b>26,744.30</b>
<b>Ending Balance – Investments</b>			
Net Account Balance	673.04	740.45	7,713.50
Securities	28,521.16	26,003.85	23,095.63
Change in Value*			6,064.83*
Distributions*			(2,000.00)*
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>29,194.20</b>	<b>26,744.30</b>	<b>30,809.13</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
Middletown Springs Library	2,000.00	No distributions	2,000.00
Bank charges	0.00	to date for FY23	
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>		<b>2,000.00**</b>
<b>Net Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$27,194.20</b>	<b>\$26,744.30</b>	<b>30,809.13</b>

\*Change in Value and Distributions are added to this report to show overall gains/losses to the Fund. They are assumed in the Total Portfolio Equity number. \*\*Check distributed on 2/5/24.

Trustees of Public Monies are:

David Carr  
Steven Harrington  
John Weatherhogg



2024 Middletown Community Gathering

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

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**The Helen Buxton Henderson Educational Fund FY24**

The Helen Buxton Henderson Educational Fund was established 1920 to support Middletown Youth seeking post-high school education. Scholarships are specifically awarded to students seeking a "vocational education." Qualified youth are invited to apply through the School District and the Trustees award grants annually based on available funds. The Trustees have placed the funds in a managed portfolio of funds with the Heritage Family Credit. This year's grants went to two students in the sum of \$1000.00 each. Congratulations MTS students!

	<u><b>FY 22</b></u>	<u><b>FY 23</b></u>	<u><b>FY 24</b></u>
<b>Beginning Balance – Investments</b>			
<b>Portfolio</b>			
Money Market	7,179.27	9,823.20	9,823.20
Securities	72,877.78	66,341.62	66,341.62
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>80,057.05</b>	<b>76,164.82</b>	<b>76,164.82</b>
<b>Ending Balance – Investments</b>			
<b>Portfolio</b>			
Fixed Income/Cash	9,823.20	9,823.20	23,006.92
Securities	66,341.62	66,341.62	68,829.72
Change in Value			13,671.82*
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>76,164.82</b>	<b>76,164.82</b>	<b>91,836.64</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
Scholarship 1	no scholarships	500.00	\$1,000.00
Scholarship 2	awarded	500.00	\$1,000.00
Scholarship 3			
Bank charges	0.00		
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00**</b>	<b>\$2,000.00***</b>
<b>Net Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$76,164.82</b>	<b>\$76,164.82</b>	<b>\$91,836.64</b>

\*Change in Value is for reporting purposes and is not accounted for in Total Portfolio Equity

\*\*Scholarships awarded 2/14/24, \*\*\*Scholarships awarded 7/11/24

Trustees of Public Monies are:

David Carr  
Steven Harrington  
John Weatherhogg



Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department In Action



# Town of Middletown Springs TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

## The Bigelow/Matthews Fund

The *Henry and Olivia Bigelow and Ralph and Norma Matthews Charitable Fund* was established with \$20,000.00 in 1989 by Richard Monahan in memory of his aunt, Olivia S. Bigelow and her housekeepers, Ralph and Norma Matthews who all perished in a tragic fire in February of 1987 and in memory of his uncle, Col. Henry C. Bigelow. Mr. Monahan wanted to express his appreciation to the First Responders for their diligent service to his family. Since the First Responders have since disbanded, the Trust designates the Fire Department as the next beneficiary. The Trustees anticipate placing the funds in a managed portfolio of funds with the Heritage Family Credit, similar to the other Public Money Funds. This year the Trustees of the Fund are pleased to support the MTS Fire Department with a \$700.00 check. Congratulations!

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
<b>Beginning Balance – Investments</b>			
<b>Portfolio</b>			
CD/Securities	23,940.32	24,821.70	24,906.84
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>23,940.32</b>	<b>24,821.70</b>	<b>24,906.84</b>
<b>Beginning Balance Checking</b>	<b>25.69</b>	<b>25.69</b>	<b>24,932.53*</b>
<b>Ending Balance – Investments</b>			
<b>Portfolio</b>			
CD/Securities	24,821.70	24,906.84	0.00
<b>Total Portfolio Equity</b>	<b>24,821.70</b>	<b>24,906.84</b>	<b>24,932.53*</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			<b>700.00</b>
Change in Market Value			(46.90)
<b>Ending Portfolio Value</b>	<b>25.69</b>	<b>25.69</b>	<b>24,185.63*</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
Middletown Springs First Response **			
Middletown Springs Fire Department	350.00	No distribution	700.00
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>700.00***</b>

<b>Net Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 24,932.53</b>	<b>\$ 24,185.63</b>
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Trustees of Public Monies are:

David Carr  
Steven Harrington  
John Weatherhogg

\*The Bigelow Fund has yet to be invested with HFCU.

\*\*Middletown Springs First Response Disbanded in 2021

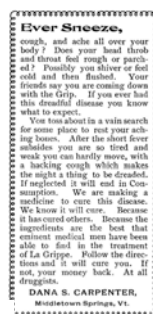
\*\*\*The funds were dispersed on 03/04/2024.



Dana Carpenter Family



Dana Carpenter's "  
"Grip" Remedy



Haynes Deacon Apheus First  
Gold-headed Cane  
Recipient

## Town of Middletown Springs PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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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 2024 Town Meeting funding request. This support is a tremendous help to us as we strive to not only preserve and maintain this beautiful site, but also to make gradual, meaningful improvements as best we can.

We are pleased to report that 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 while making periodic piles of brush and debris for later pick up. This is a tremendous help for us in completing the spring clean-up efforts and making the cemetery presentable for the May 1 opening. We are fortunate to have forged this mutually beneficial community-building relationship with our local elementary school students and staff and look forward to continuing this relationship for years to come.

Art Castle continues to serve as the Superintendent and does an outstanding job of working with the various funeral directors, monument and vault companies, family members and prospective lot owners. And we would cease to function without the amazing skills and support from Cathy Colvin, our Secretary/Treasurer for some 40-plus years!!

We are grateful for the many folks who are able to 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 2025 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2025/26 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  
Bridget Tarbell  
Jordan Martelle



2024 Maple Festival



2024 Strawberry Festival

Town of Middletown Springs  
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>		
<b>For Year Ending December 31, 2024</b>		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Balance on hand, January 1, 2024	\$7,910.22	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	530.01	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	3,634.28	
Burials	2,850.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	2,500.00	
Town of Middletown Springs 2024-2025 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Donations	325.00	
Gifts in memory of Shirley D. Moyer	400.00	
Copeland Cemetery Fund Distribution	5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$24,649.51</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$8,050.00	
Community Bank--Perpetual care	1,500.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	1,500.00	
MSES 6th Grade Class--Spring Cleanup	200.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$11,250.00</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>		<b>\$13,399.51</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$11,623.40	
240 Shares Foot Locker	5,200.80	
Community Bank--Money Market	13,195.00	
Community Bank--CD	75,047.27	
Community Bank--CD/Barker Mehuron	10,620.58	
Community Bank--CD	10,594.25	
		<b>\$126,281.30</b>
<b>TRUSTEES</b>		
	Arthur Castle	
	Terry Redfield	
	Christopher Ray	
	Bridget Tarbell	
	Jordan Martelle	

# Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Library Director's Report 2024

The library remains a hub of activity in the community, welcoming young and old alike who find new and classic books and movies on our shelves to check out and enjoy. Alongside traditional library services, patrons have access to free downloadable audiobooks and e-books and other digital resources, and a growing number of non-traditional items such as snowshoes, activity kits, and knitting needles.

