

# TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Current reports of the Town Officers and Town School District for  
the year ended June 30, 2016

Town Meeting is at the Rumney School and  
starts at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

*Please bring this book with you!*

*Ruth D. Pope*

## **TOWN MEETING DINNER**

Enjoy a delicious dinner with your neighbors after Town Meeting and help support a good cause at the same time!

**When: Tuesday, March 7**

(Meal begins right after Town Meeting)

**Where: Rumney School**

Suggested Donation: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids under age 12

*Proceeds benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf.*

**Menu:**

- Spaghetti with your choice of topping (meat sauce made with local grass-fed beef marinara sauce or pesto).
- Homemade whole wheat rolls with butter
- Fresh green salad
- Dessert smorgasbord!



Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Middlesex Food Shelf will be collected on Town Meeting Day.

Please bring an item if you liked to make a donation.

Do you have a fabulous cake or cookie recipe? Or perhaps a fruit salad or cheese plate that can't be beat? Please contribute your favorite after-dinner treat to the dessert smorgasbord! If you can help, please contact Liz Scharf at 223-9189 or [liz.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:liz.scharf@gmail.com).

**COVER IMAGE:** Many thanks to local artist, Ruth Pope, for sharing her artwork for this year's Town Report cover! Ruth has lived in Middlesex for several years and is often inspired by the view from her deep-woods studio.

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## DEDICATED TO BILL CALLNAN AND CINDY CARLSON

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The 2016 Town Report is dedicated to former Select Board member William Callnan and former everything (Town Clerk, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds, Select Board Assistant and, once upon a time, Assistant Town Clerk) Cindy Carlson. It is fitting that they should be honored on the same page since Bill and Cindy share common values – honesty, diligence and frugality.

A native of Maine and graduate of Boston College, Bill moved to Middlesex in 1975, having worked for National Life since 1971. His earliest involvement with the town was serving as auditor with Helen Weed, heeding the admonition of a seventh-grade teacher who taught him that good citizens give back - a lesson he never forgot.

He served two stints on the Select Board, from 1989 to 1994, and from 2002 to 2016, when he retired to spend more time at his vacation home in Florida. He might not have volunteered for the second round had not the late Walt Kelley twisted his arm one day while Bill was working in the garden. Almost impossible to deny “Mr. Middlesex.”

Looking back, Bill said he feels pretty good about the economical fire station update, in which Cindy played a part, too, and his efforts to keep the town taxes stable. Once very active on the town recreation committee, Bill helped to reconstitute the baseball farm league and start up the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>-grade girls’ basketball team. The hardest part of being a Select Board member? Dealing with neighbor vs. neighbor squabbles where either side rarely wins.

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Cindy became involved with town government back in the 1990s when then Town Clerk June Lakin recommended her as secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Like Bill, she was motivated by giving back to the community where she has lived since 1979 and raised her two daughters, where her parents once lived, and where her brother, Joe, still lives. Middlesex is very dear to her heart.



Having worked in the insurance industry since 1979, Cindy continued to take on additional responsibilities, especially after June resigned from the Treasurer position in January 2009 due to health reasons. The Select Board appointed Cindy (then Select Board Assistant for the previous decade) and then appointed her Town Clerk later that same year. In 2012, she filled the positions of Zoning Administrator and Collector of Delinquent taxes, eventually resigning from her Town Clerk position in 2013.

It might come as no surprise, then, that Cindy found the biggest challenge to be balancing her many duties to the town with her full-time job, though she was honored to be asked by June to assume those responsibilities. Recently, Cindy took on the tough task of helping the Planning Commission revise the town’s zoning regulations which were finally approved by the Select Board in January.

Now retired from municipal service, Cindy said she looks forward to taking time for herself, her friends and family, especially her grandchildren. She already has a road trip planned along the California coast, the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam.

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## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX FEES

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**ZONING AND ACCESS PERMIT FEES**

Zoning permits are required for erecting, constructing, enlarging or moving any buildings or structures, excavation or landfill, any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land.

Applications for Zoning Permits and Access Permits are at the Town Clerk's Office or online at: [www.middlesexvermont.org](http://www.middlesexvermont.org).

**ZONING FEES:**

Residential, commercial or industrial project under \$25,000.....	\$ 75.00
Residential project over \$25,000.....	\$ 200.00
Commercial or industrial project over \$25,000.....	\$ 325.00
Sub-Division Fees (per lot).....	\$ 125.00
Home Industry.....	\$ 125.00

(Above fees include a \$10.00 recording fee. There will be an additional \$10.00 recording fee if a Certificate of Occupancy is required)

**FEES DOUBLE FOR PROJECTS WHICH HAVE INITIATED CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT.**

**HEARINGS:**

Planning Commission Hearing .....	\$ 75.00
Board of Adjustment Hearing .....	\$ 75.00

**ACCESS PERMITS:**

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

Access Permit Fees:.....	\$ 35.00
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**DOG LICENSES AND FEES:**

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1, 2017.

Neutered/Spayed .....	\$ 9.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$ 13.00

If registered after April 1, 2017:

Neutered/Spayed .....	\$ 11.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$ 17.00

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSE:</b> .....	\$ 60.00
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**RECORDING FEES:**

Certified copies of Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates (each)	\$ 10.00
Land Records (per page) .....	\$ 10.00
Survey Maps (Mylar) .....	\$ 15.00

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS - KEEP THEM HANDY!

Middlesex Fire Department.....	<b>Emergency</b> .....	Dial 911
Middlesex Fire Department.....	Non-Emergency .....	223-5525
Middlesex Fast Squad.....		Dial 911
Montpelier Ambulance.....	<b>Emergency</b> .....	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	<b>Emergency</b> .....	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	Non-Emergency .....	229-9191
Zoning Administrator.....	Vacant .....	223-5915
Fire Warden (Burn Permits): Contact Jason Merrill.....		793-6069

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Office.....	223-5915
Fax.....	223-1298
Clerk Email: <a href="mailto:mdxclerk@comcast.net">mdxclerk@comcast.net</a>	
Asst. Clerk Email: <a href="mailto:mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net">mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net</a>	
Treasurer/Tax Collector Email: <a href="mailto:middlesxtreas@comcast.net">middlesxtreas@comcast.net</a>	
Website: <a href="http://www.middlesexvermont.org">www.middlesexvermont.org</a>	

### LISTERS:

Office Hours: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Telephone: 223-5915 E-mail: [middlesxlisters@comcast.net](mailto:middlesxlisters@comcast.net)

### TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Town Garage, Shady Rill Road..... 229-0838  
Road Foreman: Paul Cerminara ..... (802) 399-7216  
Email: [middlesexhgwy@comcast.net](mailto:middlesexhgwy@comcast.net)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

**Kimberly Jessup**  
Cell: (802) 249-9306  
Email: [jessupkimberly@gmail.com](mailto:jessupkimberly@gmail.com)

### MEETING SCHEDULES

Middlesex Select Board.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Middlesex School Board.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Fire Department.....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
U-32 School Board.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Conservation Commission.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Planning Commission.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Cemetery Commission.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday

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## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

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All numbers are 802 area code unless otherwise noted.

**Animal Control Officer:**

Erika Holm, 249-2127 (c) 223-3556 (h)  
If Erika is unavailable, please contact  
Health Officer Liz Fortman, 249-1058.

**Bandstand: "Martha Pellerin & Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand"**

John Puleio, 229-0881

**Delinquent Tax Collector:**

Dorinda Crowell (appointed), 223-7781

**Cemetery Contacts:****Middlesex Cemetery Commission**

(Carr Cemetery, North Branch Cemetery,  
and Middlesex Village Cemetery)  
Evelyn Gant, 223-6488  
Gary Lamell, 223-2710  
Janet McKinstry, 223-5997

**Middlesex Center Cemetery (Lot Sales):**

Earle Ellingwood, 223-7555

**Central VT Regional Planning**

**Commission Rep.:** Ron Krauth, 229-5496

**Central VT Solid Waste Management**

**Dist. Rep.:** Anita Krauth, 229-5496

**Central VT Solid Waste Management**

**Dist. Office:** 229-9383, [www.cvswmd.com](http://www.cvswmd.com)

**Churches:****Middlesex United Methodist Church**

For information call 223-5118.

Website: [www.middlesexUMC.org](http://www.middlesexUMC.org)

**Shady Rill Baptist Church:**

For more information call Tonya Brett,  
229-5458 or Charles Brett, 223-6706.

