

2026

# The Town of Middletown Springs Vermont



**Annual Report  
of the Town Officers  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**



### **Bill Reed Retires After More Than 25 Years of Service**

Middletown's longtime highway department employee, Bill Reed, retired October 1st after working on the MTS Highway Department crew for better than a quarter of a century. During Bill's tenure, as he advanced to Road Foreman and also Road Commissioner, he was very successful in pursuing and securing a number of highway grants (Better Back Roads, Grants-In-Aid, Paving) for the Town. These grant awards enabled the community to repair and rebuild significant portions of our roadways at minimal cost to local taxpayers.

Bill was THE road crew for at least a couple of those years when he kept the roads passable with little or no help. Especially during the winter snowplowing season, Bill rarely if ever enjoyed a full night's sleep. He seldom got to enjoy a 'normal' Thanksgiving dinner, and family Christmas celebrations were routinely rescheduled to July to lessen the likelihood of snow.

The Selectboard is very grateful to Bill for his unfailing dedication to the Town, and we wish him a long and healthy retirement and many years of enjoying future Christmases at Christmas!

*Photo taken by Emmett Francois*

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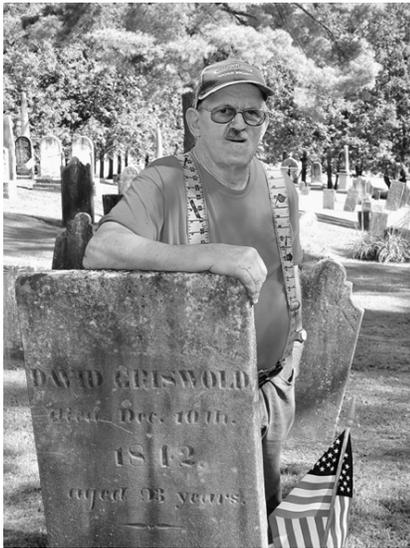
Town of Middletown Springs  
IN MEMORIAM

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In Memoriam

It is with a significant degree of sadness that we report the loss of several current or former town officials during the last year.

Delinquent Tax Collector **Debra House** passed away unexpectedly in January 2025. Deb had served the Town back in the 1990's as Selectboard member, Board Clerk, and Board Chair. In more recent years she was elected and served as the Delinquent Tax



Collector. During her tenure she greatly reduced the outstanding balance of taxes owed to our town with compassion, perseverance, and assistance with setting up various types of payment plans. Deb was forthright to a fault.

**Robert 'Bobby' Parker** worked part-time for the town highway department for better than 20 years after retiring from GE. Bobby was a hard worker and was known as a form of 'town crier' as he established a custom of calling townspeople on their birthdays and anniversaries when they were listed on the Community Calendar. Bobby was singlehandedly responsible for reclaiming the 'Old Cemetery' in the center of town, faithfully and relentlessly

mowing and trimming and clearing brush to reestablish the grounds after many years of spotty maintenance.

We were stunned and saddened by the sudden loss of **John Weatherhogg** this past August. John had served the Town with distinction as a Trustee of Public Monies, making great strides in moving and localizing some of these funds for easier and better access and management. This type of oversight is painstakingly slow and difficult in this modern mega-bank age, and John had made some meaningful inroads in this process.

**Thomas Hurcomb** passed away in November. Tom had served on a number of community boards and organizations during his many years here in Middletown. He had been active in numerous ways, serving on the Planning Commission, the Building Committee for the new town office, and in helping to establish the Creative Economy Initiative here in Town and more.

These four individuals were valued supporters of our town as well as treasured community members. They will all be missed.

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2025 TOWN OFFICERS**

<b>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	2027
	Isaac Yackel	3 Years	2028
	Sean Ruck	2 Years	2026
	Carl Haynes	2 Years	2027
	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman*	3 Years	2026
<b>Road Commissioner:</b>	Carl Haynes	3 Years	2027
<b>Listers:</b>	Sally Achey	3 Years	2027
	Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2028
	Randy Kniffin	3 Years	2026
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>	Heather Grier	3 Year	2027
<b>Town Moderator:</b>	Andrew Hayes	1 Year	2026
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	Steve Harrington	3 Years	2027
	Aaron Anderson *	3 Years	2028
	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	2028
	Glenn Tarbell	3 Years	2027
<b>Trustee Copeland Church Fund:</b>	Rita Hansen	1 Year	2026
<b>Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund:</b>	Vacant	1 Year	2026
<b>Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies:</b>	Steven Harrington	3 Years	2028
	David Carr	3 Years	2026
	Vacant	3 Years	2027
<b>Town Auditors:</b>	Juanita Burch Clay	3 Years	2026
	Meredith Morgan*	3 Years	2027
	Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2026
<b>Justices of the Peace:</b>	Herb Childress	2 Years	2027
<i>Elected in November of the preceding year</i>	Chris Fenton	2 Years	2027
	Patricia Hemenway	2 Years	2027
	Meredith Morgan	2 Years	2027
	Chere Tournet	2 Years	2027

\* Appointed Until Town Meeting 2026

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2025 TOWN OFFICERS**

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<b>Office</b>	<b>Office Holder</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS</b>			
Emergency Management Director	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman*	1 Year	2026
SWAC Representative:	Amanda Magill/ Terry Redfield (alternate)	1 Year	2026
Fire Warden:	James Reed	5 Years	2028
Health Officer:	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman*	3 Years	2026
Animal Control Officer:	James Reed	1 Year	2026
Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:	Terry Redfield	1 Year	2026
	Chris Fenton	1 Year	2026
	Carl Haynes	1 Year	2026
Conservation Commission:	Steve Harrington	4 Years	2026
	Daniel Brooks	3 Years	2028
	Beth Carmody	4 Years	2027
	Clara Eden	3 Years	2028
	Nelson Hernandez	4 Years	2028
Tree Warden:	Vacant	1 Year	2026
Representatives to the Regional Planning Commission	Steve Harrington	1 Year	2026
Representative to the Rutland Region Transportation Council	Robert McMahon	1 Year	2026
Fence Viewer	Full Selectboard	1 Year	2026

*\*Serving in his capacity as Chair of the Selectboard*

**WELLS SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**School Directors**

Sue Burke	Wells	3 Years	2028
Eric Montbriand	Wells	3 Years	2027
Amanda Weeden	Wells	3 Years	2026
George Gonda	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2028
Mary Plunkett	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2027
Matt Heering	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2026
Meredith Morgan	At Large	3 Years	2027
<b>Moderator</b>	Walt Anderson**	1 Year	2026
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tammy Holcomb**	1 Year	2026
<b>Clerk</b>	Patty Kenyon**	1 Year	2026

*\*\*Voted from the Floor at School District Meeting*

**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.	2nd Wed of the month	7:00 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.	Town Office

**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*  
*Closed Every Wednesday and All Federal Holidays*

**Quarterly Taxes Due**

For the remainder of FY 25/26:

Q3 - March 16, 2026

Q4 - June 15, 2026

For FY 26/27:

Q1 - September 15, 2026

Q2 - December 15, 2026

Q3 - March 15, 2027

Q4 - June 15, 2027

**Town Treasurer**

Phone: 802-235-3256

Email Address: *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 VOTER INFORMATION PAGE**

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By using [Vermont's Voter Information Page](https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard) you can:

- Register to Vote or 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

We encourage voters to go to the Vermont Voter Information Page to learn more.

<https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>

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 payment in cash or purchase of 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.

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. Visit the 2nd Chance Shed to take or leave gently used items.

Amanda Magill staffs the transfer station.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

**Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 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 2, 2026**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 25, 2026	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 3, 2026	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.

For more information: [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

**Please Remember: Since July 1, 2020 food scraps are banned from landfills.**

**Food Waste, Compost, is collected free of charge at the Town Transfer Station.**

Town of Middletown Springs  
**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 (FY25)**

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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, 2025 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, 2025.

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 FY25:**

- 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 FY24 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Met with the Selectboard in April to review auditors' roles and recommendations.
- Welcomed new auditor, Meredith Morgan, in April, filling the empty third auditor's position.

**Priorities:** Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. For FY25, priorities included updating the internal financial controls checklist, monitoring the library project, and preparing for an upcoming external audit. This is continuing into FY26.

**Hours:** In FY25, two auditors worked the full year, and a third auditor joined the team in April. Between them they worked over 69 hours, with over 40 paid hours, and over 28 volunteer hours. Over the past 13 years, auditors have averaged 135 total hours per year, ranging from 35 hours (when there was only one auditor for much of the year) to 212 hours (during the external audit.)

**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, 2025, 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 FY25 Treasurer's Report received on August 20, 2025 and updated on October 15, 2025.

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Town of Middletown Springs  
**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 (FY25) - 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.
- Reserve funds and their interest distribution have been organized for clarity.

**Concerns and Recommendations:**

**General Policies and Procedures:**

- As in previous years, we recommend that the Selectboard require new town officers to read and sign off on their understanding of town policies. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY13. Currently, new officials are sent information with a link to the town policies by the town clerk.
- 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. We commend the Selectboard for updating the purchasing/procurement policy in December 2024, and approving a credit card policy in November 2025.
- 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.
- We recommend that all town officials change passwords to financial accounts quarterly, as a standard security measure.

**Town Trust Funds:**

- Town trust fund information on the new town website is better than in the past. However, we recommend that trust fund information, including meeting minutes, be updated and expanded for transparency and accountability.
- 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:**

- An external audit of the town's financial health is being scheduled for FY26. A separate audit will be required for the library project when the federal funds spent exceed one million dollars in one year.
- In preparation for the external audit planned for FY26, the auditors have been updating, in consultation with other town officials, a review of the town's internal financial controls. Town officials' continuing work on the recommendations from the previous audit in FY18 means we are well situated for the auditing process.
- We commend the town for being fiscally responsible in setting funds aside each year in preparation for an external audit. Because of this, the cost of the FY26 external audit is essentially covered by these reserve funds.
- We continue to support the town's budgeting for future external audits by setting funds in a restricted account each year.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors J. Burch-Clay, M. Morgan, and T. Weatherhogg  
Date: January 12, 2026

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

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The clerk's office continues to work on digitizing land records. To that end, we purchased a new scanner that is capable of scanning the old books and our survey maps. To date we have scanned all of the current survey maps and are working on imaging the old hard-bound books. This project will ensure the integrity of our historic records for generations to come.

Another project I took on this summer was to refresh and digitize the inventory of the Old Cemetery. I started with an inventory originally done in 1974 by Herb Davidson and Lydia Powers, now Lydia Taylor. This inventory is available to view or download from the town's website (<https://middletownsprings.vt.gov/cemeteries/>). Along with this project a group of volunteers spent many summer Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings cleaning old gravestones and marking stones for future repairs. If you are interested in helping with this ongoing project, please reach out to me and I'll include you on our email list. We'll be back at it as soon as the weather allows.

Beyond the normal board and committee meetings, the town office hosted Middletown Springs University classes and a non-profit training this year. We are happy to share this building with the community. Please reach out if your group or organization needs a space to meet or host a training.

Last but not least, the town launched a new website this year. If you haven't taken a look yet, please do - <https://middletownsprings.vt.gov> . We are encouraging townspeople to subscribe to receive town news, minutes, important news alerts and the like. You choose what you'd like to get, either in your email inbox or by text message. The website is managed by the Town Clerk and the Assistant Library Director. In addition to news, there's also a "Daily Snippets" email subscription, this email (delivered 4 days a week) provides reminders of upcoming meetings, on this day in history facts, and a weekly pun. It's a short and sweet way to stay in the loop. To subscribe go to: (<https://middletownsprings.vt.gov/subscribe/>).

As always, thanks for your support over the past year.

Patty Kenyon  
Town Clerk

Town Clerk's office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and Thursday and Friday from 1pm to 4pm. The town clerk's office is closed on Wednesdays and all Federal Holidays.

PH: 802-235-2220 | Email: [middletown@vermontel.net](mailto:middletown@vermontel.net)

**2025 Vital Statistics**

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**Marriages: 0      Births: 4      Deaths: 11**

Town Reports do not 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 2025

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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.

### Registration Information

**For animals adopted and registered on or before April 1, 2026**

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

**If registered after April 1, 2026, late fees apply**

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

**New animal adoptions after April 1, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026:**

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 the license and tag back to you.

**In 2025 there were 135 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

**Town Clerk's office hours:** Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and Thursday & Friday from 1 to 4pm. The office is closed on Wednesdays & All Federal Holidays. PH: 802-235-2220 | Email: [middletown@vermontel.net](mailto:middletown@vermontel.net)

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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](http://VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

**PLEASE LICENSE NOW!**

# Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

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## Selectboard Report 2025

The year of 2025 proved to be a year of many changes and transitions for the Town of Middletown Springs. The Selectboard initially saw changes as Isaac Yackel was newly elected to the Board position previously held by Patty Kenyon. In midsummer, longtime Selectman and Board Chair Herb Childress stepped down, and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman was appointed in his stead to fill out the term. We are extremely grateful to both Patty and Herb for their many years of dedicated service on the Selectboard, as they each did way more than their share of the many important tasks of operating our town.

