

middle **TOWN NEWS** letter

February 2023

Maple Festival Back in Person



Sugarmaker Ryan Mahar discusses current maple sugaring techniques at a recent Maple Festival.

Get your raffle tickets! With over 30 items valued at \$100 or more, the Middletown Springs Historical Society (MSHS) kicks off its Maple Festival Raffle. The grand prize item is a choice between a gift certificate for 100 gallons of heating oil from Johnson Energy or the cash equivalent, around \$400. Other raffle items include original works by local artists and craftspeople, gift cards from local and regional stores and restaurants, and several gift baskets. Participants can enter their tickets for individual item raffles, increasing their chances of getting what they want. Raffle tickets are \$25 each, or five tickets for \$100. **Tickets and payments must be returned by mail, postmarked by March 15.** For a list of raffle items, tickets, and instructions, visit the Society's new, accessible website, www.mshsvt.org.

All proceeds from the raffle will support MSHS educational and historic preservation projects including the Mineral Springs Park, the MSHS museum, and the historic Adams House.

Back! After a two-year COVID hiatus, the MSHS is bringing back its on-site, **in-person Maple Festival** fundraiser on **Sunday, March 19.**

For over 30 years, the Middletown Springs Historical Society has offered this popular, family-friendly community event. The 2023 Maple Festival will feature an outdoor maple sugaring demonstration, maple vendors, exhibits, and talks on the history of maple sugaring, music, and of course, home-made lunch selections and maple desserts. The raffle drawings will be held during the festival, and winners will be notified to arrange for pickup or shipping.

For more information contact David Wright at 802-235-2376 or montvert@vermontel.net.

**School Informational Meeting
March 1**

**Town Informational Meeting
March 6**

**VOTE – TOWN & SCHOOL
March 7**

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Message from the Board of Listers

The Board of Listers is required to determine fair market value of all real property as of April 1st each year. Therefore, we ask that property owners notify us of major renovations, additions of any size or new construction. Also notify us of any major depreciation or removal of any additions or structures. Your support is appreciated. Contact: Sally Achey (235-2434) Pat Hemenway (235-2421) or Randy Kniffin (342-1306).

Milestones

Births

Garrett Rodney Martelle
January 14, 2023
to Rachel & Jordan Martelle

Deaths

Rodney Tarbell
January 13, 2023

Henderson Fund Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Attention! Students from Middletown Springs who are graduating (or recently graduated from) high school and are going on to pursue higher education: you are eligible to apply for scholarship funding from the town's Henderson Fund. The fund now offers a minimum of \$500 in one-time funding to each successful applicant. For more information or to initiate the application process, please contact Eric Montbriand, Chairman, Wells Springs UUSD at eric.montbriand@grcsu.org.

Questions may also be directed to Steve Harrington with the MTS Trustees of Public Monies at 802-235-1043 or ohungerdell@gmail.com, but please note that the application process itself goes through the district.

Middletown Springs U Coming Soon!

Announcing the very first Middletown Springs University!

On March 8 through March 15, everyone in town is invited to attend a free class. Or a few!

Watch Front Porch Forum (and this newsletter next month) for the class schedule, the teachers and the locations. There will be a link to a website where you can sign up for classes.

The committee is Mary Lamson, Laura Derrendinger, Leslie Silver, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman. Meetings are ongoing – it's not too late to join the committee.

The Palace Project (Audio & e-books)

The Middletown Springs Library is piloting a new service from the Department of Libraries. It is an eBook and eAudiobook service which is available to all public libraries in the state, at no cost. The statewide collection includes eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages and in multiple languages.

Our library will also continue to subscribe to Libby/Overdrive. Both services, Palace and Libby, will be available at no cost to all members of the community. To [get started with Palace](#), download the app to your smartphone or tablet and follow the prompts to set up virtual card and password. To [access Libby](#), download the app and use your Middletown Springs Library barcode, and your last name for the pin.