The library provides programs for community members of all ages. A few highlights from this year were the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, dramatic reading of Poe's *The Raven*, as well as our winter Wishing Tree onto which community members tied their hopes and dreams. Our annual Reading Is Charming Challenge remains a favorite for readers of all ages to participate in. The summer programming continues to be led by Heather Heitkamp Brown, and we recently launched a series of Bedtime Story Times with Claire Ericksen reading to a delighted pajama-clad audience.

We are incredibly excited by the prospect of the new building and the opportunities it will provide for increased service to the community. We are planning and grant writing to support the expansion of services while we continue to provide robust library services.

The Friends of the Library members volunteer regularly to help in the library and with the trustees' fundraising. They also host several of their own fundraising events including the annual plant sale, a perennial favorite. Twenty-five percent of the money they raise goes immediately into their reserve for library expansion and they continue to provide a portion of our collection budget. Their Book Walk continues to delight those walking between the library and the school including students with their teachers, dog walkers, and other community members.

Every year, the Middletown Springs Public Library receives deeply appreciated support from this community: from the town allotment, at trustee fundraisers, by the Friends of the Library, and of course, the time and energy of many people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Bushnell, Library Director

### Staff

Kimberly Bushnell, Library Director  
Haley Kenyon, Assistant Librarian

### Library Board of Trustees

Kristal Haynes Hier, Chair  
Sean Ruck, Vice-Chair  
Beth Miller, Treasurer  
Glenn Tarbell, Secretary  
Bree Gunter, Member



Lots of Good Reads in Disguise!



Craft Supply Swap at the Library

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

**Treasurer's Report FY 23/24**

	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 24/25</b>	<b>FY 25/26</b>
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Income</b>				
Town Allotment	30,450.00	31,950.00	31,950.00	39,729.00
Louis Library Fund	750.00	2,000.00	750.00	1,000.00
FOL Contribution	750.00	1,547.55	750.00	750.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	97.76	50.00	50.00
Donations	300.00	426.20	350.00	350.00
Fundraising	7,350.00	9,030.30	7,410.20	8,040.00
Interest	20.00	9.16	20.00	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,670.00</b>	<b>45,060.97</b>	<b>41,280.20</b>	<b>49,929.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Librarian	19,656.00	18,018.00	17,160.00	16,416.00
Assistant Librarian	6,989.00	8,190.00	10,171.20	13,903.00
Payroll Taxes	2,038.00	1,992.00	2,104.00	2,510.00
Education	100.00	110.00	100.00	100.00
Collection Development	4,160.00	3,625.25	4,195.00	4,000.00
Heat	800.00	1,072.11	1,500.00	0
Electricity	1,100.00	936.94	1,000.00	0
Telephone / Internet	500.00	543.19	600.00	600.00
Supplies	400.00	591.33	450.00	500.00
Postage / ILL Courier	777.00	720.23	850.00	850.00
Grounds	1,500.00	2,100.00	1,500.00	0
Programs/Publicity	250.00	95.13	250.00	250.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,563.28	1,000.00	0
Technology / Computers	400.00	566.36	400.00	400.00
Building & Grounds	0	0	0	10,400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>39,670.00</b>	<b>40,123.82</b>	<b>41,280.20</b>	<b>49,929.00</b>

**Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts**

	<b>FY20/21</b>	<b>FY21/22</b>	<b>FY22/23</b>	<b>FY23/24</b>
HFCU Savings Account	5,305.32	5,311.78	25.13	25.25
Memorial Contributions	7,925.00	8,970.00	400.00	650.00
Fidelity Funds Account: Building Capital Improvements and/or Expansion	34,749.95	32,283.78	36,093.08	46,202.07
30 Month Special CD (Memorial Funds)			13,550.64	14,107.84
<b>Total Restricted Monies</b>	<b>\$47,980.27</b>	<b>\$46,565.56</b>	<b>50,068.85</b>	<b>60,985.16</b>

**Grants**

	<b>FY22/23</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>FY23/24</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
Stewarts Shops (via FOL)	400.00	608.43	75.19	400.00	159.91
ARPA Funds	500.00	500.00	0	0	0
ARPA Funds received from town	3,000.00	3,000.00	0	0	0
<b>Preservation Trust Project</b>					
Preservation Trust Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	0	0	0
<b>Library Grant (Summer Program)</b>	300.00	300.00	0	300.00	0
<b>Winnie Belle Learned Fund</b>	500.00	500.00	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>	<b>5,908.43</b>	<b>75.19</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>159.91</b>



Town of Middletown Springs  
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**Middletown Spring Public Library Building Project Report**

The Trustees of the Library have been actively exploring ways to expand the library since 2013. The Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting ARPA money that was distributed to states offered an opportunity for our community that had previously not been thought possible. In the summer of 2022, the VT Department of Libraries announced the availability of \$26.2 million in grant funds that would be available to Vermont libraries to address physical building needs. The Library Board of Trustees immediately went to work assessing our options. No good scenario revealed itself until the St Anne Church building became available in the fall of 2022.

Our first step was to assess the feasibility of using the building for a library and community space. The Library Board worked diligently in collaboration with the Selectboard through early 2023 to assess the building. Once it was determined that renovations could make it suitable for the desired purpose, we went to work gathering information to make a compelling grant application to the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries (CPF) through the VT Department of Libraries.

In March 2024, the town submitted a \$1.29 million grant application to the VT Department of Libraries for CPF grant funds. In June 2024, we learned that we were awarded the whole \$1.29 million and a 14% contingency available should we need it. While we waited for news of the CPF grant award, another grant through the state Municipal Energy Resiliency Program (MERP) became available. MERP offered municipalities grant money to improve the energy efficiency of their municipal buildings. In May 2024, we applied for approximately \$500K from that grant. In October 2024, we learned we had been awarded \$225K for the library and community center project.

In the fall of 2022, when the former St Anne Church building became available for other uses, the Library Board of Trustees entered into negotiations with the Diocese. Shortly after this, some donors stepped forward and communicated their shared vision of the building repurposed as a library and community space. They offered a generous anonymous donation to purchase the building for that purpose. The process of completing the purchase was delayed for more than a year as the Catholic Diocese of Vermont had to find, ordain, and install a new bishop. On December 13, 2024, after two years of discussions and delays, the Town purchased the building, with donated funds, for use as a library and community center.

Once the purchase was finalized, the Library Board got started on the preliminary work for the project, those efforts have included: removing the underground oil storage tank, installing a temporary tank inside, assessing and planning for the removal of any environmental hazards and beginning to plan for a volunteer demolition crew to begin work in the spring, once architectural drawings are completed. On January 4, 2025, we hosted an open house in the space and had an excellent turnout. We heard a lot of exciting ideas and shared our enthusiasm for the new future use of the property, a property that has been an anchor in this community for close to 150 years.

Throughout the rest of 2025 and into early 2026 you will see lots happening at the new site. Look for updates on our website, on Front Porch Forum, in our meeting minutes and in your mailbox. We anticipate hosting the community at another open house in the Fall of 2026 to celebrate our grand opening!

Kristal Haynes Hier  
Chair of the Library Board of Trustees



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

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**A Year In Review 2024**

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to calls consisting of motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, carbon monoxide alarms, fire alarm activations, furnace malfunctions, EMS assists, illegal burns, calls for smoke in the area, chimney fires, grass and brush fires, power poles down, trees and wires down, and a hazardous materials response. MSVFD responded, as a mutual aid department, for Poultney Volunteer Fire Department. The mutual aid calls were for structure fires and chimney fires.

Along with volunteers responding to emergency calls, these same volunteers spend many hours participating in trainings. The hundreds of training hours are on top of emergency response calls. Our members are dedicated and deserve appreciation for the time they put into our community. Training takes place in several locations throughout the year. MSVFD works closely with other local departments. As rural volunteer fire departments, we rely on each other when responding to calls.