The Board was proud to adopt the constitutional rights resolution spearheaded by Peter Franzoni, a proud military veteran and concerned Rutland resident. Peter took it upon himself to petition Vermont towns to preserve his family's and neighbors' rights as American citizens. This resolution confirms that we condemn any violations of due process by State or Federal governments upon any individuals.

In the Town Office building, we discovered an issue with the septic and water systems. Thanks to considerable help from Peter Stevenson, we were able to redirect condensate (water) directly into the ground rather than into the septic waste stream. Peter also worked with the plumbing contractor and water system folks to tweak the water softening system to reduce the volume of 'backwashes' required by the system. These modifications have drastically reduced the amount of water going into the septic tank, and in turn the number of septic tank pumps needed to keep the building running and to lower operating costs.

Our longtime highway department employee, Bill Reed, retired in October after better than a quarter century of service. Philip Mahar initially joined the highway crew part-time, then moved to a full-time position, and we welcomed Chuck Delpha in September as Road Foreman to replace Bill. We are moving into a new era of road maintenance under the guidance of Chuck as Foreman and Carl Haynes as Road Commissioner.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of the immediate future is finding a suitable home for a new town garage. Our current building lease expires December 31, 2026, and we are actively committed to using the existing West Street property as our future home unless a more suitable site becomes available. This is a short timeline, but a very important one. It is a priority for \$150,000 trucks, backhoes, and related equipment be stored and serviced under cover and out of the weather. The new garage must also include running water!

We anticipate that the year 2026 will present many more hurdles and require some additional big decisions to be made as we venture into the year 2026. The new library renovations underway at St. Anne's and the Town Office building present new and greater challenges to the town as we encounter greater volumes of care and maintenance than we have been accustomed to.

We REALLY need some additional members of the public to step up to serve the Town in some capacity, such as Trustee of Public Monies; or Emergency Management Director; or Town Health Officer, or one of several other opportunities. Did you know that the Selectboard Chair inherits the EMD, Health Officer, and other positions, by default, if there is no other candidate? Please consider getting involved in YOUR Town in some manner. It really does take a village to run a town!

Respectfully,

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Chair  
Isaac Yackel, Vice Chair  
Terry Redfield, Clerk  
Carl Haynes, Member  
Sean Ruck, Member

January 6, 2026

**Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures  
JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Achey, S	49,50.88	Election Source	454.05
Achey, Stan	123.99	Everything2Go.Com	2,240.00
Airgas	128.00	EyeMed	126.84
Allied Auto Parts	1,655.54	Fair Haven Auto Supply	8.90
All States Construction	4,294.50	Fenton, C	104.69
Alta Material Handling	7,633.84	Ferguson Waterworks	18,196.31
Amazon	1,544.67	Formula Ford	2,833.69
American Red Cross	250.00	Front Porch Forum	150.00
APEX Software	520.00	Garland's Agway	472.90
ARC	500.00	Gerald White Sales & Service	771.90
AWSI/DISA	53.00	GMP	10,872.08
B & B	135.00	Good Point Recycling	69.28
BCBSVT	938.54	Good-Way Document Services	40.00
Big Heavy World	250.00	Gorman, L	18.85
Bouchard, J	5,149.88	Green Up Vermont	50.00
BROC	200.00	Grier, H	1,734.54
Brown's	514.50	Habitat for Humanity	350.00
Burch-Clay, J	527.38	Hadeka Stone	1,176.00
Bush, P	716.20	Haynes, C	950.30
Bushnell, K	13,436.26	Hemenway, P	1,653.79
CAI Technologies	3,600.00	House, D	2,082.94
Carbonite	283.49	Hubbard	25,569.30
Cargill Inc.	19,682.74	IDS	126.28
Carr, D	40.62	Impact Fire Services	465.00
Casella Construction	57,109.54	Interstate Battery	89.95
Casella Recycling	4,730.46	Kenyon, H	11,795.02
Catamount Security	522.00	Kenyon, M	144.10
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Kenyon, P	27,898.07
Childress, H	2,227.52	Kenyon, P reimbursement office supplies	47.69
Collaboration 133	251.19	Keyser Energy	189.55
Colvin, K	129.07	Kimball Midwest	731.68
Computer E-Z	280.50	Kniffen, R	693.26
Cooper, E	8,207.30	Kofile Inc	936.18
Cooper, E, Town Report	2,500.00	Kupferer & Blake	4,527.73
Countryside Lock	480.00	Lawson Electrical	1,020.00
DEAR Inc	1,500.00	LHS	1,177.55
Dennison Lubricants	2,340.20	Lowell, D	174.94
DJ's Trucking	6,345.00	Lyle Welding	175.00
Doran Brothers	4,692.50	M & M Plumbing	508.96
Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse	12.50	Magill, A	5,229.16
Earles Truck Repair	29,151.89	Mahar, P	20,391.54
Eastern Sales	419.00	Mahar Landscaping	2,600.00
Eden, C	185.66	Maine Oxy	875.49

**Town of Middletown Springs  
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures  
JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Marble Valley Fire	64.00	Silver, L	192.66
Marcell Oil	20,855.61	Ski Door Inc - MSVFD doors	6,485.00
Martelle Property	7,023.00	Stanley L. Martell Jr.	4,207.00
MBFS USA (2021 Freightliner)	31,724.17	Staples	714.36
McMahon, R	1,171.18	State of Vermont(permit fees)	1,550.00
Microsoft 365	137.79	Stateline Electrical Contracting LLC	555.00
Middletown Springs Fire Dept	81,885.00	Stevenson, P	52.35
Middletown Springs Historical Society	2,100.00	SW Agency on Aging	750.00
Middletown Springs Public Library	1,670.07	SWAC	5,175.74
Mill River Schools - Sullivan Woods Kiosk	285.00	Talke Munyak, J	17,224.75
Miller, R III	4,941.22	Talke Munyak, J (mileage)	1,406.52
Morgan, M	2,742.11	Target	52.15
Moyer, G	67.32	Tournet, C	65.30
Music Mountain Compost	600.00	Treasurer, County of Rutland	6,999.83
Nat'l Bank of Middlebury (town ofc loan)	50,316.45	Tuttle Printing	1,982.15
Neighborworks	400.00	USPS	3,149.61
NEMRC	6,606.09	United Construction & Forestry - Backhoe	137,000.00
Newstory Center	200.00	United States Treasury	53,026.38
Noble Ace Hardware Poultney	495.66	Vermont Farmers Food Center	500.00
NYVT Media	375.00	Viking-Cives	989.82
Pete's Tire Barn	2,003.36	Viper virus protection	75.78
Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00	VLCT	10.00
Poultney Auto Supply	28.47	VLCT MAC	2,210.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	VLCTPACIF	30,435.48
Poultney Rescue Squad	32,554.00	VLCTUI	522.00
RAVNA	1,500.00	VMCTA	45.00
Redfield, T	2,227.77	VMERS	11,423.16
Reed, D LLC	3,600.00	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Reed, J	275.00	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Reed, W	59,762.40	VT Department of Taxes	5,254.04
Reed, W - (RC Mileage)	1,238.59	VT Family Network	250.00
Reed, W - (medical)	5,283.10	VT Farmers Food Center	500.00
Regional Ambulance Service	400.00	VT RCDC	100.00
Riley, M	60.22	VT State Treasurer	1,208.00
RSVP	200.00	Vtbar.org	35.00
Rubinstein, N	196.29	VTEL	4,553.75
Ruck, S	1,113.69	We Dig It Excavation LLC	7,595.00
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	Weatherhogg, T	178.72
Rutland County Restorative Justice	250.00	Wells Spring UUSD	1,130,193.13
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	19,734.08	Wholesale Distributors	1,129.88
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	Winmill	7,078.24
Rutland Parent Child Center	400.00	Yackel, I	80.40
Rutland Regional Planning Comm.	12,766.14	Zoom	149.90

**Town of Middletown Springs  
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

Delinquent Tax Recap - Principal Only  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

TAX YEAR:	<u>10/11</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>	<u>15/16</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>18/19</u>	<u>19/20</u>	<u>20/21</u>	<u>21/22</u>	<u>22/23</u>	<u>23/24</u>	<u>24/25</u>
<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	2,315,363
Abate/Adjust:	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)		(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	(729)	155				(4,549)
RECEIVED FY															
10/11 \$	1,785,061														
11/12 \$	26,024	1,790,212													
12/13 \$	9,778	23,040	1,870,104												
13/14 \$	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825											
14/15 \$	2,368		504	7,586	1,826,415										
15/16 \$		1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794									
16/17 \$				1,316	1,901	30,990	1,967,583								
17/18 \$	142	141	136	1,089	3,912	5,372	19,311	1,845,997							
18/19 \$	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014						
19/20 \$				5,964	4,372	4,770	7,824	16,739	30,664	1,916,322					
20/21 \$			4,164	1,049		2,764	3,847	833	4,703	45,434	2,131,623				
21/22 \$			463	6,177	6,948	7,726	3,619	8,522	4,684	7,986	26,101	2,099,327			
22/23 \$						72	4,893	8,306	5,850	12,674	6,810	38,865	2,159,212		
23/24 \$											1,238	5,287	26,169	2,212,168	
24/25 \$				443	674				234	2,049	2,236	1,963	4,080	22,561	2,272,104
Delinquency FY24/25 end	369	366	329	360	335	368	359	357	366	383	1,860	2,600	9,065	17,797	38,710
<b>Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY24/25 End</b>															<b>\$73,622</b>

# Town of Middletown Springs 2025 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411)

01/06/2026  
11:04 am

Middletown Springs 2025 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	138	24,342,000	18,874,500	5,467,500	24,342,000
Residential II R2	208	58,822,100	36,174,200	22,647,900	58,822,100
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	266,500	216,700	49,800	266,500
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,191,200	954,400	1,236,800	2,191,200
Seasonal I S1	4	165,400	0	165,400	165,400
Seasonal II S2	23	3,251,500	288,700	2,962,800	3,251,500
Commercial C	5	779,600	0	779,600	779,600
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	2,163,500	0	2,163,500	2,163,500
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,469,400	1,775,900	1,693,500	3,469,400
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500
Miscellaneous M	47	2,499,600	6,800	2,492,800	2,499,600
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>98,569,300</b>	<b>58,291,200</b>	<b>40,278,100</b>	<b>98,569,300</b>
P.P. Cable	1	560,126		560,126	560,126
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>560,126</b>		<b>560,126</b>	<b>560,126</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>99,129,426</b>	<b>58,291,200</b>	<b>40,838,226</b>	<b>99,129,426</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	5/5	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Veterans >10K		150,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>200,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	560,126			
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>816,726</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>
<b>Current Use</b>	<b>67/67</b>	<b>6,594,300</b>	<b>1,746,700</b>	<b>4,847,600</b>	<b>6,594,300</b>
<b>Special Exemptions</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>679,800</b>	<b>679,800</b>
<b>Partial Statutory</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>7,611,026</b>	<b>1,796,700</b>	<b>5,784,000</b>	<b>7,580,700</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>7,611,026</b>	<b>1,796,700</b>	<b>5,784,000</b>	<b>7,580,700</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>915,184.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>564,945.00</b>	<b>350,542.26</b>	<b>915,487.26</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>	<b>15</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.

The town was notified by the State of Vermont in 2025 that we are required to conduct a townwide reappraisal. We have signed a contract with the New England Municipal Resource Center to conduct this reappraisal starting in July of 2029. The contract arrangement was accepted by the State of Vermont Department of Taxes.

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 2025

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The Rutland County Sheriff's Office is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great County. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025 we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns.

We continue to seek out grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our web site, [www.rutlandsheriff.net](http://www.rutlandsheriff.net) and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town as they arise. I want to thank the citizens of Middletown Springs for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Middletown Springs for many years to come.

In the Town of Middletown Springs, we investigated 66 calls for service. They included 34 Traffic Stops, 4 Service for Trespass Orders, 2 Thefts, 1 Fraud, 1 Welfare Check, 2 VIN Inspections, 1 Arrest, 18 Tickets, 23 Warnings, and 2 Animal Complaints.

David J. Fox, Sheriff

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

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- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -  
[www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

Steve Sgorbati, Chair, Sudbury  
John Garrison, Vice Chair, West Haven  
Gail Fallar, Secretary, Tinmouth  
Linda McGuire, Treasurer, Shrewsbury

Pamela Lavoie Clapp, Administrator  
Telephone: (802) 342-5701  
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Website: [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

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 mandates, managing solid and hazardous waste in a responsible and cost-effective manner.

In 2025, SWAC held two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events in partnership with Republic Services, collecting 8.18 tons of hazardous waste from 136 households. Materials included flammable solvents, aerosols, pesticides, oxidizers, mercury compounds, propane tanks, and other regulated substances. An additional 2.09 tons of latex and oil-based paint were collected and sent through the Paint Care stewardship program, which covers disposal costs at no charge to towns.

**2026 SWAC Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events** held in partnership with Republic Services are on: **Saturday, April 25** at the **Rutland Town Transfer Station** and **Saturday, October 3** at the **Fair Haven Transfer Station**, both from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Accepted materials include flammable solvents, aerosols, pesticides, oxidizers, mercury compounds, propane tanks, and other regulated substances. Visit the SWAC website for full details and updates.