Call the library for more information or stop in and Kimberly will walk you through it.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



MARCH 11, 2023

8 - 11 AM

IN-PERSON, AT THE SCHOOL

Friends of the Library

Paint & Sip: Join the Friends of Library on Friday, February 10, 6-8pm at the Middletown Springs Historical Society for a Paint and Sip event. Bring your own beverage and enjoy delicious appetizers while visiting with friends and painting a small canvas. All appetizers, painting supplies, and canvases will be supplied by the Friends of the Library. Admission for current members is \$20; non-members is \$25. Register (friendsmtspubliclibrary@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 8. All proceeds go to benefit and support our library.

Book Walk: The Friends are excited to announce that our book walk is now a part of Rutland County's Come Alive Outside Passport as a book walk destination! Our new book this month is Gianna Marino's *Too Tall Houses*. We hope you'll enjoy reading the book while going for a walk.

If you would like to make a donation to support our monthly book walk, please drop it off at the library or mail to: Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library, PO Box 1206, Middletown Springs, VT 05757.

Not currently a member? [Membership forms](#) are linked here or can be picked up at the library. **Why become a member?** Although the bulk of municipal libraries budgets are funded through town budgets, those can fluctuate. Friends groups all around the country raise money to augment book purchasing, offer supplemental programming, and partner with libraries to apply for grants. When you donate to our non-profit organization, you support our mission of supporting our library's needs and expanded offerings to our community. Last year we were able to help the library purchase 79 new books, apply for a grant supplement the summer programming, and raise money towards the library's future expansion.

The Friends thank all past, present, and future members for joining us in keeping our library a vibrant part of our community.

2023 Dog Licenses Are Now Available!

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/neuter programs.

Registration Information

Animals adopted & registered on or before 4/1/23:

Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00

If registered after April 1, 2023, late fees apply:

Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$17.00

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

Book Walk

Go For a Walk - Read a Book



The walk begins at the Middletown Springs Elementary School and ends at the library. Parking is available at both locations.



Brought to you by The Friends of the Library



Freedom and Unity

A Graphic Guide to Civics and Democracy in VT

The Center for Cartoon Studies was challenged by Vermont's Secretary of State office and Vermont Humanities to create a graphic guide about the past, present, and promise of democracy and civics in our brave little state. *Freedom and Unity* is the answer to that challenge.

Here in Vermont, freedom isn't a free-for-all and unity doesn't mean uniformity. From Town Meetings to cooperatives, and all the way up to the state house, Vermont's approach to democracy is by turns unique, varied, and inspired.

Available as a free download from <https://www.cartoonstudies.org/css-studio/cartooningprojects/freedomandunity/> or at the library while supplies last.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday from 9am-4pm Thursday
& Friday from 1pm-4pm

TOWN CLERK

Patty Kenyon
802-235-2220 middletown@vermontel.net

Got Snow!



SNOWSHOES at the Library? Check them out! The library has 4 pairs of adult shoes (2 men's & 2 women's, 4 pairs of poles) and 6 pairs of children's snowshoes to circulate. They go out for three days at a time (like the park passes). The person checking them out must be 18+ and is responsible for any pairs checked out. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Outdoor Story Time

Melissa and Kimberly are singing, moving, and reading stories with children of all ages. On **Mondays at 10:30am** we meet outside the library for story time. If it's super cold, we'll move around outside and then read indoors. Put on your warm clothes and boots and let's get together! **Mondays through February 27.**

Knitting Circle

Join novice-to-experienced knitters at the library the first Monday of the month from **7-9 pm, October through May**, for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation. Other fiber arts are welcome: bring your crochet, felting, stitchwork, etc. For more info, call Lois at 235-2374

Conversation * Kindness * Cake

Death Cafe

Tuesday, February 28
6:30-8pm

Middletown Springs Library

Join us for open conversation
about all aspects of
death, dying, and living.

Sign up in advance
Call/email the library



TOWN MEETING 2023

2023 Candidates for Office

Office (term)	Candidate(s)
Town Moderator (1 yr)	Kimberly Bushnell
Selectboard (3 yrs)	Herb Childress Neil T. Russell
Selectboard (2 yrs)	Terry A. Redfield
Lister (3 yrs)	Randolph J. Kniffin
Auditor (3 yrs)	Tracy Weatherhogg
Library Trustee (3 yrs)	Sean Ruck
Library Trustee (3 yrs)	No Candidate
Tru. Copeland Church Fund (1yr)	Rita Hansen
Tru. Copeland Cemetery (1 yr)	John Weatherhogg
Trustee Of Public Monies (3 yrs)	David Carr
Trustee Of Public Monies (3 yrs*)	Steve Harrington
*(2 Yrs Remain)	
Planning Commission (3 yrs)	No Candidate
Planning Commission (3 yrs**)	No Candidate
**(1 Yr Remains)	

2023 Town Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, February 1 – Last day to withdraw Candidate Petition.

Wednesday, February 15 – Ballots must be available for early voting.