Assistant Chief, Deryk Knipes attended the International Ice Water Rescue Instructor Academy. He spent 5 days in Portland, Maine doing Ice Water Rescue and obtained his certification as a technician and an instructor. Six of our other members are certified as technicians, which establishes MSVFD as a certified Ice Water Rescue Team in our region. The rest of the MSVFD membership is in the process of obtaining their Ice Water Rescue Technician certifications. We are proud to offer this service to our community.

On August 23, 2024, the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department (VT) was notified by the Department of Homeland Security that their Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding application had been approved for \$59,357.14. Total Project \$62,325.00. The funds were specific to purchasing new fire hose for each apparatus. Thank you to the Department of Homeland Security FEMA and our Federal and State Representatives and Legislature. This grant was awarded with the help of our contracted grant writer. This is a huge award and accomplishment for MSVFD and the taxpayers.

MSVFD currently has five apparatus in operation. The tanker holds 1250 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. 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 equipped with a winch for recoveries of off-road motor vehicles, ATVs, and downed trees/debris. The MSVFD takes great pride in our apparatus. All apparatus are in excellent shape and look new. All apparatus have a zero-dollar balance. New replacements for these vehicles would total approximately \$4,500,000.

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department held fundraisers in 2024. The Memorial Day concession stand has become more of a community event instead of a fundraiser. The Hunter's Raffle took place in October, and a bus trip to New York City was held in December. 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!

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.

The MSVFD Board of Trustees, a non-profit organization, which oversees financials, fundraising, and communication for the fire department, has decided to increase the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026, as our expenses have increased. The total operating budget request is \$86,000. This is an increase of \$4,115, it is the first increase in our budget request since 2019. This small amount will help with increasing costs of PPE, insurances, fuel, and utilities.

MSVFD membership meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm, the MSVFD Board of Trustees meets every second Wednesday of the month. We welcome ALL community members to stop by with questions, concerns, information, and volunteer interests. We will continue to provide for our community in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support, and thank you to all our MSVFD members, which are 100% volunteer!

**Note: Appropriation Request #7 on 2025 Town Warning**

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

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**MSVFD Profit & Loss**

**Ordinary Income/Expense    January 1-December 30 2024**

**Income**

Grant EMW-2021-FG-00024,FEMA	\$42,885.71
Contributions	\$1,327.98
Fundraiser	\$850.00
Town Annual Payment	\$81,884.96
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$126,948.65</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$126,948.65</b>

**Expense**

Accounting Services	\$665.00
Grant EMW-2021-FG-00024,FEMA	\$47,995.00
Building Maintenance	\$3,625.62
Diesel/Gas	\$3,041.48
Dispatch Service	\$5,359.00
Electric	\$2,506.10
Equipment Maint & Repair	\$1,881.99
Fire Fighting Supplies	\$1,025.75
Garage Rental 535	\$2,400.00
Grant Writer	\$7,500.00
Ground Ladder Testing and Aerial Testing	\$1,215.52
Heating Fuel	\$6,007.88
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	\$3,354.06
Insurance	\$9,649.00
Skid Unit	\$386.97
Donation Library	\$79.00
New Equipment	\$6,152.00
Cold Water Rescue Equipment	\$951.83
Postage/Stationary/Office Supplies	\$1,177.62
New Pagers - Communications	\$1,104.00
Fundraising	\$789.95
FIT Testing	\$89.00
Telephone	\$3,298.46
Training	\$2,935.00
Forestry Grant	\$2,200.73
DMV/Trailer Reg	\$33.00
Vehicle Maintenance #531	\$1,668.00
Vehicle Maintenance #536	\$1,637.45
Vehicle Maintenance #533	\$1,312.81
Vehicle Maintenance #534	\$2,893.44
Vehicle Maintenance #535	\$550.92
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$123,486.58</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$126,948.65</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$123,486.58</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$3,462.07</b>

**Town of Middletown Springs  
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

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Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 11 paid employees and 3 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 363 calls in 202. The breakdown of calls are listed below:

Calls in Poultney - 255

Calls in Middletown Springs - 32

Mutual Aid calls for surrounding towns - 18

Interfacility transfers - 59 (often bringing people home from hospital)

Total Calls taken in 2024 - 363

We at Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc 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, without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc has made good strides this year regarding recruitment of new providers and is working diligently to retain them. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are continuing to remain optimistic for 2025. 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 say Thank You to the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue Squad is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue Squad 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 Squad, Inc. consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 5th year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 6 years now and come 30 plus years in EMS, Debbie Hoisington who has been on the boards over 8 years and come with about 10 years in EMS and 30 years in the medical fields and our newest boards member Tom Fucile who comes to us with a fire and emergency service background. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 1 full-time, 1 part time and 9 per diem emergency care providers. Josiah Simons, EMT/full-time employee. James Reed AEMT part time employee. Our per diem staff is as follows Katrina Davenport AEMT full-time employee. Chad Geno AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, James Reed EMT, Cadence Muth EMT, Geanina Swanay AEMT, Rachael Lynch EMT, Kaylah Bennett, VEFR. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR.

We would also like to Thank the volunteer Ladies 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 Debbie 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](mailto:poultneyrescue70@gmail.com) or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2025. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hoisington, Administrator and Treasurer

**Note: Appropriation Request #8 on 2025 Town Warning**

## Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

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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 plan is due for updating by early 2025 with resident input. The Planning Commission arranged with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to develop the energy plan section for the updated Town Plan in a way that gives the town optimum standing for input on any proposed energy projects. The Commission secured grant funding to cover the cost of that effort.

In late 2024, the Commission created and circulated a town-wide survey to gather information from residents. The Commission is currently incorporating survey responses into the draft of the revised plan and is receiving support from the Regional Planning Commission as we finalize the draft document.

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.

Current Planning Commission Members: Steve Harrington, Holly Cronin and Aaron Anderson. Past members Hilary Solomon and Tasha Turan provided support to our work during 2024.

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month. For information about joining the Planning Commission or participating in monthly meetings, please contact Steve Harrington at: [ohungerdell@gmail.com](mailto:ohungerdell@gmail.com)

Sullivan Educational Woods - Fitzgerald Road



New Sign Board Built by Mill River Students





## Town of Middletown Springs

### REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission (MSCC) is a five-person board first established in 2000 to steward the town's 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods, located off of Fitzgerald Road. MSCC has worked with our community to learn about and sustain the natural resources of our town. Conservation Commission initiatives include stewardship of Sullivan Educational Woods, educational programs and nature walks for the community, monitoring and controlling invasive species, contributing to town planning efforts, coordinating Green Up Day, and monitoring and assessing the town's rivers, wildlife, wetlands, and upland natural communities.

#### **Green Up Vermont Day**

The 2024 Green Up Vermont Day took place on Saturday, May 4. The 6- and 7-year-old Girl Scouts of Troop 63133 welcomed neighbors with treats and gave hands-on demonstrations of how to build a green bean teepee. Roughly 33 individuals and families turned out to help clear close to 24 miles of 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**

After the original informational kiosk at the entrance to the woods collapsed due to decay and wind, the Commission collaborated with Tim Parent and students at Mill River Union High School to replace it. The students and town volunteers installed the brand-new kiosk this spring! The kiosk project was made possible through a grant secured by the Commission from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC). The Commission secured an additional grant from AVCC this year to enable the Mill River students to create a wooden footbridge where the forest loop trail crosses a perennial stream. The MSCC created a slideshow of these projects and presented it to AVCC.

Commission members and volunteers did trail clean-up to remove debris and several downed trees resulting from a series of storms. Encroaching vegetation and large woody debris was cleared near the old meeting circle and kiosk site to make the area more user-friendly. Special thanks to Richard Kniffin and his chainsaw, as well as the Carr, Weatherhogg and Doyle-Graves families for their frequent efforts on behalf of the forest.