**Between Events:** Residents outside the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) may purchase a non-district permit to access the Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows for HHW drop-off, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling services. Permits can be purchased at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, or at the RCSWD offices at 1 Smith Road, Rutland (Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). Call 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

**To help reduce HHW costs and environmental impact**, residents are encouraged to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Choose less-toxic products, when possible, use them up for their intended purpose, or share leftovers with neighbors or community groups. For year-round disposal of electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil, residents can access free drop-off locations throughout the region. Visit the “What Do I Do With...” page on the SWAC website for current locations and details.

In 2025, SWAC also finalized and adopted its updated Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), approved by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). Implementation begins in 2026. The plan outlines expanded strategies for managing solid and hazardous waste across all SWAC towns and is available on the SWAC website.

SWAC’s continued success reflects the dedication of town staff, representatives, volunteers, town clerks, and administrators. Each contributes countless hours to ensure operations remain efficient, compliant, and cost-effective, even amid ongoing challenges.

Your town was represented by:

Benson: Greg Fontaine, Guy Charlton, Heidi Chandler  
Chittenden: Elmer Wheeler, Alyssa Reynolds  
Fair Haven: Joe Gunter, Sam Lucci  
Middletown Springs: Amanda McGill, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon  
Pawlet: Lenny Gibson  
Town of Rutland: Larry Delveneri, Steve Canney,

Bill Sweet  
Shrewsbury: Bert Potter, Linda McGuire  
Sudbury: Steve Sgorbati (Chair)  
Tinmouth: Chris Martone, Gail Fallar  
West Haven: John Garrison (Vice Chair)

Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	24/25 <u>Budget</u>	24/25 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
<b>Taxes</b>			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,315,363	2,272,104	(43,259)
Less School \$ from Town	1,424,422	1,130,193	(294,228)
Less State of VT Payment	551	299,385	298,834
Total Adjustments Added	0	9,330	9,330
<b>Town Taxes Net - Current</b>	<b>890,391</b>	<b>851,856</b>	<b>(38,535)</b>
 <b>Other Revenues</b>			
Delinquent Tax	5,000	34,239	29,239
Interest on Delinquent taxes	2,000	13,549	11,549
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	2,000	3,788	1,788
State of Vermont - Highway	53,000	55,209	2,209
State of Vermont - Current Use	58,000	60,912	2,912
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines	0	1,802	1,802
Grant Revenue - Election Infrastructure	0	5,000	5,000
Grant Revenue - Highway	69,000	26,433	(42,567)
Licenses & Permits	7,000	8,807	1,807
Recycling Receipts	1,500	1,500	0
Cramton Fund	3,000	6,659	3,659
Copeland Milk Fund	6,000	6,000	0
Bank Interest	5,000	8,231	3,231
Other	0	87	87
Transfer Station Fees	22,000	20,969	(1,031)
Special Trash Fees	1,500	1,722	222
<b>Total OTHER Revenue</b>	<b>235,000</b>	<b>254,906</b>	<b>19,906</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (Net tax + OTHER)</b>	<b><u>1,125,391</u></b>	<b><u>1,106,762</u></b>	<b><u>(18,629)</u></b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Salary - Town Clerk	30,195	30,195	0
Salary - Town Treasurer	19,215	19,215	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	4,285	4,146	139
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	0

Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	24/25 <u>Budget</u>	24/25 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>General Government</b>			
Salary - Listers	7,000	7,757	(757)
Salary - Animal Control Officer	275	275	0
Law Enforcement	25,000	19,635	5,365
Salary - Auditors	2,000	667	1,333
Payroll Taxes	7,000	6,878	122
Independent Audit (R)	5,000	5,000	0
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	6,400	6,400	0
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	1,000	23	977
St of Vt Childcare Contribution	0	521	(521)
Clerical	1,000	1,000	0
Computer Technology (R)	8,500	8,500	0
Elections	6,000	4,366	1,634
Planning Commission	1,500	0	1,500
Street Lights	5,000	5,047	(47)
Telephone	4,800	4,131	669
Office Supplies	2,000	1,958	42
Copier Expense	500	0	500
Town Report	4,000	4,482	(482)
Record Preservation (R)	1,000	1,000	0
Education/Conferences	500	265	235
Mileage	1,200	1,407	(207)
Town Office Security	600	522	78
Postage	2,000	2,416	(416)
Legal	5,000	465	4,535
Website Maintenance	1,000	251	749
Tax Map Updates	0	3,600	(3,600)
Lister Expenses	600	1,219	(619)
Solid Waste - Trash/Compost Hauling	22,000	17,641	4,359
Solid Waste - Wages	12,840	8,803	4,037
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	2,664	(1,164)
Solid Waste SWAC Dues	4,050	4,077	(27)
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,604	(104)
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	5,000	4,329	671
Solid Waste - Recycling	12,000	9,682	2,318
<b>SubTotal Solid Waste</b>	<b>58,890</b>	<b>48,800</b>	<b>10,090</b>
Insurance - Property & Liability	19,000	19,417	(417)
Insurance - Unemployment	650	522	128

Town of Middletown Springs  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	24/25 <u>Budget</u>	24/25 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>General Government</b>			
Insurance - Worker's Comp	15,000	11,018	3,982
Miscellaneous	1,000	297	703
VLCT - Dues	2,210	2,210	0
Planning Commission Dues	1,000	1,000	0
Rutland County Tax	8,000	7,000	1,000
Library Facilities (R)	20,000	20,000	0
Public Notices	500	0	500
Old Cemetery (R)	3,000	3,000	0
VFD Facilities (R)	25,000	25,000	0
Library	31,950	31,950	0
Transfer Station Facility (R)	10,000	10,000	0
Town Property Maintenance	2,500	4,077	(1,577)
Conservation Commission (R)	200	200	0
Election Grant 10/24		5,000	(5,000)
LHMP	0	11,766	(11,766)
Town Excess	0	25,107	(25,107)
Tax Stabilization (R)	0	5,000	(5,000)
Town Building Loan	50,325	50,316	9
Town Office Bldg Utilities/Maintenance	12,500	9,038	3,462
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>419,495</b>	<b>437,259</b>	<b>(17,764)</b>
<b>Dues/Organizations</b>			
Poultney Rescue Squad	32,554	32,554	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	400	400	0
MTS 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

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	<u>24/25</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>24/25</u> <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Dues/Organizations (cont'd)</b>			
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
Child Advocacy Center	400	400	0
Pleasant View Cemetery Assoc.	1,500	1,500	0
Front Porch Forum	0	150	(150)
Big Heavy World	250	250	0
VT Family Network	250	250	0
Habitat for Humanity	350	350	0
Rutland City Restorative	250	250	0
VT Farmers Food Center	500	500	0
<b>TOTAL DUES/ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>124,781</b>	<b>124,931</b>	<b>(150)</b>
 <b>Highway</b>			
Payroll Class II	2,750	1,548	1,202
Payroll Class III	36,850	31,723	5,127
Payroll Maintenance	11,330	9,546	1,784
Payroll Winter II	5,670	5,375	295
Payroll Winter III	37,400	28,044	9,356
Payroll Winter Maintenance	12,485	12,785	(300)
Payroll Tax	12,100	9,019	3,081
Payroll Administrative	5,750	10,503	(4,753)
Payroll Holiday	4,400	2,455	1,945
Payroll Comp Used	2,200	6,286	(4,086)
Payroll Sick Pay	1,650	1,110	540
Payroll Vacation	3,960	3,064	896
Payroll Personal	550	194	356
Payroll Building Maint/Grounds	3,000	2,086	914
Road Commissioner	4,625	0	4,625
Highway Mileage	1,050	1,239	(189)
Insurance - Health	21,500	7,228	14,272
Traffic Control	500	0	500
VMERS retirement	7,700	6,619	1,081
St of VT Childcare Contribution	0	424	(424)
<b>Subtotal Highway Payroll</b>	<b>175,470</b>	<b>139,247</b>	<b>36,223</b>
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	0
Garage - Electric	750	716	34

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	24/25 <u>Budget</u>	24/25 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Highway (cont'd)</b>			
Garage - Heat	3,000	2,395	605
Garage - Phone	700	422	278
Computer Technology	250	0	250
Equipment (R)	20,000	20,000	0
Consulting	5,000	0	5,000
Property Rental	3,600	3,600	0
Grant Project - GIA	15,000	6,996	8,004
Grant Project - Better Back Roads	60,000	21,904	38,096
Gravel - Bank run	5,000	0	5,000
Gravel - Processed	29,000	21,348	7,652
Riprap	6,000	6,262	(262)
Road Fabric	1,500	640	860
Culverts	4,500	8,120	(3,620)
Street Signage	250	702	(452)
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,382	(1,382)
Mowing	4,000	1,200	2,800
Bridge Repair (R)	1,000	1,000	0
Resurfacing	500	0	500
Winter Sand/Stone	24,000	22,680	1,320
Salt	20,000	19,683	317
Calcium	3,000	3,949	(949)
Guardrails	1,500	0	1,500
Tree Trimming	3,500	0	3,500
Highway Fees/Permits	2,500	1,550	950
Highway Public Notices	500	375	125
Shop Supplies	2,000	2,415	(415)
Highway Surplus (R)	0	78,251	(78,251)
Paving (R)	40,000	40,000	0
Highway Building Facilities (R)	20,000	20,000	0
2021 Freightliner Purchase	32,000	31,724	276
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	7,593	(2,593)
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Ford F350 '20.	5,000	3,967	1,033
Repairs/Parts/Other	500	0	500
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Ford F350 '20	500	1,470	(970)
Small Equipment-repairs/purchases	3,000	1,737	1,263
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	2,500	172	2,328

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	24/25 <u>Budget</u>	24/25 <u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Highway (cont'd)</b>			
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	1,500	0	1,500
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	32,000	21,407	10,593
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	5,000	0	5,000
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	6,000	24,200	(18,200)
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	0	2,000
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	4,000	8,086	(4,086)
Repairs/Parts 2021 Freightliner	5,000	4,065	935
Sander/Plow 2021 Freightliner	2,000	1,164	836
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	7,751	2,249
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	435	4,565
Contract Labor-Plowing	2,000	1,365	635
Contract Labor - Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Highway Expenditures</b>	<b>580,120</b>	<b>544,572</b>	<b>35,548</b>
<b>GRAND TTL ALL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>1,124,396</u></b>	<b><u>1,106,762</u></b>	<b><u>17,634</u></b>

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**GENERAL FUND Balance Sheet**  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

**ASSETS**

Cash - unrestricted	\$ 98,863
Cash - restricted	125,153
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	73,622
ARPA FUNDS	0

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 297,638**

**LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

Accounts Payable	\$ 30,129
Petty Cash	(30)
Payroll taxes payable	724
Property tax credits payable	<u>2,857</u>

**Total Liabilities** **\$ 33,681**

Fund Balance - unrestricted	138,804
Fund Balance - restricted	<u>125,153</u>

**Total Fund Balance** **\$ 263,957**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE** **\$ 297,638**

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**Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

**GRAND LIST as of 7/18/2024 411 report** **\$ 91,415,900**

1% of Grand List 914,159

\$ Allocation

Town Tax Rate	0.5090	465,307	
Highway Tax Rate	0.4650	425,084	
School Tax Rates:			
Resident	1.4764	797,576	
Non-Resident	1.6783	626,845	
State Payable			
Adjustments		551	
Total Taxes Assessed			2,315,363
Adjustments			(4,549)
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected			<u>2,272,104</u>

**Principal Taxes Receivable for FY24/25** **\$ 38,710**

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**RESERVE FUNDS  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

Fund	Reserve Name	Balance as of 7/1/2024	Receipts	Interest	Expenses	Unspent Budget Move to Reserve	Balance as of 6/30/2025
Capital Improvement	Equipment	\$ 94,243		\$1,743		\$ 15,781	\$ 111,767
	Paving	131310		2428.27		40000	173738.27
	Recycling	7171		132.6		270	7574.08
	Reappraisal	91252	4617	1687.49			97556.49
<b>TOTAL Cap Imp</b>	<b>\$ 323,976</b>	<b>\$ 4,617</b>	<b>\$ 5,991</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 56,052</b>	<b>\$ 390,636</b>	
Municipal Facilities	Highway	\$ 147,692		\$ 3,006		\$ 20,000	\$ 170,698
	Town Office	43952		894.53			44846.53
	Town Surplus	240967		4904.2		25107	270978.64
	Volunteer Fire Dept	122206		2487.16		18515	143208.16
	Transfer Station	48532		987.73		10000	59519.73
	Library	30389		433.87	30,000	5937	6760.14
<b>TOTAL Muni Fac</b>	<b>\$ 633,738</b>		<b>\$ 12,713</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 79,560</b>	<b>\$ 696,011</b>	
Other Reserve	Bridge	\$ 23,897		\$ 477		\$ 1,000	\$ 25,374
	Record Preservation	32241		643.79	4,367	2448	30965.85
	Computer Tech	7495.39		149.67		1539	9183.86
	Conservation Commission	1221		24.37		-85	1160.37
	Cemetery	12258		244.77		356	12858.3
	Audit	21747		434.24		5000	27181.24
	Tax Stabilization	10147		202.62		5000	15349.62
<b>TOTAL Other Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 109,006</b>		<b>\$ 2,177</b>	<b>\$ 4,367</b>	<b>\$ 15,257</b>	<b>\$ 122,073</b>	
General	Highway Surplus	\$ 44,622		\$ 1,115		\$ 78,252	\$ 123,989
	Memorial Day Commemeration	\$ 1,135		\$ 28			\$ 1,164
<b>Grand Total Reserve Funds</b>		<b>\$ 1,112,478</b>	<b>\$ 4,617</b>	<b>\$ 22,025</b>	<b>\$ 34,367</b>	<b>\$ 229,120</b>	<b>\$ 1,333,873</b>