Wednesday, March 1 – Wells Springs School District Informational Meeting at Wells Village School & virtually, at 7pm.

Monday, March 6 – Last day for absentee ballot requests – close of business (4pm).

Monday, March 6 – Town Informational Meeting – 6:30pm – Virtual only.

Full Warning starts on page 7

Tuesday, March 7 – Town Meeting Day
Polls open 7am - 7pm – Voting in Middletown Springs Historical Society dining room. All ballots must be in by close of polls.

For more information call or email the Town Clerk.

Register to Vote / Absentee Ballots

2023 Absentee Ballot Requests

If you are planning to vote absentee, request an absentee ballot for 2023 elections **now**. To add your name to the list of people who will receive absentee

ballots by mail in 2023, you need to complete an absentee ballot request form. State law allows for voters to request absentee ballots for a single election or for a full calendar year. **You must submit a new form each calendar year.** Here's where to obtain a request form:

- On the [town's website](#)
- On the [state's website](#)
- Through [Vermont's Online Portal](#)
- Pick up or request a form from the town clerk's office.

If you are not sure if you are on the absentee ballot list for 2023, check your status at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or contact town clerk..

Register To Vote

To register to vote in Vermont for the first time, go to <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>. Register online by **Friday, March 3** to make sure your name appears on the town's voter checklist. Online registration is preferred. To register in person, stop in the town office or the library during open hours.

You must be a registered voter of Middletown Springs to vote at Town Meeting. To double check that you are registered, go to [My Voter Page](#).

There is no deadline to register to vote! You may register to vote up to and including the day of the election. If you cannot access My Voter Page, you can check your registration status at the town office.

How to Access - Virtual/Zoom only Town 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> You may be prompted to enter a Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.

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

Calendar of EVENTS

School Board	Feb 1	Wed 6pm	Wells Village School
Knitting Circle	Feb 6	Mon 7-9pm	Library
Paint & Sip	Feb 10	Fri 6-8pm	Historical Society
Death Café	Feb 28	Tues 6:30-8pm	Library
School District Info Meeting	Mar 1	Wed 7pm	Wells Village School & virtual
Town Info Meeting	Mar 6	Mon 6:30pm	virtual
Town & School Vote	Mar 7	Tues 7am-7pm	Historical Society
Middletown Springs U	Mar 8-15		
Pie For Breakfast	Mar 11	Sat 8-11am	MSES
Property Taxes Due	Mar 15	Wed	by mail or outside lock box
Maple Festival	Mar 19	Sun	Historical Society

Calendar of REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings	Schedule	Location	Contact Person
Conservation Commission	2nd Thurs / 5:30pm	Library	Elizabeth Cooper (235-1406)
Fire Dept. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues / 6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends of the Library (FOL)	2nd Tues / 7:15pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7pm	MSHS	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 7pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon / TBA	Town Office	Hilary Solomon (235-1115)
Selectboard	2nd & 4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Heather Grier (236-7643)
Wells Springs School Board	1st Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	

Town Newsletter

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

This supplements and enhances the Town website & Front Porch Forum (FPF) and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted on FPF and the Town website or is sent free via email to those who sign up. It is also available in hard copy, delivered by USPS, to those who subscribe for \$7 a year postage. Copies are posted at the Town Office, Crossman's Store, and the library.

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com
 PO Box 1206,
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Deadline: 25th of the month

Front Porch Forum

Join [Front Porch Forum](#) to know what is happening between issues of the middleTOWN NEWSletter. It's free. It's local.

Wells Springs Unified Union School District
February meetings

Please note the upcoming Wells Springs and GRCSU meetings this month in addition to our annual meeting on March first, join us.