CC members held a community woods walk with several families with young children. Children collected and examined different kinds of leaves and enjoyed a funny and imaginative story read by Elizabeth Cooper.

#### **Membership**

The commission recognizes and thanks Elizabeth Cooper for her commitment and leadership as she ends her official tenure with the group. We are also actively seeking three additional Commission members.

#### **General**

The Commission welcomes ideas and input from community members. If you are interested in community conservation-related activities and programs in Middletown Springs, attend a meeting and be a part of planning projects and programs! Contact a MSCC member to find out more.

Take time to visit Sullivan Woods—it offers a gentle, peaceful loop trail, with easy access and parking on Fitzgerald Road. Find directions to the woods on Google Maps.

**Members:**     Beth Carmody     Steve Harrington

## Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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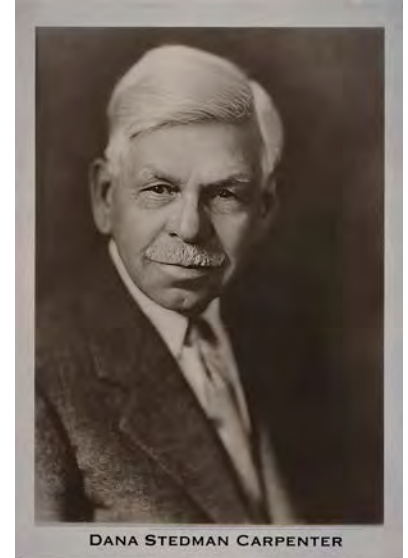


In November 2024 the Historical Society Board of Trustees fulfilled a decades-old MSHS dream of acquiring a central place for storing and displaying the A.W. Gray Horsepower equipment collection with the purchase of the c.1800 Middletown Baptist church building, opposite the MSHS Adams House on North Street. Development of the building will begin after the Town Garage relocates to a new site.

Middletown Springs Historical Society Trustees produced two popular annual events in 2024: the Maple Festival in March, and the Strawberry Festival in June. Opening at the summer event was a comprehensive exhibit at the museum about the life of Dana Carpenter "A Man for all Seasons", which remains up through March 2025.

The exhibit, curated by Collections Manager Mary Lou Willits using objects from the MSHS museum collection as well as articles on loan from Emmett Francois, focuses on Carpenter's concurrent careers as Middletown Springs pharmacist, town photographer, and renowned Vermont botanist whose 6000-specimen lifetime collection of Vermont plants now resides at the Pringle Herbarium at the University of Vermont. Carpenter also served the town in various capacities including Representative to the Vermont Legislature.

A project was completed this fall at the Adams House to capture and remove radon and moisture from the building basement. The addition of a vapor barrier and venting system was paid for by a matching grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont.



DANA STEDMAN CARPENTER

During 2024 MSHS worked with videographers Sally Ferguson and David Caras of Granville, N.Y. to design and produce the Video History Project, recording and editing the recollections of Middletown Springs historian and President of MSHS, David Wright. Over 50 hours of recordings have been indexed and archived, and three of the video interviews will soon be available on the MSHS YouTube channel.

The new Historical Society website, developed by Ferguson-Caras LLC, working with a MSHS board committee, continues to grow and now includes a YouTube channel. The new site features town history articles, photo galleries, and an archive of MSHS newsletters. The website's new structure allows for easier updating and is fully accessible to users with physical, visual, and hearing deficits. Visit now at [mshsvt.org](http://mshsvt.org).

The Historical Society has over 200 members including 69 town residents, 14 second-home owners, and about 150 others throughout the country. Membership is open to all. Members receive the MSHS newsletter as well as discounted facilities rentals for family gatherings.

We appreciate your support in preserving the history of Middletown Springs and making it available to everyone!

### **2025 Events:**

*Maple Festival and Maple Raffle viewing and drawing - Sun., March 16*

*Strawberry Festival & Crafts Market – Sun., June 15*

*Annual Meeting and Museum Open House - Sun., Sept. 21*

**Trustees for 2024-2025** are: Beth Carmody, Kim Gaylord, Madeleine Hayes, Pat Hemenway, Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Maureen McCormack, Sharen Underwood, and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,  
David P. Wright, President

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



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### VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

In 2024, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Middletown Springs residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From children with more intensive needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who face 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 19,829 visits to 2,915 patients. In Middletown Spring, we provided 706 visits to 19 individuals.

(802) 775-0568

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 2024 was a tremendous success. We had a great turnout with nearly 30,176 volunteers picking up 404 TONS of trash and 15,853 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 2025, May 3rd** and help us celebrate 55 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](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2024, 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 2024, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 6,567 hours of services to 26 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](http://www.rmhsccn.org)

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) helped provide 1,706 meals that were delivered to the homes of 10 older residents in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 9 older Middletown Springs residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 228 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 13.25 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 26 residents of Middletown Springs.

SVCOA staff helped 18 residents in your community for a total of 165.25 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately and assess the elder's situation. They work with the elder to identify needs and possible services available to address those needs. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs.

Other services and supports include: "Senior HelpLine"; Medicare and health benefit counseling; legal service assistance; Nutrition education and counseling services; Outreach services for older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues; Companion support for frail, homebound elders; Money Management; Transportation assistance and Caregiver support.

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

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### 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 32 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

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### Vermont Center for Independent Living

For over 45 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 FY24, 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 FY24, 1 resident of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs:  
Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) & Home Access Program (HAP)

60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701, 802-779-9021, [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 27+ years of the program, almost 1,242 grants totaling over \$2.9 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 13 rural fire protection projects throughout Vermont, as well as covering site assessments, project design and program oversight.

Two hundred thirty five 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 FY24, RFP received over \$9,150 in town appropriations from over 90 towns, support which is critical to fully funding RFP programming.

(802) 828-4582 / [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org)

• *Appropriation request #9 on 2025 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 life 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 2023, in addition to our 11,281 ambulance calls, "Medic One" responded to 218 intercept calls.

(802) 773-1746.

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

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### NewStory Center

For 45 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 FY24, NewStory Center served 789 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](http://www.nscvt.org); Crisis: 802-775-3232

Office: 802-775-6788

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 1,110 animals in 2024.

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.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 4 animals from the Town of Middletown Springs from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at [RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org) if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 & More.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 507 volunteers. From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 66,488 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,226,683.12.

In FY24, 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.

802-468-7065

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

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### 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 with towns in various ways:

- **Stormwater Management** - implementing 'green stormwater' projects
- **Waterways** - projects focused along waterways to restore habitat and improve water quality
- **Agricultural Programs** - working with farmers on nutrient management and water quality guidance
- **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery** - PMNRCD collaborates with Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality, create habitat, and and to control erosion
- **Clean Water Service Provider** - partnering with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local CWSP

(802) 287-6880; info@pmnr.cd.org  
www.pmnrcd.org

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 FY 2024, our services comprised of:

- 137 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 135 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 44 Energy Loans, totaling \$801,164, helped homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 59 rental units rehabilitated.
- 8 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$287,175 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$80,154 and 26 Home Repair Grant totaling \$119,961 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 71 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 19 became homeowners.
- 82 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
- 4 grants totaling \$132,050 were made to homebuyers who utilized Vermont's Share Equity Program.