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**HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

**Municipal Roads Grants in Aid 0594**

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

**EXPENSES:**

**Materials/Services:**

We Dig It Excavation	\$ 2,500.00
Casella Construction	3658.22

<b>Middletown Springs PAYROLL</b>	<b>837.32</b>
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**Other Expenses:**

Employee Benefits	384.16
TOWN Equipment Useage	1084.59
Garland (miscellaneous)	278.00

<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 8464.29</b>
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<b>Grants in Aid Award</b>	<b>\$ 6993.83</b>
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<b>Cost to Town</b>	<b>\$ 1470.46</b>
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**Better Back Roads Grant 1121**

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

**EXPENSES:**

**Materials/Services:**

Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 8,086.67
Garland's Agway	194.90
We Dig It Excavation	4660.00
Casella Construction	7651.53

<b>Middletown Springs PAYROLL</b>	<b>1310.58</b>
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**Other Expenses:**

Employee Benefits	167.10
TOWN Equipment Useage	1938.89
Ferguson (road fabric)	320.00

<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 24329.67</b>
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<b>Better Back Roads Award</b>	<b>\$ 19439.02</b>
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<b>Cost to Town</b>	<b>\$ 4890.65</b>
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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA**  
**Special Restricted Revenue Funds from the US Government**  
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2025

Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	132,781.28
Total REVENUE		0.00
Expenditures:		
10/25/24 United Construction	132,781.28	
John Deere Backhoe Purchase ***		
Total EXPENDITURES	\$	132,781.28
ARPA Balance as of 6/30/25	\$	<u>0.00</u>

\*\*\* Total John Deere Backhoe purchase was \$137,000.00  
Balance of \$4218.72 was paid from the Highway Equipment Reserve

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

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	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>Tax Related</b>				
Property Taxes	\$890,391	\$851,857	\$897,952	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$5,000	\$34,239	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,000	\$13,549	\$2,000	\$2,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,000	\$3,787	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Tax Related</b>	<b>\$899,391</b>	<b>\$903,432</b>	<b>\$906,952</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>State of Vermont</b>				
Vermont Highway	\$53,000	\$55,209	\$53,000	\$55,000
Vermont Current Use	\$58,000	\$60,912	\$65,000	\$64,000
Vermont Other/Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Traffic Fines	\$0	\$1,802	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue Town	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue - Hiway	\$69,000	\$26,433	\$12,000	\$12,000
Highway Reserve for Special Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,500
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$149,356</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$185,500</b>
<b>Fees and Permits</b>				
Fees and Permits	\$7,000	\$248	\$7,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$7,236	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$1,555	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$877	\$0	\$0
Motor Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	(\$1,204)	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Fees &amp; Permits</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$8,807</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>				
Recycling Receipts	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Cramton Fund	\$3,000	\$6,659	\$3,000	\$3,000
Copeland Milk Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$5,000	\$8,231	\$7,000	\$4,000
Other	\$0	\$85	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$22,000	\$20,969	\$20,000	\$20,000
Special Trash Fees	\$1,500	\$1,722	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bank Fees	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$45,168</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,125,391</b>	<b>\$1,106,762</b>	<b>\$1,082,952</b>	<b>\$237,500</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>General Government</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Town Clerk	\$30,195	\$30,195	\$30,950	\$31,880
Town Treasurer	\$19,215	\$19,215	\$19,695	\$20,285
Tax Collector	\$4,285	\$4,146	\$4,395	\$4,525
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Listers	\$7,000	\$7,757	\$7,000	\$8,000
Animal Control Officer	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
Law Enforcement	\$25,000	\$19,635	\$25,000	\$25,000
Accounting/Auditors	\$2,000	\$667	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$7,000	\$6,878	\$7,700	\$6,800
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,560	\$7,500
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,000	\$23	\$1,000	\$3,600
Childcard Contr ER	\$0	\$521	\$450	\$400
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$112,570</b>	<b>\$105,911</b>	<b>\$115,225</b>	<b>\$120,465</b>
<b>Other</b>				
Clerical	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$7,500	\$4,000
Computer Technology	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Elections	\$6,000	\$4,366	\$3,000	\$6,000
Planning Commission	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Street Lights	\$5,000	\$5,047	\$5,000	\$5,500
Telephone/Internet	\$4,800	\$4,131	\$4,800	\$4,500
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,958	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$500	\$0	\$250	250
Town Report	\$4,000	\$4,482	\$4,000	\$4,750
Record Preservation {R}	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$265	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$1,200	\$1,407	\$1,200	\$1,000
Office Security	\$600	\$522	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,416	\$2,000	\$2,500
Legal	\$5,000	\$465	\$5,000	\$5,000
Website Maintenance	\$1,000	\$251	\$3,500	\$1,500
Office Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Map Updates	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,000
Lister Expenses	\$600	\$1,219	\$600	\$600
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$45,200</b>	<b>\$40,629</b>	<b>\$49,350</b>	<b>\$52,100</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Solid Waste</b>				
Solid Waste Trash/Compost/Haul	\$22,000	\$17,641	\$22,000	\$22,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$12,840	\$8,803	\$10,500	\$10,500
Solid Waste Other - Sanitation	\$1,500	\$2,664	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste SWAC dues	\$4,050	\$4,077	\$4,100	\$4,250
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,500	\$1,604	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal	\$5,000	\$4,329	\$5,000	\$5,500
Solid Waste Recycling	\$12,000	\$9,682	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$58,890</b>	<b>\$48,800</b>	<b>\$56,600</b>	<b>\$57,250</b>
<b>Insurance</b>				
Property & Liability	\$19,000	\$19,417	\$23,000	\$23,000
Unemployment	\$650	\$522	\$650	\$620
Workers' Compensation	\$15,000	\$11,018	\$15,000	\$11,500
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$34,650</b>	<b>\$30,957</b>	<b>\$38,650</b>	<b>\$35,120</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$297	\$1,000	\$400
VLCT Dues	\$2,210	\$2,210	\$2,300	\$2,325
Planning Commission Dues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$794
Rutland County Tax	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,500
Library Facilities Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Public Notices	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Firehouse facilities reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$31,950	\$31,950	\$39,729	\$44,800
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$2,500	\$4,077	\$5,000	\$5,000
Conservation Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$25,107	\$0	\$0
Town Tax Stabilization	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Grant Expenses Town	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
LHMP Grant	\$0	\$11,766	\$0	\$0
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$105,360</b>	<b>\$151,608</b>	<b>\$97,229</b>	<b>\$102,519</b>
<b>Town Office</b>				
Loan Payment - Town Office	\$50,325	\$50,316	\$50,325	\$50,325
Town Office Utilities & Maintenance	\$12,500	\$9,038	\$10,000	\$6,000
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>\$62,825</b>	<b>\$59,354</b>	<b>\$60,325</b>	<b>\$56,325</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$419,495</b>	<b>\$437,259</b>	<b>\$417,379</b>	<b>\$423,779</b>
<b>Appropriations incl in Gen Gov</b>				
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Community Care Network	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
BROC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Vermont Rural Fire Protection	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$200
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
New Story Center	\$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/Cornerstone Housing	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mentor Connector	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Child First Advocacy Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Chamber & Eco Dev/Reg Mktg Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$745
Front Porch Forum	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
Vermont Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
Habitat for Humanity	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
Rutland County Restorative Justice	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Appropriations in Gen Gov</b>	<b>\$10,342</b>	<b>\$10,492</b>	<b>\$10,392</b>	<b>\$10,287</b>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$429,837</b>	<b>\$447,751</b>	<b>\$427,771</b>	<b>\$434,066</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Highway</b>				
<b>Payroll</b>				
Payroll Class II	\$2,750	\$1,548	\$2,800	\$5,000
Payroll Class III	\$36,850	\$31,723	\$37,800	\$40,000
Payroll Equipment Maintenance	\$11,330	\$9,546	\$11,600	\$13,500
Payroll Winter II	\$5,670	\$5,375	\$5,800	\$6,500
Payroll Winter III	\$37,400	\$28,044	\$38,330	\$40,000
Payroll Winter Equipment Maintenance	\$12,485	\$12,785	\$13,000	\$15,000
Payroll Taxes	\$12,100	\$9,019	\$9,750	\$10,300
Road Commissioner	\$4,625	\$0	\$4,625	\$4,625
Health Insurance	\$21,500	\$7,228	\$30,000	\$30,000
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll-Administrative	\$5,750	\$10,503	\$5,900	\$5,900
VMERS Employer	\$7,700	\$6,619	\$7,900	\$7,600
Payroll-Holiday	\$4,400	\$2,455	\$4,510	\$4,000
Payroll-Comp Time Used	\$2,200	\$6,286	\$2,255	\$2,000
Payroll-Sick Pay	\$1,650	\$1,110	\$1,700	\$2,000
Payroll-Vacation	\$3,960	\$3,064	\$4,060	\$2,350
Payroll-Personal Days	\$550	\$194	\$560	\$560
Road Commissioner-Mileage	\$1,050	\$1,239	\$1,000	\$1,000
Childcare Contr ER	\$0	\$423	\$565	\$565
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$172,470</b>	<b>\$137,161</b>	<b>\$182,655</b>	<b>\$191,400</b>
<b>Garage</b>				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	3600
Electric	\$750	\$716	\$750	\$750
Heat	\$3,000	\$2,395	\$1,000	\$2,000
Phone	\$700	\$422	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$3,000	\$2,086	\$500	\$500
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Property Rental	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
<b>Total Garage</b>	<b>\$39,900</b>	<b>\$32,820</b>	<b>\$35,400</b>	<b>\$36,400</b>
<b>Road Maintenance</b>				
Bank Run Gravel	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$29,000	\$21,348	\$29,000	\$29,000
Rip Rap & Ditching Stone	\$6,000	\$6,262	\$6,000	\$6,000
Road Fabric	\$1,500	\$640	\$1,500	\$1,500
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$4,500	\$8,120	\$3,000	\$7,000

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Road Maintenance Cont'd</b>				
Street Signage	\$250	\$702	\$500	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,382	\$1,000	\$1,000
Mowing	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$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	\$22,680	\$30,000	\$25,000
Salt	\$20,000	\$19,683	\$20,000	\$20,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$3,949	\$3,000	\$4,000
Guardrails	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Tree Trimming	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$7,000
Grants In Aid Grant	\$15,000	\$6,996	\$10,000	\$15,000
Special Project: Garron 26/27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Special Project: Daisy Hollow 26/27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,500
Better Roads Grant	\$60,000	\$21,904	\$0	\$0
Highway Surplus	\$0	\$78,251	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$500	\$375	\$500	\$500
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	\$2,500	\$1,550	\$2,000	\$2,000
Highway Facility Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Shop Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,415	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>\$276,750</b>	<b>\$291,180</b>	<b>\$216,000</b>	<b>\$273,000</b>
<b>Repairs &amp; Parts</b>				
Grader	\$5,000	\$7,593	\$0	\$0
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$5,000	\$3,967	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Parts</b>	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Other</b>				
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$500	\$1,470	\$0	\$0
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,000	\$1,737	\$0	\$0
Loader	\$2,500	\$172	\$0	\$0
Sander/Plow 7600 International	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$32,000	\$21,407	\$32,000	\$32,000
7600 International	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Freightliner Green 2016	\$6,000	\$24,200	\$0	\$0
Sander/Plow Freightliner 2016	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
JCB Backhoe	\$4,000	\$8,086	\$0	\$0

Town of Middletown Springs  
**SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 GENERAL BUDGET**

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	FY 2025		FY 2026	FY 2027
	Year ending 06/30/2025		Year ending 06/30/2026	Year ending 06/30/2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Repairs &amp; Parts (cont'd)</b>				
Repairs - Freightliner 2021	\$5,000	\$4,065	\$0	\$0
Sander/Plow - Freightliner 2021	\$2,000	\$1,164	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Parts</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>	<b>\$73,860</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>
<b>Contract Labor</b>				
Hauling	\$10,000	\$7,751	\$10,000	\$10,000
Rental	\$5,000	\$435	\$5,000	\$5,000
Plowing	\$2,000	\$1,365	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$9,551</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$580,120</b>	<b>\$544,571</b>	<b>\$528,055</b>	<b>\$594,800</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES GEN GOV &amp; HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$1,009,957</b>	<b>\$992,322</b>	<b>\$955,826</b>	<b>\$1,028,866</b>
<b>Appropriations to be Voted</b>				
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$32,554	\$32,554	\$39,700	\$39,700
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$81,885	\$81,885	\$86,000	\$86,000
CEDRR/Reg Mktg Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$745	\$0
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED</b>	<b>\$114,439</b>	<b>\$114,439</b>	<b>\$126,645</b>	<b>\$125,700</b>

Town of Middletown Springs  
COPELAND MILK FUND 2024

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**TRUSTEES REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD	FY23 -----	FY24 -----	FY25 -----
<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	(July 1, 2022)	(July 1, 2023)	(July 1, 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
 <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>ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	(June 30, 2023)	(June 30, 2024)	(June 30, 2025)
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	631,978.46	702,247.33	749,909.77
<b>MONEY MARKET CHECKING</b>	9,472.32	9,374.62	3,275.27
<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Carl P. Haynes, Terry Redfield, Christopher Fenton		

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**COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND  
COMMITTEE REPORT 2025**

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.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Opening Account Value</b>	<b>241,991.61</b>	<b>239,885.23</b>	<b>253,339.93</b>
Deposits, including investments transferred in	2,500.00		
Withdrawals and fees, including investments transferred out	-34,557.52	-18,319.30	-13,268.00
Dividend and interest income	9,070.25	10,037.84	11,790.54
Change in market value	20,880.89	21,736.16	23,202.69
<b>Closing account value</b>	<b>239,885.23</b>	<b>253,339.93</b>	<b>275,065.16</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Hansen

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

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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. In 2024, 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.