**Emergency Phone Numbers:**

Middlesex Fire Department: 911  
Montpelier Ambulance/Middlesex Fast  
Squad: 911  
Vermont State Police (K-Troop): 911

***Use these numbers for non-emergencies:***

Fire Chief: Doug Hanson, 229-6361  
Fire Warden: Jason Merrill, 793-6069  
Emergency Management Chairperson:  
David Jablonski, 989-2864  
Vermont State Police (K-Troop): 229-9191

**Food Shelf:** (Middlesex United Methodist  
Church) Ben Skolnik: 318-0827 or  
[benskoln@gmail.com](mailto:benskoln@gmail.com)

Liz Scharf: 223-9189 [liz.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:liz.scharf@gmail.com)

**Girls/Boyz First!! Community-Based  
Mentoring Program:** Wendy Freundlich,  
229-4798**Green Up Day:**

Lee Rosbeg, 309-1629  
Green Up Vermont, 229-4586

**Health Officer:**

Liz Fortman, 249-1058

**Historical Society:**

Patty Wiley, 272-8074  
Sarah Seidman, 223-4828  
Richard Alderman, 223-3953

**Justices of the Peace:**

Peter Hood, 223-6518  
Doug Lombard, 229-9600  
Theo Kennedy, 223-4748  
Dexter Lefavour, 223-7829  
Chris McVeigh, 223-6558  
Charlie Merriman, 249-8096

## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)

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**Listers:**

Richard Alderman, 223-3953  
Caleb Deane, 223-5752  
Eric Young, 229-9908

**Meals on Wheels (for Middlesex):**

Karol Smith, 244-1234  
director@wasca.org

**Moderator:** Susan Clark, 223-5824,

**Recreation Director:**

Mitch Osiecki, 760-9674

**Road Commissioner:**

Steve Martin, 371-8697

**Road Foreman:**

Paul Cerminara, 229-0838 (w), 399-7216 (c)

**Town Service Officer:**

Liz Scharf, 223-9189

**Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds:**

Dorinda Crowell (appointed), 223-7781

**Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters****Reservations:**

Collin O'Neal, Beach Manager, 223-7774  
Laurie Emery, Central VT Regional  
Planning Commission, 229-0389

**Zoning Administrator:**

Cindy Carlson, 498-7475

**Middlesex Boards and Committees****Budget Committee**

Barry Bolio, 229-0433  
Ruth Dockter, 229-5744  
Bill Dorigan, 223-1030  
Elias Gardner, 778-0899  
George Longenecker, 229-9787

**Conservation Commission:**

Richard Alderman, 223-3953  
Larry Becker, 229-0296  
Seth Coffey, 371-5094  
Heather Katz, Treasurer, 613-3174  
George Longenecker, Vice Chair, 229-9787  
Charles Merriman, 249-8096  
Lee Rosberg, Chair, 309-1629  
Dave Shepard, Secretary; 229-1744

**Planning Commission:**

Richard Alderman, Secretary, 223-3953  
Barry Bolio, Vice Chair, 229-0433  
John Krezinski, Chair, 223-6875  
Steve Martin, 371-8697  
Troy Sumner, 793-2273

**Select Board:**

Peter Hood, Chair 223-6518 (h), 371-8042 (c)  
Phil Hyjek, 223-0521  
Mary Just Skinner, 223-7123  
Steve Martin, 371-8697  
Liz Scharf, 223-9189  
Sarah Merriman, Select Board Asst., 223-5915

**Town Clerk:**

Sarah Merriman, 223-5915  
Maryke Gillis (Asst. Clerk), 223-5915

**Town Meeting Solutions Committee:**

Susan Clark, 223-5824

**Wrightsville Beach Recreation District****Board:**

Jane Dudley, 229-0177

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

Charlene Bohl, 229-9908  
Daniel Crisp, 473-4231  
John Demeter, Chair, 272-3548  
Roger Hirt, 223-0531  
Phil Hyjek, 223-0521

## **TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)**

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### **School Contacts**

#### **Rumney School:**

Address: 433 Shady Rill  
Road, Middlesex, VT 05602  
Phone: 223-5429 FAX: 223-0750

#### **Rumney School Board:**

Caroline Kiniry-Roberge, 223-5181  
Karoline May, Clerk, 868-0031  
Chris McVeigh, 223-6558  
J. Lauri Scharf, Chair, 223-9189  
Brian Tagliaferro, Vice Chair, 249-6572

**Rumney Community School Partnership:** Adam Rosen, 223-5429 x 302

**Rumney Community Connections:** Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator: 223-5429 x 322

**Rumney PTO:** Pascale Stephani, 225-8902

#### **U-32 High School:**

Address: 930 Gallison Hill Road,  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
Phone: 229-0321

**U-32 School Board:** Adrienne Magida, 223-8672

**U-32 Boosters Club:** Darcy Cacacio, 223-4318

**U-32 Project Graduation:** Jane Tolassi, 229-0321

**Washington Central Friends of Education:** Deb Wolf, 223-3456

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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OFFICE	NAME	EXPIRES	TERM
Moderator	Susan Clark	2017	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2018	3 yr
	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair	2019	3 yr
	Steven K. Martin	2017	2 yr
	Phil Hyjek (appointed)*	2017	3 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf	2018	2 yr
Rumney School Board	Jonathan Lauri Scharf, Chair	2017	3 yr
	Brian Tagliaferro, Vice Chair	2017	2 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2018	2 yr
	Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge	2018	3 yr
	Karoline May	2019	3 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2019	3 yr
Budget Committee	Barry Bolio	2019	3 yr
	Ruth Dockter	2019	3 yr
	William Dorigan	2018	3 yr
	Elias Gardner	2019	3 yr
	George Longenecker	2018	3 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2017	3 yr
	Eric Young	2019	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2017	1 yr**
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2017	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2017	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson	2017	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2017	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Evelyn Gant	2019	3 yr
	Janet McKinstry	2018	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2017	3 yr
Planning Commission	John W. Krezinski, Chair	2018	3 yr
	Barry Bolio (appointed)*	2019	3 yr
	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr
	Steve Martin,	2017	3 yr
	Troy Sumner (appointed)*	2019	3 yr

\*Town officials appointed by the Select Board to elected positions hold office until the next Town Meeting.

\*\* The term of Town Clerk was extended to three years at the March 1, 2016 Town Meeting, effective 2017.

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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Animal Control Officer .....	Erika Holm
Assistant Town Clerk .....	Maryke Gillis
Board of Adjustment .....	(Chair) John Demeter Charlene Bohl Daniel Crisp Roger Hirt Phil Hyjek
Central VT Regional Planning Commission Representative .....	Ron Krauth
Central VT Solid Wast Management District Representative .....	Anita Krauth
Emergency Management Coordinator .....	David Jablonski
Fire Warden .....	Jason Merrill
Health Officers .....	Elizabeth Fortman Erika Holm
Road Commissioner .....	Steve Martin
Town Service Officer .....	Liz Scharf
Wrightsville Beach Board Member .....	Jane Dudley
Zoning Administrator.....	Cindy Carlson

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2017**

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Rumney School gym.)

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Town Clerk	3-year term
Treasurer	1-year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term
Select Board	3-year term
Select Board	2-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term
Lister	3-year term
Planning Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term
Planning Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term
Planning Commissioner	3-year term

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 20th and February 20<sup>th</sup>, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 20<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)

ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)**

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ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town change the term of Town Treasurer from one year to three years, effective March 6, 2018? (17 VSA § 2646(3))

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town change the term of Collector of Delinquent Taxes from one year to three years, effective March 6, 2018? (17 VSA §2646 (9))

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize the purchase of a refurbished tanker for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department in the fiscal year 2017-2018 for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and authorize the Select Board to borrow up to this sum for a period of 10 years? (By Select Board)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,500 to help support services provided by the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition)

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**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)**

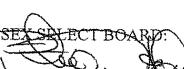
ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition)

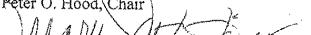
ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,561 to support the following organizations:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Downstreet	\$250.00
Family Center of Washington Cty	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$250.00
GMT	\$199.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Our House of Central VT	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
VT Assoc. for the Blind	\$249.00
VT Cares	\$250.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00

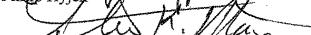
ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:

  
Peter O. Hood, Chair

  
Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

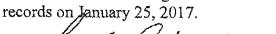
  
Philip Hyjek

  
Steven Martin

  
Elizabeth Scharf

Signed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 24, 2017.

I attest that this Warning for the 2017 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 25, 2017.

  
Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

# TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 7, 2017

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT  
TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2017**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot.

**DO NOT ERASE.**

**TOWN CLERK**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**SARAH MERRIMAN**

**SELECT BOARD**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**RAY HICKORY JR**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**STEVEN MARTIN**

**TREASURER**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
1-year term

**DORINDA CROWELL**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**RAY HICKORY JR**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**GARY LAMELL**

**TRUSTEE OF  
PUBLIC FUNDS**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
1-year term

**DORINDA CROWELL**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
2-year term

**GARY LAMELL**

**LISTER**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
3-year term

**(Write-in)**

**SELECT BOARD**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
2-year term

**STEVEN MARTIN**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vote for not  
more than **TWO**  
2 years of a  
3-year term

**BARRY A. BOLIO**

**COLLECTOR OF  
DELINQUENT TAXES**

Vote for not  
more than **ONE**  
1-year term

**DORINDA CROWELL**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vote for not  
more than **TWO**  
2 years of a  
3-year term

**TROY SUMNER**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES**

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## SELECT BOARD REPORT

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Last year, the Middlesex Select Board expanded the Town Forest, created the position of Recreation Director, lost a member, added a member, worked on the revised zoning regulations, and considered assuming the responsibility of maintaining the small picnic area at the bottom of Shady Rill Road. Below are some of the highlights in chronological order:

**Expansion of the Town Forest:** Cynthia Steed sold her 38.9-acre parcel at the very end of Notch Road in January to the Town of Middlesex for \$40,000. Of that, \$20,000 came from the sale of the “Morse” property behind Town Hall to Damstat Properties, LLC, then owners of the Middlesex General Store (which closed later in the year). The other \$20,000 came from the Conservation Fund, which is to be spent on purposes such as expanding the Town Forest. The Steed acquisition provided much needed public access to the Town Forest and was facilitated by the Conservation Commission and Bill Rossmassler. In exchange, Cynthia and her heirs will have exclusive use of one of the cabins and its immediate area.