802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

Strabery Jam Fun Run



Community Day Games





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### ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)

The mission of ARC is to advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

Programs in 2024 included:

- **Representative Payee Program:** ARC serves about 50 individuals living with Developmental intellectual Disabilities by managing each client's individual SS income and processing payments of their financial obligations timely. The Rep. Payee works with other agencies and client's case managers to direct our members toward receiving appropriate services.
- **Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and Aktion Club:** The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland trained and practiced Disability Acceptance presentations about what it is like to live in Rutland county as and adult living with developmental disabilities to various organizations. The Aktion Club (a Kiwanis member group) created a new fundraiser, 8-Bean soup in a jar, we expanded our "jar" series to include 'fairy jars'. A self-sponsored Carwash and Bake Sale allowed them to donate to a family of the Boys and Girls Club.
- **Social Events/Great Outdoor Experiences:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that builds a circle of support, family and community while practicing social skills, and getting physical exercise.
- **Transportation:** We are especially grateful to MVRTD through a grant, which allows us to provide transportation to some of our members who live in very rural areas who would otherwise be unable to access the services of Rutland Area

On behalf of those we have served for over 66 years, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland Area.

[www.ARCRutlandArea.org](http://www.ARCRutlandArea.org) 802-775-1370  
[info@arcrutlandarea.org](mailto:info@arcrutlandarea.org)

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

### Rutland County Parent-Child Center

Rutland County Parent Child Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible, educational, and dignified services to families throughout Rutland County. Our mission is to remove barriers that prevent families from reaching their goals by offering a range of services, including early childhood education, developmental intervention for young children, educational and enrichment programs for at-risk youth, family education, employment guidance, playgroups and a welcome baby program. Additionally, our unique grocery store-style food pantry is an invaluable resource in the county. In the last fiscal year, we served approximately 2,000 families and 1,400 children through our 4 sites across the county. The ongoing housing crisis and the increasing demand for comprehensive, whole-family services highlight the critical need for our work.

In June, we opened our 2Gen Campus, expanding our reach and providing a one-stop shop for community services. This new campus strengthens our ability to serve families by offering a centralized location where they can access a variety of essential resources. At RCPCC, we follow a two-generation (2Gen) Whole Family Approach, ensuring that both children and parents receive the support necessary for lasting success. By focusing on the needs of the entire family, we aim to create sustainable outcomes that empower individuals and strengthen communities.

All our services are offered at no cost or with substantial financial assistance, guaranteeing that every family can access the resources they need to thrive.

[www.rcpcc.org](http://www.rcpcc.org)

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

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### Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

For many years, the town of Middletown Springs has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your help, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has completed another successful year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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 that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 4 adults in Middletown Springs and 110 adults and 23 students in Rutland County.

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

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 626 homes safer by installing 1,907 smoke detectors and educating 730 families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 39,492 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level).
- We collected over 131,800 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,400 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.

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*

### 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 2024, The Child First Advocacy Center served 121 clients and 118 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to one (1) Middletown Springs family 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 Students grades K-12.

(802) 747-0200

•*Included in General Government Expenditures*



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### Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities around Rutland County and the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region. 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](http://www.RealRutland.com) for highlights of the Region.

The Regional Marketing Initiative is entering year-eight of a 10-year plan and has an anticipated budget for 2025 of \$140,000. Middletown Springs' previous and future participation has been and will be essential to the success of this important project.

802-770-7061

• ***Appropriation request #10 on 2025 Town Warning***

### BIG HEAVY WORLD

In its 28th 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>

• ***Included in General Government Expenditures***

### 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 1,370 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 7,800 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](http://vermontfamilynetwork.org) 802-876-5315 ext 105

• ***Included in General Government Expenditure***

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF 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 two homes to date, with the support of over 4,000 volunteer hours 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

•Included in General Government Expenditure

## 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 FY24, the RCRJC's eight programs served 683 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system, helping: 131 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 35 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument to determine risks and needs of the youth; 95 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; 97 youth aged 16-20 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 72 people seek substance misuse treatment and 67 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

•Included in General Government Expenditure



Middletown Springs University

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### Vermont Farmers Food Center

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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. From January 2021 until November 2024, our main facility had been closed and unable to be used for programming and tenant rental income. Thankfully, the Winter Farmers Market has returned to Farmers Hall this November. Through all of the challenges, VFFC's programs have continued!

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** was a food relief program that leveraged 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 were delivered weekly at VFFC and working with distribution partners throughout the county.
- When Everyone Eats ended, we started our own version of the program **Rutland County Eats** and have been distributing 200 meals each week through this program.
- In response to those affected by the floods this summer, **Vermont Emergency Eats** ran from August through November of 2023 and we were a distribution sight for this program.
- **The 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](mailto:admin@vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org)

•*Included in General Government Expenditure*

### The Mentor Connector

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Each year, The Mentor Connector guides more than 150 vulnerable youth and young adults in south-western Vermont through life changing friendships to build goals, character, and skills to be successful in life. Since opening our doors in 2004, we have mentored more than 1,000 young people, collaborated with hundreds of local businesses and organizations to support youth, and have been highlighted nationally as a model program.

Virtually all program youth are living in poverty, 8 out of 10 suffer from family instability, and most are affected by violence and/or addiction. Without additional resources most of these youth would end up continuing the cycle of addiction and poverty they are living in. However, the narrative changes when matched with a mentor.

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

50 Center Street, Rutland 802-775-2479 [rutlandrestorativejustice.org](http://rutlandrestorativejustice.org)

•*Appropriation request #11 on 2025 Town Warning*

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**PRE-TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2024**

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**Held on Monday, March 4, 2024**  
**Start time: 6:30pm | Approved Minutes**

Moderator, Kimberly Bushnell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Kimberly welcomed everyone to Town Informational Meeting 2024. This is our first hybrid town meeting with folks joining on Zoom as well as in the room. Kimberly thanked Kevin Eaton for volunteering to monitor Zoom for us. Kimberly then went through instructions for speaking and asking questions during the meeting.

She outlined how articles 12 to 36, which are local organization appropriations, can be bundled as one item at the end of the session, questions on any of these articles will be entertained at that time.

Kimberly led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

She then introduced State Representative (and town Selectboard member) Robin Chesnut-Tangerman who came to review the news from Montpelier. Housing is the biggest issue facing Vermont today as a whole. This issue threads through all the other important issues Vermont is facing. Housing stock is low and expensive not only in our area but also across the state. The legislature is working on this issue and trying to find creative solutions to address the problems within the state's capacity to fund any projects. Robin wished he had a more cheerful report but this problem is serious. He then asked for questions from the floor.

Jon Mathewson asked about the neonicotinoids pesticide bill which would ban these pesticides that are harmful to pollinators.

Robin stated that the bill is currently in process, expects house to pass it, not sure about what will happen when it goes to the Senate.

No other questions.

Robin thanked everyone for attending and was encouraged to see such a good turnout.

Terry Redfield, on behalf of the Selectboard, thanked Robin for his service to the town as a selectboard member as well as the state representative.

Kimberly read the warning introduction as presented, then introduced Herb Childress, chair of the Selectboard to give a few opening remarks before we move on to the articles up for discussion.

Herb introduced the selectboard, Herb Childress, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield, Peter Stevensen and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman. Herb thanked both Peter and Robin for their service, acknowledging that they have chosen not to run this year.

Herb then reviewed the tasks of voting tomorrow, we will be voting town officers, town ballot items, school ballot items, and your choice of ballots for the Presidential Primary, so be sure to give yourself enough time to review the ballots and cast your votes.

Herb thanked the Town Clerk, Patty Kenyon, also a selectboard member, for organizing a very complex election ahead of us.

Kimberly then began to read the warning articles.

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?

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Juanita Burch-Clay – Town Auditor thanked Sarah Grimm who has been an auditor for seven years for her past service. Sarah has been attending selectboard meetings and reviewing board orders regularly. Sarah has chosen not to run again this year. Nita encouraged folks to step up and fill the open auditor position. She reviewed the job of a town auditor to try to encourage and pointed to pages 12 and 13 of the town report to give folks a sense of the duties of an auditor. If you are interested in being a town auditor, please reach out to Nita directly.