There is no updated information for 2025.

Trustees: Art Castle, Chris Ray, (Town Voted Position is Vacant)

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

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**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 funding.

A report from the Trustees is pending.

Trustees of Public Monies are: David Carr, Steven Harrington

**The Helen Buxton Henderson Educational Fund**

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.

A report from the Trustees is pending.

Trustees of Public Monies are: David Carr, Steven Harrington

**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.

A report from the Trustees is pending.

Trustees of Public Monies are: David Carr, Steven Harrington

# Town of Middletown Springs PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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## 2025 Report

The Pleasant View Cemetery Association Trustees continue to oversee and maintain the Cemetery grounds for public usage to the best of our ability. The Cemetery is mowed on a bi-weekly schedule during the mowing season and weed-whacked every other mowing. The mowings are scheduled to coincide with the Memorial Day and 4th of July holidays as best we can.

We continue to try and make small but meaningful improvements in the appearance and maintenance of the Cemetery thanks to a handful of dedicated volunteers. This season we oversaw the removal of a large declining blue spruce tree, and also utilized the tree service to elevate tree limbs (overhead trim) along the roadways for vehicular clearance. We are also working on trying to accomplish some badly needed repairs to the 'Buxton' mausoleum, both internal and external.

We thank Art Castle for his dedicated work in serving as our longtime Superintendent. Art is a great resource and works diligently with the various funeral home directors when a final resting place is needed due to the loss of a loved one. He answers many questions and fields countless telephone calls, and his service and knowledge are much appreciated.

Many of our fellow townspeople utilize this beautiful and serene space as a quiet and safe place to walk and reflect as they visit loved ones' final resting places.

Middletown Springs Elementary School students have also utilized the Cemetery road network as a safe location to learn responsible bicycle riding skills. We hope to be able to maintain this wonderful site for many generations to come, and we are grateful for the community support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Redfield, Chairman

Pleasant View Cemetery Association  
Terry Redfield, Chair  
Chris Ray  
Art Castle  
Bridget Tarbell



Middletown Town Springs Cemetery (aka The Old Cemetery), is owned and maintained by the town as a historic cemetery. A crew of volunteers has been working to clean old stones, part of an ongoing project to update the cemetery inventory and repair broken and misplaced stones.

Town of Middletown Springs  
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**For Year Ending December 31, 2025**  
**RECEIPTS**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2025	\$13,399.51	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	975.58	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	3,372.88	
Burials	4,450.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	1,000.00	
Town of Middletown Springs 2025-2026 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Donations	25.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$24,722.97</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping	\$4,525.00	
Community Bank--Perpetual care	800.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	1,700.00	
VT Secretary of State--Biennial Report	35.00	
Trees, Inc.--Tree cutting & removal	3,825.00	
Debonis Landscaping--opening graves; topsoil	1,425.00	
USPS--postage	15.60	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$12,325.60</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2025</b>		<b>\$12,397.37</b>

**INVESTMENTS**

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$12,015.00	
Community Bank--Money Market	13,999.49	
Community Bank--CD	77,836.12	
Community Bank--CD/Barker Mehuron	11,015.26	
Community Bank--CD	11,029.38	
		<b>\$125,895.25</b>

**TRUSTEES**

Terry Redfield  
Christopher Ray  
Bridget Tarbell  
Arthur Castle

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

**Library Director's Report  
2025**

The activity logs and the daily experience of staff and volunteers both vouch for the fact that activity in the library has increased. We credit this in part to our current offerings and in part to the community's anticipation for the move to the new building.

This year, the library applied for and was awarded two important service grants. The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Rural Libraries award provided \$2,000 worth of new books to the children's section (plus \$500 for the school library), author and storyteller visits, underwriting for programming for 0-5-year-olds and \$1,000 for the children's area in the new building. The AARP-VT Winter Placemaking Grant provided \$4,000 for programming and activities to reduce winter isolation and increase connection among the adults in our community. Both awards increase our capacity to provide services and programs which will carry over to the new building.

Behind the scenes, the staff is working diligently to support the trustees with the library's relocation and expansion, planning for new programs, developing new protocols and policies for smooth operations, and preparing for the colossal effort needed to move the 6500+ items in the collection from one building to the other.

The volunteer team has grown, increasing the number of people who volunteer regularly to help staff the library, as well as those who have taken on special projects or offered to oversee various events and happenings.

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 10% increase in our patron numbers indicates that more and more people are taking advantage of what the library has to offer.

The Friends of the Library board works closely with the Library Board of Trustees to coordinate and collaborate on fundraising to support the library's growth and vitality. They also host several of their own fundraising initiatives 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.

We remain deeply appreciative of the support the library receives 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 Library Director

**Library Board of Trustees**  
Kristal Haynes Hier, Chair  
Beth Miller, Vice-Chair  
Bree Gunter, Treasurer  
Sean Ruck, Secretary  
Glenn Tarbell, Member

<b>Library Activity - by the Numbers</b>	<b>FY '23-24</b>	<b>FY '24-25</b>
Visits	1752	2238
Items Checked Out	2163	2647
Programs & Events Offered	24	51
Number of People Attending	300	791
Number of Volunteers	15+	30+
Times "Meeting Room" Borrowed	12	36
Times Library Technology Used	77	195
Total Number of Patrons	391	432
Items Added to Collection	268	239

<b>Annual Campaign FY '25-26</b>	
<i>Together, We're Turning the Page</i>	
thru Dec. 31, 2025	
<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Donations</b>
Library Reg Operating Budget	4,000
Friends of the Libraries Memberships (60)	1,000
Library Expansion Project	1,930
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,930</b>

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

**Treasurer's Report**

	FY 24/25	FY 24/252	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
	Budget	Actual	Current Budget	Approved Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Town Allotment	31,950	31,950.00	39,729	44,800
Fundraising	7,410	7,186.28	8,040	11,650
Expansion Funds	0		0	10,000
FOL Contribution	750	750.00	750	1,250
Interest	20	8.16	10	1,045
Louis Library	750	0.00	1,000	1,000
Program Grants	0	750.00	0	750
Donations	350	100.46	350	350
Fines/Fees/Payments	50	328.00	50	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,280</b>	<b>41,072.90</b>	<b>49,929</b>	<b>70,945</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Staffing</b>				
Library Director	17,160	15,062.68	16,416	17,237
Assistant Director	10,171	12,996.50	13,903	16,345
Program Coordinator	0	0	0	9,360
Payroll Taxes (total)	2,104	2,212.88	2,510	3,558
Education	100	65.00	100	200
<b>Library Services</b>				
Collection	4,195	4,821.80	4,000	4,000
Programs/Events	250	678.23	250	1,000
Interlibrary Loan / Postage	850	829.64	850	900
Supplies	450	795.39	500	750
Tech/Computers	400	749.57	400	600
<b>Facilities Overhead</b>				
Building & Grounds Maintenance				
Electricity / Heat & Cool	2,500	2,212.79	6,900	8,000
Plow/Mow/Garden	1,500	1,978.77	2,500	2,500
Maintenance	1,000	381.79	1,000	1000
Cleaning	0	0	0	2,000
Internet / Phone	600	596.21	600	840
<b>Development</b>				
Annual Appeal	*	*	*	750
Fundraising Events	*	*	*	1,500
Donor Software	0	0	0	405
<b>TOTAL Expense</b>	<b>41,280</b>	<b>43,381.25</b>	<b>49,929</b>	<b>70,945</b>
DIFFERENCE	0	(2,308.35)	0	0

\* fundraising expenses are embedded in fundraising totals

**Restricted Accounts**

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
HFCU Savings Account	5,311.78	25.13	25.25	25.36
Memorial Contributions	8,970.00	400.00	650.00	700.00
Fidelity Funds Account	32,283.78	36,093.08	46,202.07	52,386.95
Memorial Funds (CD)		13,550.64	14,107.84	14,686.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,566</b>	<b>50,068.85</b>	<b>60,985.16</b>	<b>67,798.64</b>

## Middletown Springs Public Library Building Project Report Update through December 2025

The long awaited and diligently planned renovation of the former St Anne Church began in earnest at the beginning of November 2025. By summer/fall 2026, it will be the new home of the Middletown Springs Public Library, and operate as a public library and community center with six times the space of the current building, a large community gathering space for meals, workshops, and events, telehealth room for private virtual meetings, conference room, reading loft, and teaching kitchen.

The Library Board, with the support of the Selectboard and the dedicated help of Peter Stevenson as project consultant and Library Director Kimberly Bushnell, has worked tirelessly with the Friends of the Library to secure the building and several major construction grants while developing a practical and feasible design with Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe & Wesner Architects.

Since 2011, the Friends of the Library, and including the generous bequest from Patricia McCormack (Maureen McCormack's sister) in 2015, has been raising funds for the library to expand for longer than any of the current plans have been in place. Their vision for the larger role a library can play and commitment to provide more space in which that can happen is to be commended. As a 501(c)3, they continue to play a crucial role as a conduit for tax-deductible donations and in seeking grant and foundation awards.

The construction work is being overseen by Naylor & Breen Construction, the same company that did the work on the new town office. The major construction work is proceeding as planned and on budget, with completion expected by summer.

The Library Board is continuing to seek other grants and institutional support as well as speaking with a number of major donors. This spring, we will launch the aptly named "Bridge to Tomorrow" expansion campaign. While we have the funds to complete the construction, additional funds are needed to equip, outfit, and furnish the building, and to expand our operations to take advantage of all the new building will be able to offer to the residents of Middletown Springs and the wider community.

More than thirteen years in the planning, we look forward to being able to welcome the community to a Grand Opening sometime in the fall of 2026. In the meantime, there is much to be done and we are incredibly grateful for the support and diligence of all involved.

Kristal Haynes Hier  
Chair of the Library Board of Trustees

**Note: Appropriation Request #7 on 2026 Town Warning**



Left: Groundbreaking for the New Library, November 8, 2025

Above: CLiF Author visit at MSES, October 3, 2025

Town of Middletown Springs  
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**Middletown Springs Public Library Building Project Report  
Update through December 2025**

All Building Project Spending thru DEC. 31, 2025			
Source of Funds	Amount Spent	Grant Award Total	Remaining Award in Grant
CPF Grant	469,847.11	1,449,356.35	979,509.24
MERP Grant	100,177.99	225,182.10	125,004.11
Non-Grant Funds	27,940.01		
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>597,965.11</b>	<b>1,674,538.45</b>	<b>1,104,513.35</b>

LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT BUDGET			
as of Dec 31, 2025			
<b>Income (in hand/pledged)</b>			
	Construction Grants	1,674,538	
	Major Donors	160,000	
	Friends of the Library Reserve	75,000	
	Town's Library Reserve	60,000	
	Community Donations	16,600	
	Institutional Gifts	6,000	
	Other (incl: insur. payout, scrap)	48,102	
	<b>Total Income (to date)</b>	<b>2,041,164</b>	
<b>Expenses (actual/expected)</b>			
	Building Purchase	100,000	
	Construction Costs	1,858,474	
	Furnishings & Equipment	193,500	
	Indirect	150,025	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,301,999</b>	
	<b>Bridge to Tomorrow Campaign</b>	<b>260,835</b>	
	to be raised over next 12-18 months		
	from donors, institutions, grants		

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

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**A Year In Review 2025**

**Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report**

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department (MSVFD) responded to a wide range of emergency calls this year, including motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, carbon monoxide alarms, fire alarm activations, furnace malfunctions, EMS assists, illegal burns, reports of smoke in the area, chimney fires, brush and grass fires, downed power lines and trees, and a hazardous materials response. MSVFD also provided mutual aid to neighboring departments, including the Poultney Volunteer Fire Department, Ira Volunteer Fire Department, and Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department.

**Training and Collaboration**

In addition to emergency responses, our volunteers dedicate hundreds of hours each year to training. These training sessions take place throughout the year and often in coordination with nearby departments. Given the nationwide shortage of volunteer firefighters, MSVFD works closely with regional partners to ensure efficient and safe operations. Our members train on each other's equipment, apparatus, and water supply systems, reinforcing the spirit of teamwork that is essential for rural fire service.