**The Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence:** In February, the Board entertained a request from the VT Agency of Human Resources to again extend the deadline for removing the temporary secure facility next to the State Police on Route 2. This facility, which houses no more than eight patients who require mental health services in a secure setting, was slated to be removed in 2018. The State wanted to extend that to 2020. After meeting with VT Commissioner of Human Services Frank Reed and other state officials, the Board decided in April to deny the State’s request for the simple reason that, with four years to go, the State had plenty of time to locate a new site. If it didn’t, the State could submit another request for a deadline extension.

**Resignations, Appointments and a New Hire:** In March, the Board approved Barry Bolio to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission and later appointed Troy Sumner to the same commission to replace Thea Schwartz, who resigned over the summer. The Board appointed Phil Hyjek and Daniel Crisp to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and then appointed Phil to serve out the term of longtime Select Board member William Callnan after he resigned in October. Joe D’Anna left the Road Crew last spring to work at his former company and the Board hired Tyler Wells as his replacement. In December, Cindy Carlson announced her decision to retire from her positions as Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds and Zoning administrator after nearly two decades of serving Middlesex.

**Setting the Tax Rate:** The Board set the 2016 Town Tax Rate at .4501 (before the Local Agreement), a penny increase over the 2015 Town tax rate of .4377. The lion’s share of the bill was still statewide education: a 1.8113 rate for homestead filers/1.6250 for non-residential.

**Creation of Recreation Director Position:** Realizing there was a need for someone to be in charge of the Town Field near Rumney School and deal with all the scheduling and maintenance issues associated with the town’s recreational resources, the Board hired Mitch Osiecki as the Town’s first Recreation Director. Mitch hit the ground running, cleaning out the “warming hut” by the tennis courts, repairing the nets and filling in the cracks of said courts, organizing the mowing and ordering regulation soccer goals. (Please see his separate report.)

**Ordinances and Policies:** The Board updated the Town’s Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy to permit abutting landowners the ability to maintain the non-traveled portion of Class 4 roads

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## SELECT BOARD REPORT (continued)

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without the Town's permission. It also passed a revised, and much clearer, Animal Control Ordinance. Under this ordinance, the holding time for stray dogs was set at seven days, per state statute, and the option of a written notice for a first offense was included. In addition, the Board approved a Drug & Alcohol Policy for Town CDL drivers.

**Shady Rill Park:** Responding to concerns that the small, but popular, picnic area at the bottom of Shady Rill Road would be closed now that the State was no longer budgeting money to maintain it, the Select Board met with Mike Fraysier, state lands administrator for the VT Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation to discuss how the Town might be able to take over the park. The Board discussed leasing the park for a year to see how that might work. At any rate, the State decided to keep the park open last summer as a temporary stopgap.

**Land Use & Development Regulations:** The Board held public hearings in September and October to take input on changes to the Town zoning regulations recommended by the Planning Commission which spent two years clarifying, updating and revising them. Ultimately, the question was whether permitted and conditional uses in the district tables could be updated before the Town Plan – which is scheduled for a five-year review in 2018. With the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board decided to keep the current conditional and permitted uses, while implementing the other updates and clearer language.

**LOOKING AHEAD...** Here are some of the issues the Select Board anticipates addressing in 2017:

**New Dump Truck:** The Board plans to purchase a new 10-wheel dump truck with plow, wing and sander for approximately \$150,000 net trade on the 2010 International Dump Truck and plans to pay for that truck over six years.

**Downgrading Four Class 3 Roads to Trails:** Vermont's Clean Water Initiative (Act 64) gears up in 2017 and that means every Vermont town must engineer water runoff plans for every road it owns. Because of this, the Board is considering downgrading the following four Town roads to trails because they provide access to only one house each: Bolio, Warren, Merritt and the very end of Chase. The downgrading process is clearly outlined in Vermont state statutes and will require public hearings and notifications.

**Shady Rill Park:** Who will maintain the picnic area at the bottom of Shady Rill if the State doesn't? Wrightsville Recreation District has an interest, but it doesn't have the money. Would the State consider retaining ownership (and funding) if Wrightsville performed the maintenance and riparian reparations?

The good news is that Middlesex is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who sacrifice their valuable time to serve on the Planning and Conservation commissions, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Cemetery Committee, the Rumney School Board, and in many other unsung ways. The Board thanks them for contributing to the vitality of our town and for making the Board's job a little easier and more efficient.

Sincerely, THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD

*Peter O. Hood, Chair, Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair, Phil Hyjek, Steve Martin, Elizabeth Scharf and Select Board Assistant, Sarah Merriman*

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## ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT

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The 2016 construction season brought Middlesex yet another summer packed full of grant-funded projects! Shady Rill is finally completed thanks to a paving grant that we were awarded back in the winter of 2015/2016. The project was very involved being that all the culverts along the 1.1 mile stretch needed replacing. Unfortunately, many of them were so deep in the ground that extensive excavation and backfilling were necessary to complete. All of the re-claimed material from Shady Rill was recycled, crushed, supplemented with stone, and reused for the project. This allowed us to save a substantial amount of money in trucking and material all while getting a quality product needed to act as a sub-base for the new pavement. The new pavement is outstanding and long overdue. Because of the infrequency of paving grants, it is also the first paving project in almost 10 years!

The dreaded Molly Supple Hill Challenge is officially over! We were able to complete the East Hill/Center Road side of the hill this summer. This included changing the culverts, excavating the overburden, installing underdrainage, fabric, adding sub-base, and finish gravel. Along with the road improvements, new ditches and water cut-outs were installed using the latest clean water practices. We are happy to say that the water is running smooth and clear thanks to the techniques used. This mud season should prove that even the worst sections of roadway can be improved and mitigated to allow safe and easy travel during all seasons! Apologies to the folks who enjoyed and will miss The Challenge!

Speaking of clean water, this year marks a new page in the efforts to help clean up Lake Champlain. We are directly linked to this as we are a major water tributary to the Winooski River. What does this mean for us? The Vermont Clean Water Initiative is a long term project which involves the whole state and is aimed at making sure that water discharge from farms, construction sites, infrastructure, and even roads is as clean and turbulent free as possible. As an active member of this new initiative, the Middlesex Select Board and Highway Department are working side by side with state agencies and Central Vermont Planning Commission to make sure that all of our practices and work is adhering to new mandates set in place by the VDEC to reduce polluted water run-off. It's on all of us to help protect our most precious resources!

This upcoming construction season will involve less large scale projects as we've had in the last two years. We will be concentrating on getting back to overall maintenance which will include cutting brush, ditching, replacing culverts, and resurfacing. We will still be active in our mud season mitigation which we've found to be extremely successful and appreciated by residents and travelers alike. In the past this has been one of the most noted complaints from residents and we have made it our goal to work diligently on these trouble areas. We've made great strides on this ongoing issue and will continue to do so!

We'd like to thank the Middlesex Select Board and the residents of Middlesex for the support to help us keep our roads safe in all weather conditions and season alike!

Sincerely,

*Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, and the entire Middlesex Highway Department (Bruce Fitch, Jay Files and Tyler Wells).*

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## FIVE-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN

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### Summer 2017

#### **May -Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

#### **June - Full Service**

Bolduc & Tangletown Road

#### **July & August – Full Service**

McCullough Hill & Barnett Hill Road

#### **September – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

#### **October – Service Work**

Notch Road, South Bear Swamp,  
North Bear Swamp

### Summer 2018

#### **May & June – Full Service**

West Hill & Macey Road

#### **July – Mud Mitigation**

East Hill Road

#### **August & September – Full Service**

North Bear Swamp Road, South Bear  
Swamp Road

#### **October – Full Service**

Notch Road

### Summer 2019

#### **May – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

#### **June – Service Work**

Center Road

#### **July – Service Work**

East Hill Road

#### **August – Service Work**

French Road

#### **September – Mud Season Mitigation**

To Be Determined

#### **October – Service Work**

Culver Hill Road

### Summer 2020

#### **May – Service Work**

Lower Sunny Brook Road, Lower Barnett  
Hill Road

#### **June – Pavement Preparation**

Center Road

#### **July – Paving & Finish Work**

Center Road

#### **August – Mud Season Mitigation**

Center Road

#### **September – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

#### **October – Service Work**

Culver Hill Road

### Summer 2021

#### **May – Service Work**

East Hill Road

#### **June – Service Work**

Daniel's Farm Road

#### **July – Service Work**

Norton Road

#### **August – Service Work**

3 Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road, Rich Road

#### **September – Service Work**

Upper Sunny Brook Road & Davy Road

#### **October – Mud Season Mitigation**

To Be Determined

**Note:** All structures/paving projects are pending grant funding and/or permitting approval.

**Full Service** = Minor gravel, brush cutting, culvert replacement, ditching

**Mud Season Mitigation** = Excavation, drainage, fabric, gravel

**Service Work** = Shoulder cutting, ditching, culvert replacement

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**CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT**

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<b>Equipment Name</b>	<b>Replacement Schedule</b>	<b>Year of Replacement</b>
2009 Ford One Ton Truck	6 Years	2017
2010 International Dump Truck	7 Years	2017
1997 Caterpillar 140H Grader	10 Years	2020
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	7 Years	2020
2008 Kobelco 140 SR Excavator	10 Years	2022
2014 GMC Sierra 2500 Pick-Up	8 Years	2022
2014 Komatsu WA-270 Loader	12 Years	2026
1968 GMC 6500 Chloride Truce	As needed	No Date
1989 Morbar Chipper	As needed	No Date
2007 Caterpillar 420 E Backhoe	As needed	No Date

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Middlesex voters came out in force to cast their ballots in what amounted to six separate elections in a year that made town history. Not only was there an uptick in turnout and a record-breaking spike in early voting, but 2016 was the first time the Middlesex Town Clerk's Office used tabulators to count votes, right down to a close Justices of the Peace race in November.