Nita then reviewed the auditor's general observations on the financial health of the town. The auditors believe that the current town officers are doing a good job keeping the town's finances in good health. The town has made a lot of progress over the last ten years toward keeping a good financial house. One example is the successful completion of the new Town Office.

No questions posed to the auditors.

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$419,495** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$339,995** to be raised by taxes on the 2024 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

Pat Hemenway commented that she thought that the proposed budget was really tight and well thought out. But she did not notice any money in the budget for maintenance of the new building.

Herb referred Pat to page 33 (the town budget) under the Town Office category there is \$12,500 for maintenance of the town office. This number includes maintenance and utilities to run the office.

No further questions.

4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$580,120** for the **care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$424,620** to be raised by taxes on the 2024 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

No questions on the highway budget.

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 the Selectboard to explain this article.

Patty Kenyon reviewed the article's intended purpose which is to save money left at the end of one fiscal year to be used in another fiscal year when needed. Basically, a rainy day fund used to stabilize taxes when the town faces unexpected cost overruns at the end of a fiscal year. small amount of any surplus funds generated to be used in the future if we face a deficit.

No further questions.

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities** with **up to \$50,000** of any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year, and further allocate any surplus still remaining to be used to reduce taxes?

Sally Achey asked the Selectboard to explain the purpose of this specific fund in relation to the fund that was set up to help fund the town office building.

Patty explained that initially the Municipal Facilities fund was established to be more generalized, because the town had many facilities needs and the Selectboard at that time wanted to make sure the money could be used for any municipal project. Later on when the Selectboard began to add general surpluses to the fund, the treasurer accounted for those surpluses separately from the money that was dedicated for the new town office. Continuing to fund this reserve gives the Selectboard some funds to work with in the early stages of a project.

Sally asked, if this article doesn't pass, what would happen with a surplus?

Patty responded that if this didn't pass, more than likely any surplus would be used to reduce taxes.

No further questions.



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7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish a **Reserve Fund for Memorial Day Commemoration**, to be funded with previously unused Parade funds plus any future voter allocations and external funds raised to support the annual parade and ceremony on the Green?

Patty Kenyon explained the intention of this reserve fund. Since the Grange disbanded and town volunteers took over the organization and funding of the parade, they asked the town to hold and disburse their accumulated funds. This money has been kept in a pass through account. The proper way to deal with that money is to have a dedicated account for it, this article if passed will create that account. There is no taxpayer cost for this article.

No further questions.

8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish a **Reserve Fund for Highway Expenditures**, to be funded with existing and future highway surplus funds?

Herb explained the intent to establish a reserve fund for highway expenditures. This fund provides a dedicated accounting container specific to surplus highway funds.

Sally Achey asked how does this fund differ from the current highway surplus fund?

Herb answered that this fund could be used for vehicles equipment or supplies.

Sarah Grimm asked does this surplus have a limit like the other reserve funds do?

Herb answered not currently. In the future the board might see a need to impose a limit.

Carl Haynes asked about the Highway Surplus fund listed which currently has \$99,000 in it and the fund that has \$124,000 in it.

Patty answered that currently the highway surplus fund is not a town highway reserve fund. General year end highway surpluses, as outlined by the state, have specific rules for spending those funds. In general, they can only be used for the budgetary purposes they were initially budgeted for. If we create this town reserve fund and stipulate that highway surpluses go into that fund at the end of the year, we can then use those fund for any highway expenditures we have instead of only the highway line items they were originally gleaned from.

No further questions.

9. (An Advisory Vote) Shall the Voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Selectboard to include existing allocations to non-profit agencies within the Town General Government Budget, with individual ballot items only for new or increased requests?

Herb explained that this is an advisory vote, we'd like to know the sense of the community. There is a cost to having all of these individual ballot items listed and voted on separately. So, this is asking, if something has been approved over and over should we just write it into the budget?

Jon Mathewson stated that he was under the impression that the reason we voted on these separately was by court order.

Patty answered that she learned that the state allows any town to build these items into the budget. In the early 2000's the town had an advisory vote to see if folks wanted to see all these items on the ballot. That vote was in the affirmative. After that time these items were added to the warning individually. The lawsuit came from a resident who didn't like the wording of the articles. The court then determined the proper wording for these articles should they appear on the ballot. That court order did not take away the Selectboard's ability to decide whether or not they should appear on the ballot.

To include these 20 odd items on the ballot each year costs \$40 per article just to program the tabulator. There is also the increased cost of paper both for ballots and the town report and time to put together such a big warning.

Tracy Weatherhogg asked would this change the process for organizations asking for money?



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Patty answered that every organization would still need to request money each year, articles would only be voted on if a previously approved organization asked for more money or a new organization asked for money. Everything else would be the same.

Jim Graves asked what if the Selectboard decided to stop funding an organization?

Patty answered that in the spirit of the article wording the Selectboard wouldn't have the authority to make that decision.

No further questions.

10. 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?

No questions.

11. 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 stated that she believes that the cemetery association should use money set aside in the Copeland Cemetery Fund that they have not been using and not ask the taxpayers for funding. It is her understanding that the Copeland Cemetery Fund is intending to give money back to the town after years of not being used, asked John Weatherhogg, cemetery fund trustee, is that correct?

John Weatherhogg answered will the Pleasant View Cemetery Association receive money from the Trust? Yes, the request is in, but the money has not been sent. The fund money is specifically there to maintain the Copeland Family plot in the cemetery and anything left over after that maintenance can be used for general maintenance.

Jenny Talke Munyak stated that in theory there is money in the Copeland Cemetery fund to fund the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Additionally, she asked for clarification on the cemetery report, page 42, a payment of \$10,000 into the fund from the Middletown Springs First Response.

Terry Redfield answered that when the Middletown Springs First Response dissolved they disbursed their funds to the volunteer fire department and the Pleasant View Cemetery Association.

No further questions.

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$32,554** for the support of **Poultney Rescue Squad** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

Jenny Talke Munyak stated that this request has gone up about \$21,000 over last year. Is anyone here from Poultney Rescue Squad? If not, can the selectboard speak to that?

No representative from Poultney Rescue.

Patty responded that as with any request, this comes into the board as a letter of request and reports for the town report. This year the letter asked for \$41 per person based on the 2020 census. There was no explanation and no visit from Poultney Rescue Squad. Beyond that the board has no other information.

No further questions.

At that time, Kimberly asked to bundle articles 13 through 36 are now on the floor for questions or discussion. Room agreed.

There were no questions on articles 13 through 36.

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

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14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$50** for the support of the **Vermont Green-Up Day** determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$867** for the support of **Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$750** for the support of the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of the **Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC)** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$100** for the **Vermont Center for Independent Living** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$100** for the support of **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of the **Rutland Regional Ambulance Service** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of the **NewStory Center** (formerly Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$125** for the support of **Rutland County Humane Society** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of **RSVP and The Volunteer Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of the **Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of the **NeighborWorks of Western Vermont** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of **ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)** determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Rutland County Parent/Child Center** determining that it provides childcare and recreational services to residents with younger children?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$300** for the support of the **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of the **American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont** determining that it provides emergency services to residents of the town?

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30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Child First Advocacy Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$800** for the support of the **Regional Marketing Initiative**, a collaboration of the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Big Heavy World** determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
33. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Vermont Family Network** determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$350** for the support of **Habitat for Humanity Rutland County** determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent family housing?
35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Rutland County Restorative Justice Center** determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law?
36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of **Vermont Farmers Food Center** determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products?
37. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

George Gonda thanked everyone on the selectboard for what they do and then stated that he noticed in the town report the meeting calendar, that the date is incorrect. Also, he would like people to know about a school survey that they are encouraging people to complete. Surveys will be on the information table in the polling place.