**Grant Funding and Equipment**

On August 23, 2024, MSVFD was notified by the Department of Homeland Security that its Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was approved for \$59,357.14, supporting a total project cost of \$62,325.00. These funds were used to purchase new fire hose for all apparatus, which was received in 2025. The new fire hose has been installed and is in active use. MSVFD has also applied for an additional FEMA grant to replace fittings, nozzles, and adapters compatible with the new hose. That application is currently pending.

**Apparatus and Equipment**

MSVFD operates five apparatus:

- **Ladder Truck**
- **Engine/Rescue**
- **Attack Truck**
- **Engine/Tanker**
- **Heavy Rescue**

The ladder truck serves multiple purposes: vehicle extrication, medical assists (including defibrillator use), roadway closures, structure and chimney fires, roof access, and water supply. The ladder truck, for example, can be set up in under two minutes—allowing for rapid access to roofs or chimneys immediately upon arrival.

The attack truck, while primarily used for brush and grass fires, is also capable of operating as a primary pumper and can navigate rough terrain, deep snow, or muddy conditions. The heavy rescue is a particularly versatile unit, equipped with specialized rescue gear, Jaws of Life tools, ice surface cold water, and rope rescue equipment, hazardous materials supplies, gas meters, and thermal imaging cameras. It also features a 1,000 GPM pump, a 300-gallon water tank, and pre-connected hand lines—enabling it to function as a pumper when needed.

Our apparatus fleet ranges in age from **1973 to 1995**, all meticulously maintained and fully paid off. Replacing this fleet today would cost approximately **\$5.5 million**. MSVFD is particularly grateful for a generous donor whose contribution made it possible to acquire the heavy rescue vehicle at **no cost** to the department or taxpayers.

## Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report

### Fundraising and Community Events

In 2025, MSVFD hosted four fundraisers:

- **Memorial Day Concession Stand** (now largely a cherished community gathering event)
- **Pizza Oven Raffle**
- **Pampered Chef Fundraiser**
- **Annual Golf Tournament**

Additionally, Halloween at the Firehouse continues to be a favorite non-fundraising event, with a record number of trick-or-treaters this year. We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in Trunk-Or-Treat and look forward to even more community involvement in 2026.

### Financial Stewardship

The MSVFD Board of Trustees is a nonprofit organization, which oversees the department's financials, fundraising, and communications. After careful review, the Board has chosen not to increase the operating budget request for Fiscal Year 2027. The MSVFD Board of Trustees understands the burdens and financial concerns that our taxpayers are facing. The Board decided to level-fund the operating budget in an effort to avoid an additional burden on taxpayers.

### Community Engagement

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support, feedback, and engagement from our community. The MSVFD membership meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and the Board of Trustees meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Community members are always welcome to visit, share questions or concerns, and express interest in volunteering.

Our volunteers take immense pride in serving Middletown Springs. The department remains 100% volunteer—neighbors helping neighbors. We are committed to continual improvement and to providing the highest standard of fire and rescue service for our community.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you to the dedicated members of MSVFD for your service and sacrifice.

**Note: Appropriation Request #9 on 2026 Town Warning**



Above: MSVFD Ice Water Rescue Training 2024  
Center: Ladder Truck at a Structure Fire  
Right: Responding to a vehicle accident



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

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**MSVFD Profit and Loss January-December 2025**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

Grant EMW-2023-FG-00036,FEMA	\$59,357.14
Contributions	\$1,420.00
Fundraising	\$5,352.00
Rescue Truck Donation	\$15,000.00
Town Quarterly Payment	\$82,913.75

**Total Income** **\$164,042.89**

**Gross Profit** **\$164,042.89**

**Expense**

Accounting Services	\$675.00
Grant EMW-2023-FG-00036,FEMA	\$62,701.54
Building Maintenance	\$4,654.25
Diesel/Gas	\$2,302.26
Dispatch Service	\$5,500.00
Electric	\$3,014.28
Equipment Maint & Repair	\$602.61
Garage Rental 535	\$2,400.00
Grant Writer	\$5,000.00
Ground Ladder Testing and Aerial Testing	\$1,996.87
Heating Fuel	\$6,509.03
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	\$3,986.87
Insurance	\$14,004.06
Radio Repairs	\$397.24
Breathing Air Compressor-Maintenance and Testing	\$2,504.00
New Equipment	\$1,862.64
Cold Water Rescue Equipment	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$515.01
New Pagers - Communications	\$1,128.40
Fundraising	\$3,135.40
FIT Testing	\$1,920.00
Telephone	\$3,929.87
Training	\$0.00
Turnout Gear	\$3,830.14
Forestry Grant	\$0.00
DMV/Trailer Reg	\$61.00
Rescue Truck	\$15,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance #531	\$6,436.73
Vehicle maintenance #532	\$0.00
Vehicle Maintenance #533	\$0.00
Vehicle Maintenance #534	\$1,056.89
Vehicle Maintenance #535	\$1,219.55
Vehicle Maintenance #536	\$486.83
Snow Mobile/Skid Unit	\$3,730.90

**Total Expense** **\$160,561.37**

**Gross Profit** \$164,042.89

**Total Expenses** -\$160,561.37

**Net Profit** **3,481.52**

**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 10 paid employees and 2 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 363 calls in 2025. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

- Calls in Poultney - 269
- Calls in Middletown Springs - 31
- Mutual Aid calls for surrounding towns -18
- Interfacility transfers - 21 (often bringing people home from hospital)
- Total Calls taken in 2025 - 287

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 2026. 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 and as we can. Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 6th year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 7 years now and comes with 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 Rachael Lynch EMT, Cadence Muth EMT, Katrina Davenport AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, Geanina Swanay AEMT.

A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT Retired, 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.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2026. 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 #10 on 2026 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs  
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

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Planning Commission Report 2025

The work of the Planning Commission in 2025 has focused on drafting revisions to the Town Plan, which is due for renewal according to state statutes. The Middletown Springs Commission worked with the Regional Planning Commission to refine the draft proposed Town Energy Plan developed in late 2024, and to compile information necessary for the draft Town Plan. A first draft of revisions is very close to completion and should be ready for the state-mandated review and approval process by February 2026.

The Planning Commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm in the Town Office. Input from the public is always welcomed.

Planning Commission Members: Steve Harrington, Holly Cronin and Aaron Anderson.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Sullivan Woods Halloween Walk



Sullivan Woods Gathering Celebrating Kathy Doyle



Dedication and Naming of Sullivan Woods Loop Trail  
In Memory of Kathy Doyle



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

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**Conservation Commission Annual Report 2025**

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission (MSCC) is a five-person board established in 2000 to steward the town's 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods, located on the northeast side of Fitzgerald Road. The commission 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 2025 Green Up Vermont Day took place on Saturday, May 4. The Daisies and Brownies (K-3rd graders) of Troop 63133 made a large new sign advertising the event and handed out stickers and snacks on the day of the event itself. A total of 37 families and individual volunteers worked together to cover approximately 15 miles of the town's roads, picking up and disposing of 38 bags of trash.

**Sullivan Educational Woods**

After clearing the trails, arranging for the removal of a large dead pine tree that threatened to fall on the kiosk, and renewing trail markers along the 0.8-mile loop trail in the town forest, the conservation commission worked to resume a tradition established many years ago of monthly community walks. These resumed in August and have occurred monthly since then. The October Walk was Halloween-themed and held in conjunction with the library. Over 30 people attended! The event featured crafts, a decorated trail patrolled by a friendly scarecrow, and children's stories read along the way by a local witch.

In November, the woods loop trail was named "Kathy's Way" in honor of Kathy Doyle who was a founding member of the Conservation Commission and established the original community walks. A dedication ceremony was held on November 16 with 40 people in attendance, including Kathy's husband and son. Kathy, who passed away during the summer, played a key role in the early establishment of Sullivan Woods and led and participated in numerous activities in the forest over the years. She was a forest ecologist, researcher, and educator as well as a vigorous community member. Those in attendance joined for a walk around the trail loop after a round of reflections and the unveiling of a memorial placard now mounted on the kiosk at the entrance to the trail. The conservation commission encourages you to visit and enjoy the forest regularly, and to join us for monthly "Second Sunday Walks" (2:00 p.m.) along the trail.

Rutland County Audubon subsequently donated \$100 in honor of Kathy Doyle for the upkeep of Kathy's Way. The Middletown Springs Library is also including activities in Sullivan Woods in their recently awarded "Winter Sparks" grant from the AARP, designed in part to encourage outdoors community engagement of people over the age of 50.

**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 one of our monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Thanks to one community member attending a meeting with concerns, the commission will be establishing reptile/amphibian crossing signs to be placed in the spring where salamanders and frogs are known to be active crossing the road yearly and in danger of being struck by oncoming traffic.

**Members:** Daniel Brooks, Beth Carmody, Clara Eden, Steve Harrington, Nelson Hernandez



# Town of Middletown Springs

## MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Our New Building

With the purchase in 2024 of the c.1800 Middletown Baptist Church/Town Garage building, opposite the Green on North Street, the Historical Society Board of Trustees fulfilled the decades-old dream of acquiring a central place for storing and displaying our collection of horse-powered agricultural equipment.

Most prominent and most numerous in the agricultural equipment collection are pieces made in Middletown from 1845-1917 by Albert W. Gray and his sons Leonidas and Albert Y. Gray. The A.W. Gray & Sons collection includes a one-horse treadmill, a two-horse treadmill, seven threshers, a drag saw, a corn sheller, and a bagging stand.

Also in Middletown, Eugene W. Gray (no relation to the other Grays) manufactured agricultural equipment. The MSHS collection includes E.W. Gray's horse-drawn planter, a cheese press, and a wooden washing machine, manufactured by Eugene Gray.

Development of public access to the building and new museum displays and interpretation will begin after the current building resident, the Middletown Springs Town Garage, relocates to a new building.

### Our 2025 Activities

Middletown Springs Historical Society Trustees produced two popular annual events in 2025: the Maple Festival in March, and the Strawberry Festival in June. Besides delicious shortcake, the Strawberry Festival featured the debut of an exhibit of quilts from the MSHS Museum collection, *Patterns and Provenance: Quilts of Middletown Springs, 1840-1920*. The exhibit featured 20 quilts, representing 15 different historic patterns, that have been passed down through six Middletown Springs families. The exhibit in the ground level exhibit room continued through the end of 2025.

The second-floor auditorium of the MSHS building, known to generations of Middletoners as the Adams House or the Community House, still features the excellent dance floor and the stage used for local theatricals and high school graduation ceremonies. Now it also boasts the Middletown History Timeline exhibit, highlighting outstanding events and people that enlivened the town from the 1760s to the 1970s.

### Our Website

More information about the Historical Society and its activities can be found on our website. The new site features town history articles, photo galleries, an archive of MSHS newsletters and a YouTube channel. Recently added to the YouTube channel is the Video History Project accessing four recordings on Middletown history subjects: *A Town Built on Agriculture*; *Crossroads: How Topography & Transportation Shaped a Vermont Town*; *Horse Power: The Story of A. W. Gray & Sons*; and *The Montvert Hotel and Mineral Springs*, narrated by Middletown Springs historian and MSHS President, David Wright. Over 50 hours of video interview recordings were indexed and archived as part of the project. Visit now at [www.mshsvt.org](http://www.mshsvt.org).

### Join Us

The Historical Society has over 200 memberships including 70 town residents, 16 second-home owners, and over 150 families throughout the country. Membership is open to all. Members receive the MSHS newsletter as well as discounted facilities rentals.

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



Town of Middletown Springs  
**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**2026 Events:**

Maple Festival and Maple Raffle viewing and drawing - Sun., March 15

Strawberry Festival & Crafts Market – Sun., June 21

Annual Meeting and Museum Open House - Sun., Sept. 20

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**Trustees for 2025-2026:** Clara Eden, Andrew Hayes, Madeleine Hayes, Pat Hemenway, Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Maureen McCormack, Chere Tournet, Sharen Underwood, David Wright

Respectfully submitted,  
David P. Wright, President

**Mission Statement**

*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*

MSHS 2025 Maple Festival



MSHS 2025 Strawberry Festival



# Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

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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 116,288 visits to 3,989 patients. In Middletown Springs, we provided 507 visits to 18 individuals.

Contact: (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. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

We had a great turnout in 2025 with 25,351 volunteers picking up 426.7 TONS of trash and 14,307 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.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and flood clean-up across the State.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2026, May 2nd** and help us celebrate over 55 years of keeping Vermont green! Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, contests for kids, and a \$1,00 scholarship. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

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

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

## Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2025, 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 2025, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 4,741 hours of services to 37 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

In 2025 Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) supported 50 older residents in Middletown Springs through both our home delivered "Meals on Wheels" program as well as through monthly in-person luncheon gatherings. A total of 2,237 meals were delivered and served this past year directly to Middletown Springs residents. Additionally, SVCOA provided 13 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to residents of Middletown Springs.