Our office is so very grateful for the town funding (and state contribution) for the tabulator which was accurate, fast, and easy to use. Thank you. And I mean that sincerely – there were potentially 6,804 JP votes alone to hand count. Thank. You!

By a vote of 511 to 68, Democratic voters overwhelmingly went for Vermont U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton during the March 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Primary. On the Republican side, Ohio Governor John Kasich received 56 votes followed by (now President) Donald J. Trump with 32, Florida U.S. Senator Marco Rubio with 28 and Texan Senator Ted Cruz with 18. Ben Carson and Jeb Bush were tied at five votes each. Out of 1,562 registered voters, 729 cast ballots. Of those, 169 were absentee.

(Also, it might be worth noting that Presidential Primaries are the ONLY time where you will be asked by a poll worker if you want a Republican or Democratic ballot. This is because of an agreement hammered out between the two major parties and the State of Vermont since party registration here is not mandatory.)

In the August 9<sup>th</sup> primary, 644 Middlesex voters cast ballots for statewide races, a little over 40% of the checklist. Middlesex resident Kimberly Jessup won the Democratic nomination to the Vermont State Representative seat vacated by the retiring Tony Klein.

Jessup later went on to win in the November General Election, defeating her closest rival, fellow Middlesex resident Dexter Lefavour by a vote of 635 to 350. Story Road resident Anthony Pollina was reelected to his state senate seat. Patrick Leahy, of Notch Road, was also reelected to his U.S. Senate seat, thereby becoming the longest serving current senator. Meanwhile, of the 1,134 Middlesex residents who cast ballots, 719 chose Hillary Clinton, followed by 228 for President Trump, 47 for Jill Stein and 31 for Gary Johnson.

But the Town Clerk's Office doesn't just oversee elections – though, admittedly, that's what 2016 felt like. Crack Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis has scanned and indexed almost all the survey maps into our recording system so that they can be searched and printed easily.

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## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (continued)**

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(If you've ever had to wrestle with an oversized survey map on a copier, you'll appreciate this advancement.) In addition, she laid out and formatted this spectacular report. Maryke is a gift.

On a bittersweet note, my predecessor Cindy Carlson retired January 31 from her many posts here in the town office to enjoy the blessing of life beyond zoning apps and delinquent taxes. She was a patient mentor and has been a steady guide up the steep learning curve. Thank you, Cindy. We salute you and wish you tons of happy days with the grandkids.

Finally, I invite anyone interested in local history to explore our vault. Thanks to the foresight of previous town clerks like the late June Lakin, many old vital records and land records have been wonderfully preserved. Centuries of residents before us have been born and married, have returned home from violent wars, built homes, started their own businesses, have educated their children, suffered massive financial losses, enjoyed modest success (can't say there are many millionaires here!) and have been buried with their neighbors. It's humbling and oddly comforting to read their stories and know that we weren't the first – or the last – to live in "interesting times."

Thank you for your support. Hope to see you at Town Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>!

*Sarah Merriman  
Town Clerk>Select Board Assistant*

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

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### **Town Proposed Budget for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)**

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2018 is \$ 1,099,071. This equates to a 2.27% increase over the FY 2017 budget of \$ 1,074,708. The Select Board has devoted a substantial amount of time considering the proposed budget for FY 2018 and feels that the 2.27% increase is appropriate.

The most notable factors of the budget increase, came from the creation of a new position within the Recreation Department. Also, the Select Board allocated funds on a one year trial basis to keep the Shady Rill Park open. The funds allocated would allow for maintenance of the Shady Rill Park as well as daily opening/closing responsibilities. It should also be noted, that employee health insurance rates continue to rise, thus contributing to the overall budget increase. This budget does not include special articles, which are subject to voters' approval at town meeting. The Budget Committee would like to thank the Select Board for all their hard work and recommends approval of this budget. Please feel free to contact any member of the Select Board with your questions regarding the budget.

### **Footnote (when reviewing the FY 2018 please note the following):**

Debt Service is now broken out by department

\* Expenses are now broken out by department

\*\* New position

\*\*\* Note for digitizing town records 1976 to February 2011

\*\*\*\* 1 year trial for maintenance - park will be closed if the town doesn't take over

\*\*\*\*\* Benefits are now broken out by department

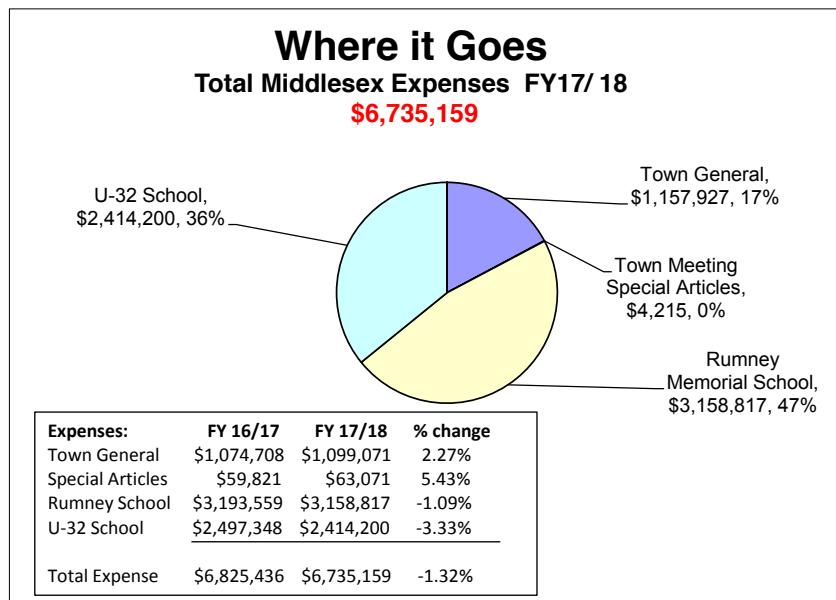
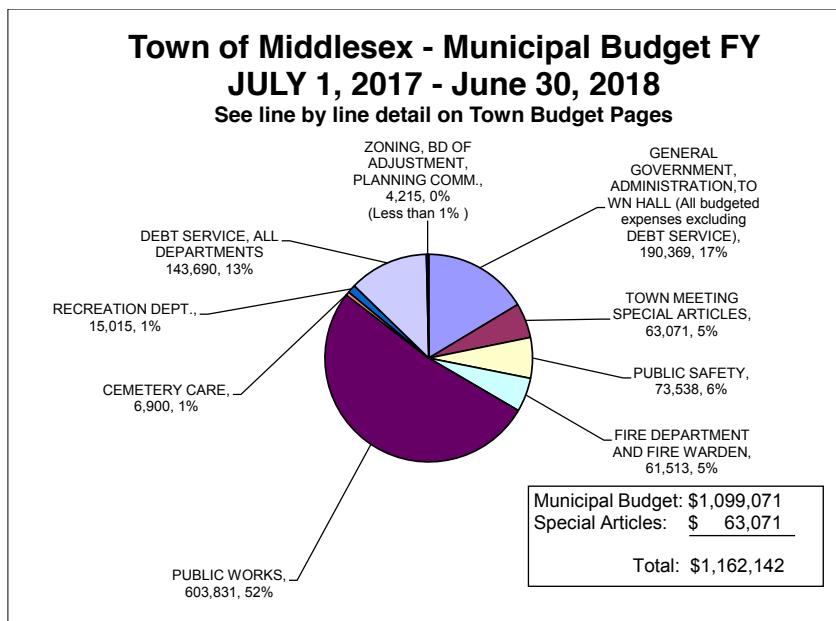
### **Rumney School Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)**

The proposed 2017-2018 Rumney School budget of \$3,158,817 represents a decrease in spending from last year's budget which has the result of increasing the tax rate by \$43 per \$100,000 of property value. The decrease in spending is primarily due to the required moving of the cost of transportation and special education to the Washington Central Supervisory Union budget. When combined with the U-32 budget property taxes will increase \$74 per \$100,000 of property value. Rumney's population remains stable this year whereas U-32 shrank causing Middlesex to be responsible for a larger portion of the Washington Central budget. The Rumney School Budget includes increasing the building maintenance fund to \$120,000 in order to meet the expected ongoing yearly maintenance needs and to prevent another building bond in the future.

Informational meetings will be held on the Rumney School budget on Saturday March 4th 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen Bakery and on Monday, March 6th at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library."