Steve Harrington asked if the Rescue Squad number had been verified?

Herb answered that we received the request at the last moment with no additional explanation, we believe the number is valid, but we haven't seen a representative from the rescue squad to confirm it is or isn't valid.

Nora Rubinstein remarked that this \$41 per person is similar to the direct mail request we get yearly. Could this mean that would go away?

Jack Clay asked what if we don't pass this? Will they still show up?

Patty answered that it's her understanding that each of us as individuals will get a subscription request. In terms of them responding or not, we are in their coverage area and that means they would be dispatched out to us from 911. I don't believe that they can refuse coverage in an area they serve. They have mutual aid backup from other agencies as well. We are served by many ambulance services in reality.

Carl Haynes stated that the request in Poultney was in excess of \$120,000 and he believes it's a spinoff of what's being charged in Fair Haven. Small services just can't last in this economy.

Carl then asked why there was no Sheriff's department article this year?

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Patty answered that the Sheriff's line item was put into the general fund budget this year after a long history of passing.

Sarah Grimm thanked the selectboard for adding the memorials on pages 2 and 3. We lost some great townspeople this year and it's a nice way to remember them.

Michael Beattie stated that he is running as a write-in for the 3 year selectboard seat.

Herb stated that during the next year we will have a really important retirement happening within the town. Bill Reed, after more than 20 years of service, will be retiring. Next year this time Bill will be a civilian. Thank you Bill. The audience showed their appreciation with a lengthy round of applause.

Terry stated that we have to thank two other people tonight who are stepping down from their positions, Peter Stevenson as Selectboard member and Kimberly Bushnell for her service as moderator.

Peter remarked that he has enjoyed being a member of the selectboard over the past year. He thanked the rest of the board members for the honor of serving the town. He noted that not very many people come to the meetings and it's important to come to meetings and get information directly from the source.

Patty thanked Max Holmes and his dad Mark Holmes, who made it possible for us to successfully navigate a hybrid meeting. They put in a lot of time to source, set up, and monitor the equipment necessary to help us effectively communicate across the different platforms.

Kimberly recessed the meeting until Tuesday at 7am at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon  
Town Clerk and Selectboard Clerk

Approved by Town Moderator - Kimberly Bushnell – March 27, 2024

Approved by Selectboard – March 28, 2024

Attest: Patty Kenyon – Town Clerk – March 29, 2024

# Town of Middletown Springs

## 2024 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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### 2024 Town Meeting Results

Total Registered Voters	707
Total Votes Cast	384 Articles   383 Officers
Total Early/Absentee Votes	82

### Town Officers

#### Moderator

	No Candidate	0
<i>Vacant, no candidate accepted</i>	Write In	32
	Blank	351

#### Town Clerk

Patty Kenyon	337
Write In	5
Blank	41

#### Town Treasurer

Jenny Talke Munyak	331
Write In	4
Blank	48

#### Delinquent Tax Collector

Debra A House	310
Write In	5
Blank	68

#### Selectboard - 3 yr

	Carl P Haynes	220
<i>Write Ins</i>	Michael Beattie	127
	Other Write Ins	10
	Blank	29

#### Selectboard - 2 yr

Sean Ruck	169
Neil Russell	167
Write In	8
Blank	37

#### Road Commissioner

	No Candidate	0
<i>Write Ins</i>	Carl Haynes	19
	Other Write Ins	45
	Blank	319

#### Lister - 3 yr

Sally Achey	283
Write In	5
Blank	95

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<b>Auditor - 3 yr</b>	No Candidate	0
<i>Vacant, no candidate accepted</i>	Write In	14
	Blank	369
<b>Library Trustee - 3 yr</b>		
	Kristal Hier	331
	Write In	2
	Blank	50
<b>Library Trustee - 3 yr</b>		
	Glenn Tarbell	340
	Write In	1
	Blank	42
<b>Library Trustee - 3 yr</b>		
2 years remaining	No Candidate	0
<i>Write ins</i>	Bree Gunter	39
	Other Write Ins	15
	Blank	329
<b>Trustee Copeland</b>		
<b>Church Fund - 1 yr</b>		
	Rita Hansen	336
	Write In	1
	Blank	46
<b>Trustee Copeland</b>		
<b>Cemetery Fund - 1 yr</b>		
	John Weatherhogg	323
	Write In	3
	Blank	57
<b>Trustee Louis Fund &amp;</b>		
<b>Other Public Monies - 3 yr</b>		
	John Weatherhogg	318
	Write In	3
	Blank	62
<b>Planning Commission - 3 yr</b>		
	Steven A Harrington	298
	Write In	2
	Blank	83
<b>Planning Commission - 3 yr</b>		
1 year remaining	No Candidate	0
	Write In	42
	Blank	341
<b>Planning Commission - 3 yr</b>		
2 years remaining	No Candidate	0
<i>Write Ins</i>	Holly Cronin	27
	Other Write Ins	22
	Blank	334



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<b>ARTICLES</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>
Article 2 - Auditor's Report	337	38	9
Article 3 - General Budget	266	110	8
Article 4 - Highway Budget	275	101	8
Article 5 - Surplus into Tax Stabilization	302	71	11
Article 6 - Surplus into Facilities	280	93	11
Article 7 - Establish Memorial Day Reserve	292	82	10
Article 8 - Establish Highway Exp Reserve	291	84	9
Article 9 - Advisory to add Orgs to Gen Budget	212	146	26
Article 10 - MSVFD	299	81	4
Article 11 - Pleasant View Cemetery	314	56	14
Article 12 - Poultney Rescue	280	89	15
Article 13 - Visting Nurse	314	54	16
Article 14 - Green Up	311	58	15
Article 15 - Community Care	270	98	16
Article 16 - Council on Aging	292	75	17
Article 17 - BROCC	263	104	17
Article 18 - Independent Living	285	83	16
Article 19 - Rural Fire	293	71	20
Article 20 - Regional Ambulance	324	45	15
Article 21 - New Story	265	104	15
Article 22 - RC Humane Society	302	72	10
Article 23 - RSVP	253	118	13
Article 24 - PMNRCD	250	119	16
Article 25 - Neighborworks	234	135	15
Article 26 - ARC	245	126	13
Article 27 - RC Parent Child	247	123	14
Article 28 - VT Assoc Blind	287	83	14
Article 29 - Red Cross	297	71	16
Article 30 - Child Advocacy	282	90	12
Article 31 - Regional Marketing	177	183	24
Article 32 - Big Heavy World	196	165	23
Article 33 - VT Family Network	258	101	25
Article 34 - Habitat for Humanity	246	113	25
Article 35 - Restorative Justice	234	128	22
Article 36 - VT Farmers Food	263	99	22

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2024 WSUUSD RESULTS

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**Wells Springs Unified Union School District 2024 Elections**

**Voted February 28 - Meeting from the Floor**

School Moderator	No Candidate
School Treasurer	Tammy Holcomb
School District Clerk	Patty Kenyon

**March 5, 2024 School Election - Australian Ballot**

**Total Votes Cast - 666**

Middletown Springs - 382 Wells - 284

<b>Contest - SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Name On Ballot</b>	<b>Votes</b>
SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE	ERIC MONTBRIAND	513
TOWN OF WELLS - 3 yrs	Write-in Total	2
	Blank or Spoiled	151
SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE	MARY E. PLUNKETT	511
TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS - 3 yrs	Write-in Total	4
	Blank or Spoiled	151
SCHOOL DIRECTOR AT LARGE - 3 yrs	MEREDITH MORGAN	309
	HEATHER THOMAS	255
	Write-in Total	5
	Blank or Spoiled	97