February 1st -Wells Springs facility committee	5:00 P.M.
February 1st -Wells Springs regular board meeting	6:00 P.M.
February 8th- GRCSU board meeting	6:00 P.M.
February 13th-Wells Springs Community engagement committee	7:00 P.M.
February 15th- GRCSU policy committee	6:00 P.M.

Agendas and links for virtual attendance can be found at the link below
<https://grcsu.org/calendars-2/>

WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Annual School District Meeting March 1, 2023 and March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Middletown Springs and Wells, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Wells Village School in said Town or virtually at the following link: meet.google.com/fcz-yywr-gzp or Join by phone (US) +1 516-387-4878 PIN: 286 911 850# at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to transact any of the following business (Articles 1-6) not involving voting by Australian ballot. All virtual attendees will be considered passive participants that will be allowed to ask questions and comment during the meeting. **Virtual attendees will not be allowed to vote. Only in person attendees will be able to vote.** Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 7:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. in Middletown Springs and from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. in Wells at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot (Articles 7-9).

March 1, 2023

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

March 7, 2023

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| Article 7. | A. To elect one school director from the Town of Middletown Springs for a term of three (3) years.
B. To elect one school director from the Town of Wells for a term of three (3) years. |
| Article 8. | School Budget: Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$5,782,862.10 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,617 per equalized pupil which is 7.51% more than last year. |

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer \$125,000.00 of fiscal year 2022 year-end surplus to the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund?

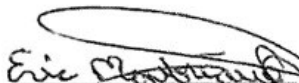
Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

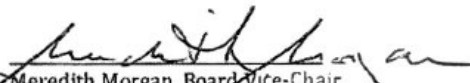
Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 5 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.


Polling Places and Times

Middletown Springs: Historical Society 7:00A.M.- 7:00P.M.
Wells: Town Hall 10:00A.M.- 7:00P.M.


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


Eric Montbriand, Board Chair



Meredith Morgan, Board Vice-Chair


Kara Haynes, Board Clerk


Sue Burke, Board Member


George Gonda, Board Member


Matt Heering, Board Member


Amanda Weeden, Board Member

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Wells Springs Unified Union School District Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs

WARNING

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

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet by electronic means on **Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 7, 2023 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Middletown Springs Historical Society dining hall.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

- By land line telephone: Dial 1-929-436-2866 (charges may apply). When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591#, Passcode 15920.
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here
<https://zoom.us/j/4383450591?pwd=UkRKbnI2c28xcDhmcWJlTmE3UENkZz09>
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- 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 7, 2023, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

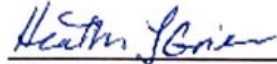
1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$363,775** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$286,275** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$499,525** for the **care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$394,525** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund** with any surplus **up to \$5,000** from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities** with any **non-allocated** General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to allocate **\$20,000** to the **Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend **\$26,125** to contract with the **Rutland County Sheriff's Department**, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$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?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$1,500** for the support and general operation of the **Pleasant View Cemetery Association** determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$7,940** for the support of **Poultney Rescue Squad** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$1,500** for the support of the **Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$50** for the support of the **Vermont Green-Up Day** determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$867** for the support of **Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$750** for the support of the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of the **Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC)** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$100** for the **Vermont Center for Independent Living** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$100** for the support of **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$375** for the support of the **Rutland Regional Ambulance Service** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of the **NewStory Center** (formerly Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$125** for the support of **Rutland County Humane Society** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of **RSVP and The Volunteer Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of the **Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of the **NeighborWorks of Western Vermont** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of **ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)** determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Rutland County Parent/Child Center** determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$300** for the support of the **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
28. 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?
29. 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?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Child First Advocacy Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$745** for the support of the **Regional Marketing Initiative**, a collaboration of the 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 **\$150** for the support of **Front Porch Forum** determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?
33. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Big Heavy World** determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Vermont Family Network** determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs?
35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$350** for the support of **Habitat for Humanity Rutland County** determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent family housing?
36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Rutland County Restorative Justice Center** determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law?

37. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of Vermont Farmers Food Center determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products?
38. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS:

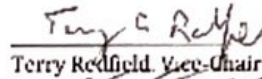


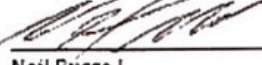
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