Budget Committee: *Barry Bolio, Ruth Dockter, Bill Dorigan, George Longenecker, and Elias Gardner*

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**BUDGET REPORT**

## BUDGET REPORT

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Town of Middlesex - What each item means for your taxes*					
Appraised Value of Property		\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	
Grand List (2016*)		\$200,162,800	\$200,162,800	\$200,162,800	
Proposed Town Budget		\$981,204	\$981,204	\$981,204	Incl Special Articles and Discount
Proposed Town Tax		\$0.4902	\$0.4902	\$0.4902	
*Estimated municipal taxes		\$490	\$735	\$980	
*NOTE: This is only an estimate based on the 2016 Grandlist and anticipated financial receipts					
2017 Grand List (property values as of April 1, 2017) will be used in determining 2017 town tax rate					
	Total Proposed Tax Effort	Tax for Property Appraised at \$100,000	Tax for Property Appraised at \$150,000	Tax for Property Appraised at \$200,000	Explanation
Town Government					
Article 8	\$901,733	\$450.50	\$675.75	\$901.00	General Government and Highway - net of anticipated receipts
Other Articles					
Article 5	\$ 16,400.00	\$8.19	\$12.29	\$16.39	Early Payment Discount
Article 11	\$ 5,000.00	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$5.00	Middlesex Conservation Fund
Article 13	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
Article 14	\$ 500.00	\$0.25	\$0.37	\$0.50	Central Vermont Economic Development
Article 15	\$ 3,750.00	\$1.87	\$2.81	\$3.75	Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice
Article 16	\$ 3,000.00	\$1.50	\$2.25	\$3.00	Community Connections
Article 17	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.75	\$1.12	\$1.50	Girls/Boyz First Mentoring
Article 18	\$ 27,760.00	\$13.87	\$20.80	\$27.74	Kellogg-Hubbard Library
Article 19	\$ 4,500.00	\$2.25	\$3.37	\$4.50	Montpelier Senior Activity Ctr
Article 20	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.75	\$1.12	\$1.50	North Branch Nature Center
Article 21	\$ 10,000.00	\$5.00	\$7.49	\$9.99	Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels
Article 22	\$ 4,561.00	\$2.28	\$3.42	\$4.56	Misc Organizations (\$250 or less)
each additional	\$1,000	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	

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**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX PROJECTED SALARIES**

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**Fiscal Year 2017****Projected Salaries**

Alderman, Richard	\$ 2,933
Dean, Caleb	\$ 0
Young, Eric	\$ 3,877
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,244
Cerminara, Paul A	\$ 57,470
Fitch, Bruce	\$ 47,278
Files, Jay	\$ 47,278
Wells, Tyler	\$ 44,473
Gillis, Maryke	\$ 12,381
Crowell, Dorinda	\$ 2,265
Merriman, Sarah	\$ 40,085
Lewis, Patti	\$ 10,196
Fire Warden	\$ 250
Hood, Peter	\$ 750
Hyjek, Phil	\$ 600
Osiecki, Mitch	\$ 3,554
Skinner, Mary Just	\$ 600
Scharf, Liz	\$ 600
Martin, Steve	\$ 750
Fire Department Stipends	\$ 3,000
Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$281,063</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

Comparative Budget Report	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Change
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Wages: Selectboard	\$3,213	\$3,150	\$3,213	\$3,277	2%
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$246	
Wages: Selectboard Clerk*	\$18,450	\$20,672	\$0	\$20,032	
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$1,533	
Wages: Unemployment				\$100	
Wages: Retirement				\$1,102	
Insurance: Health				\$7,500	
Insurance: Property & Casualty				\$9,000	
Insurance: Workers Compensation				\$400	
Advertising/Printing	\$2,300	\$623	\$2,300	\$1,500	-35%
Selectboard Courses	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0	
Discretionary Fund	\$10,000	\$5,133	\$2,800	\$5,000	79%
Legal Fees	\$4,000	\$5,208	\$4,000	\$4,000	0%
Town Report	\$3,000	\$2,778	\$2,500	\$2,900	16%
VLCT Dues	\$2,827	\$2,827	\$2,854	\$2,953	3%
County Tax	\$15,602	\$15,602	\$16,605	\$16,924	2%
CV Solid Waste	\$1,757	\$1,757	\$3,514	\$1,757	-50%
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$1,904	\$1,904	\$1,904	\$1,904	0%
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$61	\$500	\$500	0%
Elections	\$450	\$1,848	\$3,800	\$600	-84%
Tax Abatements	\$0	\$1,688	\$0	\$0	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$64,003</b>	<b>\$63,311</b>	<b>\$43,990</b>	<b>\$81,228</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>TOWN INSURANCES</b>					
Workers Comp*	\$13,000	\$14,959	\$20,000		-100%
Unemployment Comp*	\$1,500	\$638	\$750		-100%
Property & Casualty*	\$22,000	\$24,227	\$27,000		-100%
<b>TOTAL TOWN INSURANCES</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>\$39,824</b>	<b>\$47,750</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
Social Security*****	\$16,500	\$13,823	\$16,700		-100%
Medicare*****	\$3,900	\$3,233	\$3,906		-100%
Retirement*****	\$12,000	\$11,339	\$12,810		-100%
Life/ADD Insurance*****	\$2,000	\$1,349	\$3,312		-100%
Health Insurance*	\$34,500	\$36,480	\$37,300		-100%
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$68,900</b>	<b>\$66,224</b>	<b>\$74,028</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Wages: Office Staff*	\$53,353	\$41,482	\$74,320	\$45,000	-39%
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$3,433	
Wages: Retirement				\$1,102	
Insurance: Health				\$7,500	
Insurance: Life/LTD/AD&D				\$480	
Wages: Listers*	\$7,500	\$5,451	\$0	\$7,500	
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$1,050	
Clerical Mileage	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Office Supplies	\$2,600	\$3,355	\$2,800	\$3,500	25%
Equipment Repair	\$0	\$208	\$0	\$0	
Equipment Purchase	\$1,000	\$70	\$500	\$0	-100%
Telephone	\$4,200	\$4,466	\$4,400	\$4,800	9%
Postage	\$3,000	\$2,718	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
Auditing	\$3,800	\$4,150	\$4,000	\$7,200	80%

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

Comparative Budget Report	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Change
<b>ADMINISTRATION (continued)</b>					
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,888	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$300	\$100	\$300	\$300	0%
Listing Mapping	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	0%
Copier Lease	\$2,500	\$1,889	\$2,100	\$2,100	0%
Computer Maintenance	\$5,000	\$6,004	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,753</b>	<b>\$92,781</b>	<b>\$99,670</b>	<b>\$95,215</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
ACS Recording Loan***	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$960	
ACS Recording Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$84	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$86,753</b>	<b>\$92,781</b>	<b>\$99,670</b>	<b>\$96,259</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
Electricity	\$2,600	\$2,068	\$2,000	\$2,226	11%
Heat	\$4,500	\$1,504	\$4,000	\$2,000	-50%
Grounds	\$1,500	\$2,208	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%
Building Repairs	\$4,000	\$4,257	\$4,000	\$3,500	-13%
Street Lights	\$2,200	\$2,132	\$2,200	\$2,200	0%
Janitorial				\$1,500	
<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>	<b>\$12,169</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>	<b>\$13,926</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Health Officer	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Wages: Animal Control Officer	\$750	\$360	\$2,000	\$1,000	-50%
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$114	
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	0%
Ambulance	\$59,720	\$59,720	\$61,810	\$63,974	4%
Speed Enforcement	\$7,500	\$5,832	\$7,500	\$7,500	0%
Dog Pound	\$800	\$0	\$500	\$600	20%
Emergency Management	\$750	\$0	\$250	\$250	0%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$69,870</b>	<b>\$65,912</b>	<b>\$72,160</b>	<b>\$73,538</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
FD-Insurance: Property & Casualty				\$8,200	
FD-Insurance: Workers Compensation				\$1,800	
FD-Supplies	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	0%
FD-Equipment Repair	\$7,250	\$9,966	\$7,250	\$9,500	31%
FD-Equipment Purchase	\$2,100	\$10,218	\$2,400	\$4,531	89%
FD-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,028	\$1,100	\$1,100	0%
FD-Fast Squad	\$1,000	\$539	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%
FD-Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,184	\$1,600	\$1,600	0%
FD-Fuel - Heat	\$6,000	\$1,897	\$6,000	\$3,000	-50%
FD-Building Maintenance	\$2,500	\$1,693	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%
FD-Radio Dispatch	\$17,864	\$17,863	\$19,470	\$19,882	2%
FD-VSFA Dues/Legal Fees	\$1,825	\$915	\$1,750	\$1,750	0%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	\$250	\$150	\$250	\$250	0%
FD-Administrative Assista	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FD-GAS	\$2,500	\$628	\$2,500	\$2,000	-20%
FD-Stipends	\$3,000	\$3,420	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
FD-Communication/Radio	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,289</b>	<b>\$49,503</b>	<b>\$50,220</b>	<b>\$61,513</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Fire Station Bond	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0%
Fire Station Interest	\$24,585	\$24,583	\$23,357	\$20,583	-12%
1998 Fire Truck	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	0%
1998 Fire Truck Interest	\$800	\$667	\$750	\$200	-73%
Equipment Note FD	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0%
Equipment Note FD Interes	\$300	\$0	\$285	\$115	-60%
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$122,974</b>	<b>\$131,753</b>	<b>\$124,112</b>	<b>\$131,911</b>	<b>6%</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