<b>ARTICLES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Blank</b>
<b>ARTICLE 8.</b> School Budget	357	289	20
<b>ARTICLE 9.</b> Surplus to Captial Reserve	409	230	27

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**2024 Presidential Primary - Middletown Springs**

Total Registered Voters	708
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**US President**

**Democratic Primary**

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR	111
MARK STEWART GREENSTEIN	2
JASON MICHAEL PALMER	2
DEAN PHILLIPS	4
CENK UYGUR	3
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	3
BERNIE SANDERS (Write-in)	1
DONALD TRUMP (Write-in)	1
ROBERT KENNEDY JR (Write-in)	1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS	6
OVERVOTES	0
BLANK VOTES	0
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>	<b>134</b>

**Republican Primary**

RYAN L. BINKLEY	2
CHRIS CHRISTIE	0
RON DESANTIS	6
NIKKI HALEY	91
VIVEK RAMASWAMY	2
DONALD J. TRUMP	108
LIZ CHENEY (Write-in)	1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS	5
OVERVOTES	0
BLANK VOTES	0
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>	<b>215</b>

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**WARNING - TOWN MEETING 2025**

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**Town Meeting—Monday, March 3, 2025, and Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES) Multipurpose Room, in said town, or by electronic means on **Monday, March 3, 2025, 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 4, 2025. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 4, 2025, 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 Town Office building at 5 South Street, Middletown Springs, Vermont.

**Information on how to access the remote Informational Meeting:**

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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By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the Zoom Meeting app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 4, 2025, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**


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4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$528,055** for **the care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$426,055** to be raised by taxes on the 2025 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026?
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?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities** with **up to \$50,000** of any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year, and further allocate any surplus still remaining to be used to reduce taxes?
7. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$86,000** for the **Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

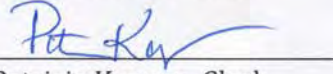
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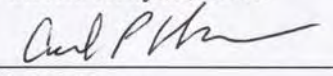
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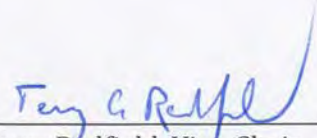
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$39,700** for the support of **Poultney Rescue Squad** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$745** for the support of the **Regional Marketing Initiative**, a collaboration of the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of **Mentor Connector** determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?
12. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

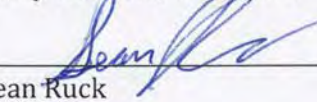
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Patricia Kenyon, Clerk

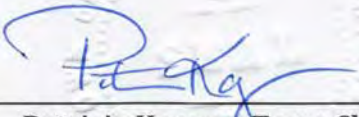
  
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Sean Ruck

**Dated January 23, 2025**

Received for Record on 1/23/2025

ATTEST:   
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs  
2025 TOWN MEETING - OFFICES & CANDIDATES

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<b><u>TOWN OFFICES</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>Name on Ballot</u></b>
TOWN MODERATOR	1 YEAR	ANDREW HAYES
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	3 YEARS	HEATHER L. GRIER
SELECTBOARD	3 YEARS	NEIL RUSSELL ISAAC YACKEL
SELECTBOARD	2 YEARS	JAMES P MARS JR. TERRY REDFIELD
LISTER	3 YEARS	PATRICIA HEMENWAY
AUDITOR	3 YEARS	JUANITA (NITA) BURCH-CLAY
AUDITOR	2 YEARS REMAIN OF 3 YEAR SEAT	NO CANDIDATE
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	BETH MILLER
TRUSTEE COPELAND CHURCH FUND	1 YEAR	RITA HANSEN
TRUSTEE COPELAND CEMETERY FUND	1 YEAR	NO CANDIDATE
TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & PUBLIC MONIES	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE

<b><u>SCHOOL (WSUUSD) OFFICES</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>Name on Ballot</u></b>
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – WELLS	3 YEARS	SUE BURKE
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MIDDLETOWN SPR	3 YEARS	GEORGE GONDA



Town of Middletown Springs  
**WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

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**WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**  
**Annual School District Meeting February 26, 2025, and March 4, 2025**

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/vbp-ppmd-chc](https://meet.google.com/vbp-ppmd-chc) or Join by phone **1 321-209-7845 PIN: 143 477 023#** at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 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 4, 2025, 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 7-8).

**February 26, 2025**

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| Article 1. | To elect a moderator 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 2025-2026 budget.        |
| Article 6. | To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.                  |

**March 4, 2025**

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| Article 7. | A. To elect one school director from the Town of Middletown Springs for a term three (3) years.<br>B. To elect one school director from the Town of Wells for a term of three (3) years.  |
| Article 8. | "Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$6,390,446.61, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Wells Springs Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,819, which is 5.9% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year." |

Town of Middletown Springs  
**WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

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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 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 5 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

**Polling Places and Times**

**Middletown Springs: Town Office 7:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.**

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

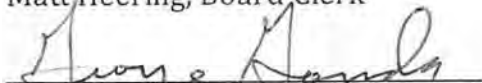
Approved by the Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont, this 14th day of January 2025.

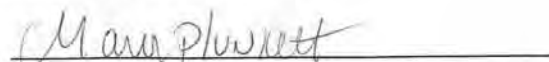
  
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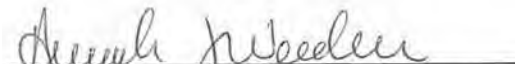
  
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Sue Burke, Board Member

  
George Gonda, Board Member

  
Mary Plunkett, Board Member

  
Amanda Weeden, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

  
Wells Springs Unified Union School District Clerk

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

- **Check the Town's website** for information and links to resources. **Visit the site at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov>** The website is being updated regularly. If there is something you are looking for and can't find there, let us know by emailing: [middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com) or the Town Clerk at [middletown@vermontel.com](mailto:middletown@vermontel.com)
  - **Subscribe to the middleTOWN NEWSletter** published on the first of the month. For a free digital subscription, Email: [05757News@gmail.com](mailto:05757News@gmail.com) to have your email address added to the list. OR to have a hard copy mailed to you each month for a year, write to: Middletown Springs Library, PO Box 1206, Middletown Springs, VT 05757, and include your mailing address with \$9 for postage.
  - **Join Front Porch Forum:** (<http://frontporchforum.com>), the online list serve for Middletown Springs
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### REMINDER

The Wells Springs Unified Union Board of School Directors  
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

**DATE & TIME:**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

**Wells Village School**

**135 VT-30**

**Wells, VT**

**or Remotely:**

[Join with Google Meet](#)

[meet.google.com/vbp-ppmd-chc](https://meet.google.com/vbp-ppmd-chc)

Join by phone

**(US) +1 321-209-7845 PIN: 143 477 023#**

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget  
To the Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local School, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at

[www.grcsu.org](http://www.grcsu.org).



GRCSU FY26 Budget Information

In order to ensure a smooth annual meeting, we are encouraging community members to submit their questions in advance. These questions will be answered during the annual meeting.

Your questions can be submitted to Kristine McGuiness at [kristine.mcguiness@grcsu.org](mailto:kristine.mcguiness@grcsu.org)

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- **Wednesday, February 26: Wells Springs Board of School Directors Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Wells Village School  
Or Virtually or by phone (See inside back cover for details)
- **Monday, March 3: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot**  
Middletown Springs Town Office open until 4 p.m.
- **Monday, March 3: Pre-Town Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at MSES**  
For landline, smartphone or computer access instructions  
please see Town Meeting Warning
- **Tuesday, March 4: Town Meeting Vote!**  
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Office - 5 South St.