SVCOA Case Management and Outreach staff supported older residents in your community for a total of 358.50 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately and assess their individual 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: Toll-free and Confidential HelpLine assistance; 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 4 households in the Town of Middletown Springs with weatherization services as well as 33 residents with other services. 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 46 years, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY25, 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 FY25, 2 residents of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs:  
Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) & Home Access Program (HAP)

Toll-free I-Line, 1-800-639-1522

Website: [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 28+ years of the program, 1,236 grants totaling over \$2.98 million have been provided to 235 Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

This work makes it faster and easier for firefighters to respond to fires in areas that aren't served by municipal water systems, reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is housed at the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), a non-profit founded and overseen by Vermont's 14 conservation districts.

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

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

## 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 2020 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 2025, in addition to our 11,032 ambulance calls, "Medic One" responded to 128 intercept calls.

(802) 773-1746.

• *Included in General Government Expenditures*

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### NewStory Center

For over 45 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We work to break the cycle of abuse through compassionate support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY25, NewStory Center served 659 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical and 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 3 residents of Middletown Springs this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

www.nscvt.org;  
Crisis: 802-775-3232  
Office: 802-775-6788

**•Included in General Government Expenditures**

### Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless pets, promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people, and serve as a resource for residents dealing with animal related concerns.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, member donations and special events. As an independent nonprofit organization, RCHS receives funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. Your community's support is essential to our mission--we can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society provided care and/reunited 11 animals from the Town of Middletown Springs from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025.

802-483-9171  
website: RCHSVT.org

**•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, 2024, to June 30, 2025, 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 FY25, 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 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**

Town of Middletown Springs  
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**Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District**

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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. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Check our website for more information.
- **Clean Water Service Provider** - partnering with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local Clean Water Service Provider.

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

**•Included in General Government Expenditures**

**Cornerstone Housing (fka NeighborWorks of Western Vermont)**

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Cornerstone Housing Partners (Formerly NeighborWorks of Western Vermont), a nonprofit, provides answers and support for homebuyers and owners.

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:

- 152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 83 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 31 Energy Loans, totaling \$432,657 helped homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 49 rental units were brought back online or constructed, increasing housing stock.
- 7 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$25,220 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 12 Home Repair Loans totaling \$156,449 and 33 Home Repair Grant totaling \$210,417 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 108 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 24 became homeowners.
- 55 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
- 11 households received foreclosure intervention and prevention counseling.

Without your town's support, we wouldn't be able to provide these services.

Rental Services: 802-775-3139  
Home Ownership Services: 802-438-2303  
www.nwwwvt.org

**•Included in General Government Expenditures**

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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 individuals living with Developmental Intellectual Disabilities by managing each client's individual 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.
- **Life Skills:** Life Skills courses, *Budgeting* and *Holistic Health* began in the spring followed by all courses, *How to Eat Well for Myself*, and *Reading for Joy* taught a lot of practical information and key skills to be used in daily life.
- **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:** For over twenty-five years, MVRTD has provided transportation for all ARC events and monthly meetings through the Older Adults and Disabilities Grant from VT Transit. Despite many federal cuts this year, we will still be able to provide transportation to event for many who otherwise would not have access.
- **Self-Advocates & Akton Club:** This year we expanded our Self-Advocate Disability Acceptance presentations to include personal experiences as a disabled adult in an interactive experience between our members and the audience. This is truly a learning experience for all. Akton Club members have raised funds through the Annual Car Wash, selling Sun Catchers, and are embarking on showing their talents in an art show at Castleton Gallery.

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 802-775-1370  
info@arcrutlandarea.org

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### Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

During FY2025, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

**SMART Device Training Program:** 627 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY25, the highest number in the program's seven year history

**PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group:** PALS Groups are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social, and emotional challenges of vision loss. 91 individuals attended PALS meetings in FY25.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** This program enables to work one on one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skill, meet fellow peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self advocacy skills.

#### **Community Outreach**

VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. In FY2025, the agency provided services to a total of 1,061 Vermont residents, including 2 adults in Middletown Springs, and 102 adults and 21 children in Rutland County.

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

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### American Red Cross of Northern New England

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 homes safer by installing 2,800 smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained more than 41,000 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected over 137,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- Responded to 525 disasters, the majority of which were home fires, assistin nearly 2,200 people.

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) 464-6692  
supportnne@redcross.org  
www.redcross.org/nne

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### 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 2025, The Child First Advocacy Center served 164 clients and 120 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to one (3) Middletown Springs families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Students grades K-12.

(802) 747-0200

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Regional Marketing Initiative

**Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region**

Our communities and businesses are resilient and proactive in their thinking. As an example of this, during the winter of 2025 the CEDRR Board of Directors engaged in a strategic planning session. The Board recognized that the five-year anniversary of the merger of Rutland Economic Development Corporation and the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce was fast approaching. The Board met several times to draw upon past successes and set goals for the future. The work resulted in a refreshed vision and mission.

**Vision** - Rutland County is the most collaborative, innovative and friendly community to grow your future.

**Mission** - We connect people and resources to ignite economic growth to build a strong Rutland County for everyone.

We support our members and our communities by managing projects, solving problems and actively listening. Because we are active listeners and because of our broad base of partnerships, business members, and connections to state and federal organizations, we can effectively connect the dots. We can respond to the needs presented to us by pivoting to our partners, partners who can help deliver.

We connect people and resources to ignite economic growth to build a strong Rutland County for everyone, a Rutland County that is the most collaborative, innovative and friendly community to grow your future.

We look forward to continuing to serve you – our colleagues, friends, organizations, municipalities and businesses – as we focus on supporting this special place we call home.

www.rutlandvermont.com  
802-773-2747

*•Included in General Government Expenditure*

Rutland County Restorative Justice Center

Our agency 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 FY2025, the Rutland County Restorative Justice Center (RCRJC) provided 531 individuals with the opportunity to choose community, accountability, and support over traditional criminal justice responses. Through our 9 programs, RCRJC continues to build safer, stronger, and more connected communities across Rutland County. This past year, 115 individuals took accountability through Restorative Justice Panels, guided by trained community volunteers focused on repairing harm and rebuilding trust. 69 victims received direct support and empowerment to safely express impact and reclaim their sense of agency. Our Youth Justice and Prevention programs supported 16 youth through assessment and individualized plans, while 93 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth improved school attendance, coping skills, and family connection. An additional 64 young people completed the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program, strengthening their decision-making and reducing future risk. RCRJC's Substance Use and Recovery programs connected 50 participants with treatment and wellness resources, while 20 individuals successfully navigated court requirements through Pre-Trial Services. Our Driver's License Reinstatement program supported 64 residents in regaining employment and independence, and 39 incarcerated individuals were screened for restorative reentry opportunities. Finally, 21 community affinity circles fostered belonging and resilience among participants with shared lived experiences. Together, these efforts continue to strengthen the social fabric of Rutland County by promoting healing, accountability, and lasting community connection.

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

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### Vermont Farmers Food Center

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

VFFC increases access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets and market access, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products. 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 returned to Farmers Hall last November and is there each Saturday, November through early May

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.
- 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.
- **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 serves members of our community through those programs.

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

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### The Mentor Connector

Each year, The Mentor Connector guides more than 150 vulnerable youth and young adults in south-western Vermont through life changing friendships to build goals, character, and skills to be successful in life. 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 802-775-3434

MentorConnetor.com

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**PRE-TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2025**

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**Town Meeting Informational Meeting  
Held on Monday, March 3, 2025  
Start time: 6:30pm | Approved Minutes**

Moderator, Andrew Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Welcoming everyone to Town Meeting 2025. Andrew recognized Kevin Eaton who volunteered to be the Zoom moderator for the evening. Andrew also thanked our former moderator, Kimberly Bushnell, for her many years of service.

Andrew gave a brief review of the meeting mechanics and expectations for folks on Zoom as well as in the room, then led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Representative Chris Pritchard joined the assembly and was awarded the privilege to speak as a nonresident.

Chris gave a brief update on what he's been doing up in Montpelier. He's on the Environment Committee. He explained the types of issues they focus on in the committee. Talked about a few specific issues, one being the 3-acre impervious surface rule and the financial consequences for folks affected by it. The committee is working on 3 or 4 bills that have yet to move out of committee. Chris explained the bills he's sponsored this year. One is about banning cell phones in schools; they are hoping to get this bill out of committee for discussion on the floor. He introduced a bill on behalf of a constituent in Tinmouth that prohibits earned time for people who have repeat felonies. The bill has tri-partisan support, but he's not sure if it will get out of committee and onto the floor.

Chris offered a workshop for constituents on navigating the Vermont.gov website. If folks are interested, please sign his sign-up sheet. He then asked for any questions from the floor.

Question from Robin Chesnut-Tangerman who asked, "...aside from Education what other two bills are hot items at the legislature this session?"

Chris answered that Public Safety is one. And that he is concerned about the cost of healthcare. There are a lot of challenges.

No other questions.

Kevin Eaton gave an update that there were about 13 people joining by Zoom. In person attendance looked to be about 55 or 60 people.

Andrew read the warning introduction as written, then moved on to read the articles, opening the floor for comments and questions after each article.

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?

Nita Burch-Clay gave a brief overview of the auditor's report this year. They are pleased with the work of the town treasurer, the clerk, and the selectboard. She mentioned that the town trust funds are doing very well and being managed effectively. We have over a million dollars in trust funds currently and the work on those funds is paying dividends.

She asked town officials to take a look at the items on the to do list and try to tick some of those items off. She was happy to see that the Selectboard is beginning to think about another outside financial audit.

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The auditors plan to focus their attention on the upcoming town library project over the coming year.

Nita asked folks to think about joining the auditors' team, they have one open seat that they'd like to fill for the upcoming year.

Lastly, Nita encouraged folks with questions about finances to send them those questions. They are happy to dig into the processes and answer people's questions.

No questions.

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$427,771** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$344,771** 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?

Patty Kenyon, SB member explained that many of the nonprofit appropriations are now included in the town's general budget. So, if people have questions about any of the appropriations in the budget, now is the time to ask those questions.

Terry Redfield thanked Patty for spearheading this change, which saved the town \$1300 in programming and paper costs for this election.

Chere Tournet asked the Selectboard what the childcare cost was in the budget?

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer & Former State Representative Robin Chesnut-Tangerman explained that it is a new state tax implemented by the legislature to help subsidize childcare.

James Moran asked for clarification on the policy for appropriations. The board clarified the policy guidelines.

Neil Russell asked why law enforcement is rolled into the general budget and not a separate line item as it had been in the past.

Patty Kenyon answered that for the past two years, the board has included it in the budget. Essentially because it has never failed as a budget item, so as a matter of administration, the board decided to add it to the budget. This could change if voters expressed their desire for such a change.

Neil Russell asked why the low amount, \$14,974 compared to the budget of \$25,000 for the sheriff in 2024.

Patty Kenyon & Terry Redfield answered that we get billed for the hours spent here and so that reflects actual time spent in Middletown Springs over that period.

Dan Querrey asked about the budget line items for property maintenance and the old cemetery. What does each of those items cover?

Patty & Terry explained that cemetery work is done out of the old cemetery budget and that property maintenance covers upkeep at the town office, the West Street property, etc.

He thanked the town for the completion of the new town office. It's a great addition to the town center. But he is concerned about the cedar trees that line the old cemetery on West Street and that they are an eyesore and should be replaced. His hope is that this might be addressed in the near future. He would like folks to take a look as they drive by. He would like to see them cut down and the town plant a new hedge.

Jon Mathewson added that his research showed that there is a stipulation that there be a hedgerow along West Street. He wonders if the town is still bound by that stipulation.

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John Weatherhogg Trustee of the Copeland Cemetery Fund weighed in that this fund does have money that might be able to be used to help with getting this issue solved. He will take the question back to his board and will get back to the town with an update.

No other questions.

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?

Neil Russell asked are we still maintaining the road past the Poultney town line?

Bill Reed answered that there is an agreement and a joint effort to maintain a very hazardous section of road. He also mentioned that Poultney maintains our section of McIntyre Road consistently.

John Weatherhogg asked about the dollar difference between this year and last year's budgets.

Patty & Jenny answered that basically the town and highway are running pretty flat. But because revenues also change with expenses it's hard to do a year over year comparison on the fly.

Neil Russell asked does the town highway garage currently have a working time clock?

Patty answered, no.

Neil then asked how do we track accurate time?

Patty answered that we keep track by using time sheets.

No other questions.

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

No questions.

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?

Gabby Hayward asked for the board to explain the reserve fund. Where will the money go and how will it be spent?

Patty answered that the funds have been used to help build the town office and, the intention is to help the town address some of our infrastructure needs in the future.

Carl Haynes referred to page 26 in the town report where all the funds are itemized.

Terry Redfield added that the practice also helped to reduce the yo-yo effect that used to happen with taxes, when a budget surplus would artificially buy down taxes, then disappear the following year making taxes feel that much higher not reflecting actual spending.

Herb Childress added that very soon we will see that this savings account will be useful because in the near future we will no longer be able to occupy the current town garage facility, so we will need to embark on a project to build a new town garage and we'll need funds to tap into fairly soon as planning progresses.

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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?

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman asked the Fire Department what the grant money in their financials this year was spent on.

Joe Castle answered that this grant was for new air packs that they got last year.