Comparative Budget Report	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Change
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
Wages: Highway	\$179,959	\$158,818	\$191,810	\$195,646	2%
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$15,032	
Wages: Unemployment				\$650	
Wages: Retirement				\$10,808	
Insurance: Health				\$27,000	
Insurance: Property & Casualty				\$11,800	
Insurance: Workers Compensation				\$20,100	
Insurance: Life/LTD/AD+D				\$1,470	
Winter Maintenance	\$69,000	\$63,150	\$69,000	\$67,500	-2%
Summer Maintenance	\$29,575	\$29,648	\$29,575	\$37,950	28%
Equipment Maintenance	\$41,300	\$70,183	\$41,300	\$41,300	0%
Courses/Seminars	\$300	\$185	\$300	\$300	0%
Utilities	\$4,000	\$5,810	\$4,000	\$4,000	0%
Garage Maintenance	\$15,175	\$20,004	\$15,175	\$12,525	-17%
Gas/Diesel/Oil	\$64,000	\$34,244	\$60,000	\$42,000	-30%
Culverts	\$4,000	\$3,933	\$4,000	\$15,000	275%
Signs	\$3,500	\$716	\$3,500	\$3,500	0%
Bridge Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	200%
Paving Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	50%
Construction & Paving	\$64,125	\$81,300	\$64,125	\$56,200	-12%
Equipment Purchase	\$1,750	\$5,797	\$3,500	\$5,050	44%
Green-Up	\$0	\$453	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$508,684</b>	<b>\$506,240</b>	<b>\$508,285</b>	<b>\$603,831</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEBT SERVICE</b>					
2010 International Dump-PRIN	\$0	\$19,400	\$10,000	\$10,000	0%
2010 Int Dump - INT	\$0	\$889	\$879	\$350	-60%
2014 Western Star 4700 -PRIN	\$29,010	\$29,007	\$29,008	\$29,008	0%
2014 West. Star Trk-INTER	\$3,300	\$3,237	\$2,435	\$1,619	-34%
2015 GMC TRK-PRIN	\$5,870	\$5,870	\$5,870	\$5,870	0%
2015 GMC TRK - INT	\$866	\$693	\$520	\$347	-33%
2014 Komatsu Loader -PRIN	\$23,678	\$23,658	\$23,657	\$23,658	0%
2014 Komatsu Loader-INT	\$2,662	\$2,794	\$2,094	\$1,396	-33%
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$574,070</b>	<b>\$591,788</b>	<b>\$582,748</b>	<b>\$676,079</b>	<b>16%</b>
Comparative Budget Report	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Change
<b>CEMETERY</b>					
Labor	\$4,300	\$5,500	\$4,300	\$4,300	0%
Materials	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	0%
Repair to Cemetery	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	0%
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Wages: Recreation**				\$3,554	
Wages: Payroll Tax				\$272	
Wrightsville Beach	\$904	\$2,531	\$1,600	\$1,989	24%
Town BOR	\$3,000	\$2,321	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
Learn to Swim Program	\$1,300	\$675	\$1,300	\$700	-46%
Bandstand Mowing	\$750	\$360	\$750	\$500	-33%
Shady Rill Park****				\$5,000	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>\$5,954</b>	<b>\$5,887</b>	<b>\$6,650</b>	<b>\$15,015</b>	<b>126%</b>
<b>ZONING/BRD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>					
Wages: Zoning*				\$1,500	
Wages: Payroll Tax*				\$115	
Mileage/expenses	\$0	\$39	\$0	\$0	
Advertising	\$750	\$275	\$500	\$500	0%
Courses/Seminars	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	
<b>Total Zoning/BRD of Adjustment</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$314</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$2,215</b>	<b>343%</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

Comparative Budget Report	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Change
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>					
Advertising	\$500	\$386	\$500	\$500	0%
Mapping	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Mail Drop/Postage	\$500	\$216	\$500	\$500	0%
Printing & Copying	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	0%
Consultation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$601</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,052,974</b>	<b>\$1,076,065</b>	<b>\$1,074,708</b>	<b>\$1,099,071</b>	<b>2.27%</b>
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>					
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	\$27,760	\$27,760	\$27,760	\$27,760	0%
Waterbury Area Senior Center	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0%
Middlesex Conservation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	150%
Montpelier Senior Center	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$4,300	\$4,500	5%
CV Home Health & Hospice	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	0%
Middlesex Community Conn.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0%
North Branch Nature Center	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,500	500%
CV Adult Basic Education	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%
CV Economic Development	\$500	\$500	\$600	\$500	-17%
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0%
CV Council on Aging	\$250	\$250	\$1,500	\$250	-83%
Down Street Housing & Comm. Dev.				\$250	
Family Center of Vermont	\$500	\$500	\$250	\$250	0%
Good Beginnings	\$249	\$249	\$250	\$250	0%
Home Share Now	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0%
Our House	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	0%
The Childrens Room	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250	0%
T W Wood Gallery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	
Vermont Cares	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0%
Washington County Diversion	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0%
VT Assoc for the Blind	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249	0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	0%
Capstone Community Action	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249	0%
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	0%
Circle	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	0%
Green Mtn Transit	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$199	-20%
VT Center for Indepent Living	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195	0%
Washington County Youth Service	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	0%
VT Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	0%
Montpelier Veteran's Council	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$0	-100%
RSVP	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0	
VT Rural Fire Prot Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	-100%
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$61,570</b>	<b>\$61,570</b>	<b>\$59,821</b>	<b>\$63,071</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,114,544</b>	<b>\$1,137,635</b>	<b>\$1,134,529</b>	<b>\$1,162,142</b>	<b>2%</b>

### Debt Service is now broken out by department

\* Expenses are now broken out by department

\*\*\*\* 1 year trial for maintenance - park will be closed

\*\* New position

if the town doesn't take over

\*\*\* Note for digitizing town records 1976 to February 2011\*\*\*\*\* Benefits are now broken out by department

## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX ANNUAL AUDIT

In November of 2016, Batchelder Associates, PC of Barre, Vermont, conducted an audit of the Town's finances for the fiscal year running from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and presented their findings to the Middlesex Select Board at a duly warned special meeting on January 31, 2017. The Town's books are in balance and there were no findings.

In an effort to save resources along with printing and postage costs, we no longer print the full Audit Report in the Town Report. However, a copy is available for anyone's review at the Town Clerk's Office, 5 Church Street, Middlesex. In addition, a copy is available online at [middlesexvermont.org](http://middlesexvermont.org).

- Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

### TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

The Treasurer's office continues with the goal of bringing transparency to the department. We have continued with the day-to-day duties being carried out by Patti Lewis and oversight by not only myself, but the Select Board, and an outside independent audit completed by Bonnie Batchelder from Batchelder Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountant. William Yacavoni who had been doing the Town Audit for many years retired and the firm of Batchelder Associates was hired to complete the 2016 audit. A full copy of the audit report is available on the Town's website: <http://middlesexvermont.org>.

For the year ending June 30, 2016 a budget was approved for the General Fund for \$1,114,544 including special articles. Actual expenditures for this budget period were \$1,137,702 , \$23,158 over budgeted expenses. Additional payments were made under Debt Service, not noted in the budget. We worked with the Select Board and all the departments to present a fiscal year 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,099,071 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 2.27% increase over 2016-2017.

For the year ending, June 30, 2016 delinquent taxes were \$34,426. These taxes have been turned over to the tax attorney for collection with the exception of those that have payment agreements are in place. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our tax attorney in June of each year. The delinquent tax payer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A Section 3258)

It has been a pleasure to serve in many capacities to the Town of Middlesex and I appreciate all the support from the various boards and residents. Dorinda Crowell has been appointed as Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Trustee of Public Funds effective February 1, 2017. Dorinda has many years of service to the Town as well and will continue to provide excellent service. Patti Lewis will continue doing the day-to-day accounting work with Dorinda's oversight.

*Cindy Carlson, Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	2015 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	\$1,436,086	1.7572	\$ 2,523,491
Non Residential	\$561,007	1.5761	\$ 884,204
Municipal/Local Agreement	\$1,991,845	0.4403	\$ 878,249
<b>Total Billed</b>			<b>\$ 4,285,944</b>
Add Delinquent Taxes July 1, 2015			\$ 28,021
<b>Total to be accounted for</b>			<b>\$ 4,313,965</b>
<b>Accounted for as Follows:</b>			
Property Taxes Collected			\$ 4,364,569
Discounts Allowed			\$ 16,178
Delinquent Taxes Receivable - (Taxes Only) June 30, 2016			\$ 34,426
<b>Total Accounted For</b>			<b>\$ 4,313,965</b>

### NOTES PAYABLE

<b>As of June 2016</b>				
<b>Item</b>		<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Matures</b>
		<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rate (%)</b>	
1995 Fire Truck/2010 International Dump Truck		\$ 35,000	2.75	2017
2014 Western Star Dump Truck		\$ 87,022	2.79	2018
2014 Komatsu Loader		\$ 70,973	2.95	2019
2015 GMC 2500 Pick-up		\$ 17,610	2.95	2019
Repairs for 1995 Fire Truck		\$ 8,000	2.85	2020
Fire Station		\$ 560,000	3.2	2029

## 2016-2017 TAX EFFORT

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<b>2016-2017 General Government</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 568,623.00			
<b>Special Articles</b>	\$ 59,821.00			
<b>1% Discounts</b>	\$ 16,500.00			
<b>BCA Adjustments</b>				
<b>Total</b>	\$ 644,944.00			
 <b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Interest</b>	\$ 2,000.00			
<b>School Reimbursement</b>	\$ 4,000.00			
<b>Licenses and Fees</b>	\$ 22,000.00			
<b>Delinquent Tax Interest</b>	\$ 5,000.00			
<b>RR Tax</b>	\$ 1,670.00			
<b>PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment</b>	\$ 52,086.00			
<b>PILOT/ Agy of Natural Resources</b>	\$ 38,310.00			
<b>Delinquent Tax Penalty</b>	\$ 12,000.00			
<b>Fund Balance Reduction</b>	\$ -			
<b>Total</b>	\$ 137,066.00	Total General Government		\$ 507,878.00
 <b>2016-2017 Highway</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 508,285.00			
 <b>Receipts</b>				
<b>State Aid to Highways</b>	\$ 115,102.00			
<b>Other</b>		Total Highway		\$ 393,183.00
 <b>Sub-total</b>				\$ 901,061.00
 <b>Total Municipal Tax Effort</b>				\$ 901,061.00
 <b>2016 Grand List</b>	\$ 2,001,778.00			
 <b>2016 Homestead Tax Rate</b>	1.8113	(State of Vermont)		
<b>2016 Non-Residential Tax Rate</b>	1.625	(State of Vermont)		
<b>2016 Municipal Tax Rate</b>	0.4501			
<b>Local Agreement Rate</b>	0.0027			
<b>Total Town Tax Rate</b>	0.4528			
 <b>Total Non- Residential Rate</b>	2.0778			
 <b>Total Residential Rate</b>	2.2641			

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## 2016 DOG REPORT

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Total Number of Dogs Registered 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016: 217

Total Fees Collected: \$2,113

Total Fees to State: \$937

Licensing your dog is easy, affordable and, also, the law. One tag is good for a year and costs less than a week's worth of puppy chow - \$9 per spayed/neutered animal; \$13 for all others. Here are just some of the advantages of licensing:

- 1) Helps the town maintain a record of each dog, including its owner and phone number, in case the dog is lost.
- 2) Insures that all dogs are current on their vitally important rabies vaccines at a time when rabies cases are increasing in Vermont.
- 3) Offsets the cost of maintaining a town Animal Control Officer, while \$5 from each license funds the state's spay and neutering program.

By Vermont law, all dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call 223-5915 for more information.

### **A NOTE FROM MIDDLESEX ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ERIKA HOLM**

Dogs and ditches, the bane of Select Boards and Town Clerks. I'm happy to care for the dogs and leave the ditches to our awesome Road Crew. Every day I'm reminded of why I love this community. I get to talk to people who care deeply about the animals in our town, even those animals wreaking havoc.

Generally, folks are doing a great job of keeping their animals on their own property, and I appreciate everyone's efforts to continue this. If you are one of those people not doing such a good job of it, please make more effort. None of your neighbors wants to deal with your dog, no matter how friendly. And definitely no one wants to run over your dog, or come across the body after someone else has hit your dog. If you need help with solutions, please reach out to me -- I'll help you figure it out.

If you haven't done so, PLEASE license your dog! Not only is it required, but it may save you some money. If I find your dog as a stray and it's on my list of licensed dogs, there's a good chance I can figure it out, and reunite you without having to take your pet to the shelter. So provide an accurate description when you license, and I'll do my best!

Final plug: with upcoming holidays, and the cook-outs, guests, food, and noise, please keep your pets in mind. Give them a safe space to be away from the festivities; this will reduce chances of pets slipping away and getting lost, as well as reduce chances of dog bites and cat bites and scratches. Enjoy your pets, keep them safe, and respect your neighbors!

Middlesex ACO, Erika Holm: Cell: 249-2127 Home: 223-3556. If Erika is unavailable, please contact Health Officer Liz Fortman (802)249-1058.

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**2016 MARRIAGES**

<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Date</b>
Caitlin Imelda Sippel	Kenneth Allen Koonz	January 2
Casey Lynn Ellison	Twylla Ferreira Braga Lannes	February 2
Marrissa Snow Caldwell	Benjamin David Ilsley	February 16
Janet Lynne McConnell	Luke Taylor Reed LaRosa	June 18
Kassandra Beth Howe	Andrew John Reid	July 23
Fritz-Jon Haupt	Melissa Lyn Nowak	September 30
Chastity Star Humphrey	Keith Robert Hook	November 23
Christe Anne Wedlund	Edward Joseph Carty	December 1

**2016 DEATHS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>
Phoebe Colby Dupont	January 30	78
Patricia Rita Ribolini	March 3	66
Mary Robb Mansfield	March 21	75
Jerrol Ward Magoon	May 13	95
Erla J. Ryan	July 6	66
Brian Peter Vachon	December 9	75

**2016 BIRTHS**

<b>Parents</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Month</b>
Emma Claire Hawk Oak Autumn Haw	Boy: Oliver Douglas Hawk	February 18
Alyssa Jan Johnston David Arthur Johnston	Boy: Nicolaas David Johnston	February 26
Kristin Leigh Freeman James David Hamel	Girl: Djuna Anne Hamel	April 9
Nichole Ryan Roux Lucas Dwayne Braman	Girl: Faith Ellen Braman	May 4
Anna Breare Youv Prairie Blue Whitney Ruth-Davis	Girl: Madeline Sophia Grace Youv	May 20
Suzanne Marie Poljasevic Ivan Poljasevic	Girl: Jelena Marie Poljasevic	June 26
Susan Barbara Appleby Dylan Gilbert Mobbs	Boy: Owen Paul Mobbs	July 11
Kaitlin Marie Cane Bradley Marshall Woods	Boy: Elijah Marshall Woods	July 20
Sara Margaret Howard Scott Geryl Howard	Boy: Cody Scott Howard	August 3
Karoline Louise May Joshua Joseph May	Girl: Isabelle Marin May	August 6
Chelsie Marion Austin-Perry Matthew James Sobotka	Boy: Jonah Matthew Sobotka	September 9
Anya Katherine Farland Matthew Lewis Slaughter	Boy: Naia Gene Slaughter	September 17
Alexandra Cathey Murray Gregory Eugene Murray	Boy: Seumas Ettrick Murray	November 17
Marlaina Marie Montgomery Brian James Montgomery	Boy: Owen John Montgomery	December 2

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: 4:35 p.m. Brian Tagliaferro urges towns people to participate in the upcoming Middlesex Pie Breakfast. Sarah Seidmen from the Middlesex Historical Society notes that her organization is still trying to find a home for the train station. Representative Tony Klein advises that legalization of recreational marijuana use unlikely to be approved in this legislative session. U-32 School Director Adrienne Magida is looking for input on possible school consolidation under Act 46.

Civil invocation by Jake Austin who turned eighteen in February and voted for the first time today.

Meeting officially begins at 4:55 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. David Lawrence moves the nomination of Susan Clark; Charles Merriman seconds. The ayes have it. Susan is named Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year. Anita Krauth moves the nomination of Larry Mandel; Lynn Walther seconds. The ayes have it. Larry Mandel is named Grand Juror and Town Agent.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. Results from Australian Ballot:

Town Clerk	1-year term	Sarah Merriman
Treasurer	1-year term	Cindy Carlson
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term	Cindy Carlson
Delinquent Tax Collector	1-year term	Cindy Carlson
Select Board	3-year term	Mary Just Skinner
Select Board	2-year term	Elizabeth Scharf
Auditor	3-year term	None
Auditor	3-year term	None
Budget Committee	2 years of a 3-year term	Barry A. Bolio
Budget Committee	2 years of a 3-year term	Elias K. Gardner
Budget Committee	2 years of a 3-year term	Ruth Dockter
Cemetery Commission	1 year of a 3-year term	Gary Lamell
Cemetery Commission	3-year term	Evelyn Gant
Lister	3-year term	Eric Young
Planning Commission	3-year term	Thea Schwartz
Planning Commission	3-year term	None

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Jeff Koonz moves to accept the reports; Anita Krauth seconds. The ayes have it. Reports are accepted.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016 (continued)**

tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773) Jeff Koonz moves approval; Andy Leader seconds. Select Board Chair Peter Hood notes this is the same amount as last year. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 15th and February 15<sup>th</sup>, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>? (32 VSA Sec. 4773) Chip Darmstadt moves approval; Jeff Koonz seconds. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136) Barry Bolio moves approval; Bill McManus seconds. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