Dan Querrey took the opportunity to express his gratitude to the Middletown Springs Fire Department. Over the course of the last two years, he had been reaching out to the sheriff, the state police and numerous other state agencies for help that he never satisfactorily received. When the issue culminated with a fire that destroyed the house his parents had called home for many years, the Fire Department was there. Kind, courteous, and professional. We couldn't spend enough money for this volunteer fire department.

No other questions.

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?

Neil Russell recounted some former requests from the rescue squad being substantially lower.

Herb Childress reported that 2 years ago the request was \$12,000 last year was \$31,000. We did not receive a lot of information about that increase in request last year, nor did we receive a lot of information this year. There has been no representation at our last two informational meetings from the rescue squad.

Neil expressed his belief that if the town didn't approve funding, the rescue squad would still be required to respond.

Joe Castle confirmed that state dispatch would request their response for our town as they are the closest responders to us.

Carl Haynes weighed in with some logistics of running a small agency and said that their costs have skyrocketed as they try to keep full-time and part-time paid responders on duty and recruit volunteers. In his opinion, services are not going to last much longer with the struggle to get volunteers and paid people.

Nora Rubinstein asked how much the rescue squad has been able to give this community?

Jenny Talke Munyak answered that the number of calls they responded to for the past year is in the town report. Jenny also requested that the Selectboard adjust their policy to require any request larger than \$5000 must be accompanied by a financial report in addition to a written report.

John Weatherhogg added some basic math calculations, and that in essence, it's a few cents a day per person.

Kristal Hier, Kevin Eaton and Terry Redfield weighed in with support for the rescue squad and their services.

No other questions.

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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?

Joe Castle, Fire Chief explained that towns get money from this organization to install dry hydrants in their towns to enhance fire coverage. Every dry hydrant the town has around town has been paid for by grants from this agency.

No other questions.

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?

Patty Kenyon provided a point of information; this article was voted down last year that is why it's on the ballot this year.

No questions.

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?

Patty Kenyon provided a point of information; this organization did not make a request last year, so that's why it's a separate vote this year.

Herb pointed out that article 8, 9, 10 and 11, are examples of all of the contingencies in our new agency funding policy.

Dan Querrey asked for more information about Mentor Connector and their programming.

Gabby Hayward provided some information on her experiences with that program as a counselor. She fully supports this program.

Dan asked if anyone in Middletown Springs had been served by this program in the last year?

Patty reported that their report did not indicate serving anyone from town this year but in the past, they have served people in Middletown Springs.

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

Terry Redfield thanked Patty Kenyon for her service on the Selectboard over the past nine years. The town will miss her talents and help on the selectboard going forward.

Herb Childress added that we have 40 or so elected positions and 20 or so appointed positions in town. There are any number of ways to support the community. Herb asked everyone in the room to consider the ways their talents could be put to use to serve the town in one of these positions moving forward.

Bill Reed expressed his opinion that Neil Russell, a candidate for one of the open Selectboard seats, would not be a fair and unbiased member of the board.

Jenny asked if someone from the Library could speak about their new building, the grant and the upcoming renovation project.

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Kristal Hier, Library board chair, gave an overview of the current state of the project. Over the past year, the library was able to purchase St. Anne Church using donated funds. The board applied for and were lucky enough to receive a large capital improvement grant of \$1.4M from the Department of Libraries for renovating the building. They also applied for a MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program) grant for energy efficiency upgrades and were awarded \$225,000 from that program.

Work has begun to clean up the building and get ready for construction this spring.

Herb weighed in that the two grants the library received are zero match grants. So, the town is not obligated for any matching funds for this project.

Kristal added that this building will have a full kitchen and be available for larger events and as a community center. They are also working to raise money for soft costs and the ongoing maintenance costs that will be a part of having a larger building.

Herb also mentioned that they are working with the Red Cross to include amenities that meet their standards for emergency shelters.

Patty Kenyon thanked the library board for their work on getting us here and expressed how exciting it is to have this opportunity in our town.

There were no more questions from the floor.

The moderator then recessed the meeting at 8:30pm until 7am on March 4, at the Middletown Springs Town Office for voting by Australian ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon  
Town Clerk

Approved by Moderator, Andrew Hayes on March 13, 2025

Approved by Selectboard: March 27, 2025

Attest: Patty Kenyon, March 28, 2025



Town Gathering On The Green 2025

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2025 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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**2025 Town Meeting Results**

Total Registered Voters	675
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>318</b>
Total Early/Absentee Votes	75

**Town Officers**

**Moderator**

<b>Andrew Hayes</b>	<b>275</b>
Write In	1
Blank	42

**Delinquent Tax Collector (2yrs Remain)**

<b>Heather L Grier</b>	<b>275</b>
Write In	1
Blank	42

**Selectboard - 2 yr**

James P Mars Jr	132
<b>Terry Redfield</b>	<b>176</b>
Write In	0
Blank	10

**Selectboard - 3 yr**

Neil T Russell	146
<b>Isaac Yackel</b>	<b>159</b>
Write In	3
Blank	10

**Lister - 3 yr**

<b>Patricia Hemenway</b>	<b>285</b>
Write In	2
Blank	31

**Auditor - 3 yr**

<b>Juanita Burch-Clay</b>	<b>281</b>
Write In	0
Blank	37

**Auditor - 3 yr (2 Years Remain)**

*No candidate w/enough votes*

No Candidate	0
Write In	7
Blank	311

**Library Trustee - 3 yr**

<b>Beth Miller</b>	<b>291</b>
Write In	1
Blank	26

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**Trustee Copeland**

**Church Fund - 1 yr**

<b>Rita Hansen</b>	<b>285</b>
Write In	2
Blank	30

**Trustee Copeland**

**Cemetery Fund - 1 yr**

No Candidate	0
<i>write in-</i> <b>John Weatherhogg</b>	<b>66</b>
Other Write Ins	14
Blank	238

**Trustee Louis Fund &**

**Other Public Monies - 3 yr**

No Candidate	0
<i>write in-</i> <b>Steve Harrington</b>	<b>66</b>
Other Write Ins	15
Blank	237

**Planning Commission - 3 yr**

No Candidate	0
<i>No candidate w/enough votes</i>	Write In 17
	Blank 301

**TOWN ARTICLES**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>
Article 2 - Auditor's Report	<b>284</b>	26	8
Article 3 - General Budget	<b>238</b>	72	8
Article 4 - Highway Budget	<b>241</b>	70	7
Article 5 - Surplus into Tax Stabilization	<b>260</b>	50	8
Article 6 - Surplus into Facilities	<b>246</b>	65	7
Article 7 - MSVFD	<b>257</b>	58	3
Article 8 - Poultney Rescue	<b>216</b>	98	4
Article 9 - Rural Fire	<b>271</b>	44	3
Article 10 - Regional Marketing	<b>171</b>	144	3
Article 11 - Mentor Connector	<b>205</b>	108	5

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2025 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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Wells Springs Unified Union School District  
2025 Elections

**Voted February 26 - Meeting from the Floor**

School Moderator	Walt Anderson
School Treasurer	Tammy Holcomb
School District Clerk	Patty Kenyon

**March 4, 2025 School Election - Australian Ballot**

**Total Votes Cast - 597**

Middletown Springs - 317 Wells - 280

**Contest - SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

SCHOOL DIRECTOR WELLS - 3 yrs

<b>Name On Ballot</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>Sue Burke</b>	<b>462</b>
Write-in Total	10
Blank or Spoiled	125

SCHOOL DIRECTOR  
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS - 3 yrs

<b>George Gonda</b>	<b>477</b>
Write-in Total	4
Blank or Spoiled	116

**ARTICLES**

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**ARTICLE 8.** School Budget

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Town of Middletown Springs  
**WARNING - TOWN MEETING 2025**

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**Town Meeting—February 23, 2026, and Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

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, February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. of the following week, March 3, 2026, 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=UkRKbnI2c28xcDhmcWJITmE3UENkZz09>  
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.

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 3, 2026, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**

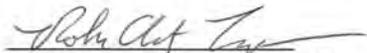
1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$434,066** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$354,566** to be raised by taxes on the 2026 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$594,800** for the **care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$436,800** to be raised by taxes on the 2026 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027?
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 \$25,000** 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 \$25,000** 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 voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve an additional **\$10,000** for the **Middletown Springs Public Library** to be used to help support the library's operating budget as part of the transition to the new library building?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to **exempt from property taxes** for a period of **5 years from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031**, the property which is located on Firehouse Lane, and which is owned by the **Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Association Inc.** and is issued for the purposes of such organization?

Town of Middletown Springs  
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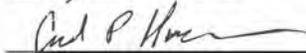
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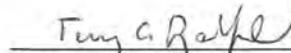
9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$86,000** for the **Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown 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?
11. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS:**

  
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Chair

  
Isaac Yackel, Vice-Chair

  
Carl P Haynes

  
Terry Redfield, Clerk

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Sean Ruck

**Dated January 22, 2026**

Received for Record on January 23, 2026

ATTEST:   
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs  
**2026 TOWN MEETING - OFFICES & CANDIDATES**

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**TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026  
OFFICES & CANDIDATES**

<b><u>TOWN OFFICES</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE(S)</u></b>
TOWN MODERATOR	1 YEAR	ANDREW HAYES
SELECTBOARD	3 YEARS	ROBIN CHESNUT-TANGERMAN
SELECTBOARD	2 YEARS	CHRIS FENTON
		ROBERT MCMAHON
LISTER	3 YEARS	RANDOLPH KNIFFIN
AUDITOR	3 YEARS	TRACY WEATHERHOGG
AUDITOR - 1 YR REMAINS	3 YEARS	MEREDITH MORGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 YEARS	HOLLY CRONIN
PLANNING COMM – 2 YRS REMAIN	3 YEARS	<i>NO CANDIDATE</i>
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	BREE GUNTER
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	TANYA HUMPHREYS
TRUSTEE COPELAND CHURCH FUND	1 YEAR	RITA HANSEN
TRUSTEE COPELAND CEMETERY FUND	1 YEAR	<i>NO</i>
<i>CANDIDATE</i>		
TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & PUBLIC MONIES	3 YEARS	<i>NO CANDIDATE</i>
TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & PUBLIC MONIES (1 YR REMAINS)	3 YEARS	<i>NO CANDIDATE</i>
<b><u>SCHOOL (WSUUSD) OFFICES</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE(S)</u></b>
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – WELLS	3 YEARS	AMANDA WEEDEN
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MIDDLETOWN SP	3 YEARS	<i>NO CANDIDATE</i>

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 25, 2026, and March 3, 2026**

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 Middletown Springs Elementary School in said Town or virtually at the following link: [meet.google.com/tvb-tpyy-fhy](https://meet.google.com/tvb-tpyy-fhy) or Join by phone **1 260-333-9672 PIN: 714 232 744#** at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 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 3, 2026, 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 25, 2026**

- 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 2026-2027 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

**March 3, 2026**

- 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. 

“Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$6,475,972.30 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 \$12,617, which is a 1.58% decrease 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.

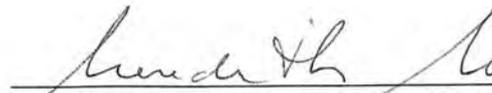
Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 5 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

**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.**

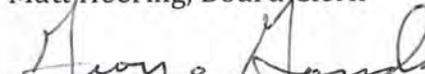
Approved by the Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont, this 14th day of January 2025.

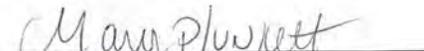
  
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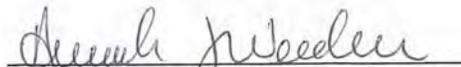
  
Meredith Morgan, Board Vice-Chair

  
Matt Heering, Board Clerk

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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 NEW website** at <https://middletownsprings.vt.gov>. Subscribe to receive news alerts, the town newsletter, board minutes and daily snippets. You chose what interests you! Please let us know if you can't find something you're looking for or have something to contribute. We'd love to add your events to the town calendar. You can reach us by email at [middletown@vermontel.net](mailto:middletown@vermontel.net) (Town Clerk) or [middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com).
- **Read the middleTOWN NEWSletter** published on the first of the month, the newsletter is posted on FPF and the town website. To subscribe and receive it directly by email visit the town website at: <https://middletownsprings.vt.gov/subscribe/> and check "Town Newsletter". It is also available in hard copy at the town office and the library, or delivered by USPS to those who contact the library to subscribe for \$9 a year to cover 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 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

**Middletown Springs Elementary School**

**15 School House Road**

**Middletown Springs, VT**

**or Remotely:**

Join with Google Meet

[meet.google.com/tvb-tpy-fhy](https://meet.google.com/tvb-tpy-fhy)

Join by phone

(US) +1 260-333-9672 PIN: 714 232 744#

**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 FY27 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 Louis Milazzo at [louis.milazzo@grcsu.org](mailto:louis.milazzo@grcsu.org)

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- **NEW DATE: Monday, Feb 23: Pre-Town Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at MSES**  
For landline, smartphone or computer access instructions  
please see Town Meeting Warning
- **Wednesday, February 25: Wells Springs Board of School Directors  
Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Middletown Springs Elementary School  
Or Virtually or by phone (See inside back cover for details)
- **Monday, March 2: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot**  
Middletown Springs Town Office open until 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 3: Town Meeting Vote!**  
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Office - 5 South St.