**ARTICLE 10:** (This article is taken up because it is not yet 5:15 p.m.) Shall the Town change the term of Town Clerk from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA § 2646(2)) Wendy Freundich moves approval; Hope Crifo seconds. Peter notes that the Select Board was not unanimous on this issue. On the positive side, he says, there is not a lot of turnover in the Town Clerk's position. The job involves a lot of responsibility and training so it doesn't make sense to approach it one year at a time. Coming up for election every three years seems more practical. Addressing Articles 10, 11 and 12, Mary Just Skinner notes that while Middlesex has been fortunate to have good Town Clerks and Treasurers over the years, neighboring towns have not been as fortunate and have found that removing poor officials from office is very difficult. It is better that they undergo an annual review, especially since running for reelection requires soliciting merely 15 signatures. The town needs to protect itself if malfeasance occurs. She is opposed to changing the term limits for all three positions. Road Foreman Paul Cerminara asks if it's possible to return to one-year terms if the three-year terms don't work out. Peter said it is. Sarah Seidman is opposed the proposed change. She says it comes down to the Town Clerk's accountability to the voters every year. The Town Clerk reports to the Town and should be under an annual review. Barry Bolio asks why one or three years, why not two? Mary Skinner says that is by state statute. Sue Bettman asks what the Town Clerk thinks. Sarah says she can see the advantages in terms of training and attracting better candidates through job security. Carolyn Roberge and Mike Levine are concerned about other ways – if any – of measuring job performance. Rupert Thouron thinks one year makes a lot of sense. That way you're not stuck with someone you don't know. Larry Becker dismisses the training argument, says more training equals a better clerk who is more likely to be reelected. Chris McVeigh notes there was no shortage of qualified applicants when Cindy left in 2013 and the Board had to appoint a new Clerk. Anita Krauth suggests splitting the issue – elect a Clerk for three years and those positions with financial accountability for one-year terms. A voice vote is indecisive. A hand vote yields 58 for, 47 against. The ayes have it and Article 10 is approved.

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016 (continued)**

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ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WAS CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM) Jeff Koonz moves; Anita Krauth seconds. Peter explains that the Select Board worked hard to keep the budget increase to 2.06%. The Board increased town salaries to make them competitive with other towns so there's a 6% increase in wages. In addition, insurance costs were huge. Lauri Scharf questions the increase in elections's costs. Treasurer Cindy Carlson says partly this is due to the state-mandated tabulator requirements which require programming and expensive ballots. Town Clerk Sarah Merriman notes the costs may be lower than indicated in the budget because the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at the last minute agreed to chip in \$500 for the Presidential Primary. Hope Crifo asks if there are any changes in the grand list. The answer is unclear. Lisa Parrish asks for more detail about the town insurance. Peter says the Board is considering putting the insurance out to bid, though it's high everywhere, especially worker's comp. Johnnie Krezinski asks about the proceeds from the sale of Town property to the Middlesex Country Store. Peter notes that the \$22,000 from the sale was used to purchase the Steed property to expand the town forest. Select Board Chair Mary Just Skinner notes the Board wanted to sell the land to the store so it could expand its septic and thrive. Select Board Member Liz Scharf commends Bill Rossmassler for donating hours of time and effort over months toward securing land for the Town Forest. A voice vote is taken and the ayes have it. A budget of \$1,074,708 for fiscal year 2017 is approved.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town eliminate the Office of Town Auditor(s) and instead authorize the Middlesex Select Board to contract with a public accountant, licensed in this state, to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the town? This change would be effective on the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the vote or when the Select Board contracts with the public accountant, whichever occurs first. (17 VSA §2651b) Hope Crifo moves approval; Ron Krauth seconds. Peter notes that under state statute, this vote must be by paper ballot. He also explains that the Town has hired a professional certified public accountant every year for several years to audit the Town's finances. Meanwhile, the only elected auditor is Helen Weed; no one else runs for the position. Her role has been reduced to appearing at a Select Board meeting once a year when the professional CPA presents his audit. Therefore, the elected auditor position is both redundant and antiquated. Susan Warren asks if Helen Weed is in agreement; Peter says she is. Johnnie Krezinski asks how long we've had a CPA. Mary Just Skinner says for years and that he's very affordable. Greg Whitchurch asks if anyone has an argument in opposition; no one answers. Votes are taken with names checked off the checklist as ballots are deposited in a ballot box. JPs Chris McVeigh and Jan Thouron count the votes. The article passes 76 to 1 with one blank ballot. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town change the term of Town Treasurer from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA § 2646(3)) Jeff Koonz moves approval; Liz

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016 (continued)**

Scharf seconds it. The nays have it and the article is defeated.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town change the term of Collector of Delinquent Taxes from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA §2646 (9)) The article is moved for approval; Dave Shepard seconds it. Mike Levine wants to know more about the position. Cindy and Mary explain that it awhile back, compensation for the Collector of Delinquent Taxes was based on penalties; now the pay is hourly. The nays have it and the article is defeated.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board) Emily Smith moves approval; Susan Warren seconds. Conservation Commission Chair Dave Shepard says his committee pared down the request from the usual \$5,000 because the town helped the CC purchase 38 acres of Cynthia Steed's property in January so that the Town Forest could be expanded with better public access. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition) Chris McVeigh moves approval; Anita Krauth seconds. Marcy Andres speaks in favor. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 to help support Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition) Jeff Koonz moves approval; Ron Krauth seconds. Peter Hood who has served on board for a number of years speaks in favor of passage. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures \$1,500 to help support the Central Vermont Council on Aging? (By Petition) Davoren Carr moves approval; Barbara Buckley seconds. Davoren speaks in favor noting the organization allows seniors to stay healthy and safe in their own homes and that she appreciates past support. Lisa Parrish supports the organization, but wants to know why the request rose from \$250 to \$1,500 in the past year. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition) Stacey Brown moves approval; Lauri Scharf seconds. Mary Hood speaks in favor and notes the request has not increased. The ayes have it and the article is approved.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to help support Community Connections? (By Petition) Julie Moore moves approval; Lynn Walther seconds. The ayes have it and the article is approved.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016 (continued)**

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First Mentoring? (By Petition) Laura Lyle moves approval; Chris McVeigh seconds. Wendy Freundlich who works for the the organization speaks in favor and notes any child can have a mentor. Celia Teachout speaks in favor as a "mentee," says it's important because her parents are often busy. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition) Sara Fox moves approval; Eric Benedict seconds. Michael Katzenberg speaks in favor as past trustee since the current Middlesex trustee, John Puleio, could not attend the meeting. He notes it is the largest local library in the state yet receives no state funding. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,300 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center? (By Petition.) Barbara Buckley moves approval; Jennifer Murray seconds. Center director Janna Claire asks to speak since she's from Montpelier. No one objects. She thanks the community for past support and notes that the multigenerational programming at the center is offered to anyone age 50 or above. She also encourages voters to support the Waterbury Senior Center since they are the only ones delivering Meals on Wheels to Middlesex homes. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to help support the Waterbury Area Senior Center? Greg Whitchurch moves approval; Julie Moore seconds. Karol Smith, director, asks to speak since she's from Waterbury. No one objects. Mary Hood says the \$10,000 is really for Meals on Wheels. Jeff Koonz asks for more detail. Karol says 3,640 meals were delivered to Middlesex residents over the past year to basically 15 families. The reason for the difference in requests to various towns has to do with mileage. The first client in Middlesex is 41 miles away from the center round trip whereas the furthest client in Duxbury is six miles. Eric Benedict asks if \$10,000 is enough. Karol says her center loses \$125/week on Middlesex and the additional \$6,000 has to be made up through fund raisers. The ayes have it. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,411 to support the following organizations: The ayes have it. The following requests are approved as is.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Town Meeting adjourns at 6:55 p.m.

Approved and signed by the following:

*Peter O. Hood*, Select Board Chair  
March 8, 2016

*Susan Clark*, Moderator of the 2016 Middlesex Town Meeting  
March 10, 2016

I attest that the above Minutes of the 2016 Middlesex Town Meeting were recorded in the Town records on March 10, 2016.

*Sarah Merriman*  
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

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## MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Middlesex Conservation Commission's (MCC) mission is to conserve the town's natural and cultural resources. The MCC works with the Town's other governmental entities and the public to identify and assess resources, offer the town and landowners guidance on planning for the conservation of these resources, and educate the residents of Middlesex the importance of conserving these resources. The Town has a modest conservation fund to help conserve the Town's natural, scenic, recreational and historic and cultural resources. The MCC's volunteer members are appointed by the Middlesex Select Board for staggered terms of four years. The MCC meets at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00 p.m.

### **Summary of 2016 Activities:**

**Middlesex Town Forest:** During 2016, the Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) worked diligently to purchase a nearly 40-acre parcel adjoining the Town Forest for inclusion in the Town Forest. This addition provides improved access to the Town Forest, additional recreational opportunities, and includes a rustic cabin. Cleanup and minor repairs to the cabin are anticipated to occur in the spring of 2017. The MCC hopes to rent the cabin for those interested in the recreational opportunities offered by the Town Forest. The purchase was made possible, in part, by \$20,000 from the Middlesex Conservation Fund that has been supported for many years by appropriations approved by voters at Town Meeting. MCC and Town Forest Stewardship Committee members continued scouting a hiking trail route in the Town Forest, which features a scenic viewpoint along the ridgeline of Chase Mtn. and culminates on the summit of Chase Mtn. with opportunity for views towards White Rocks and Hunger Mtn. Trail scouting outings occurred in May, June, September, and November. A flag-line has been completed to demarcate the proposed tail route, and we anticipate trail construction to begin during the 2017 field season. The MCC is interested in hosting natural history walks in the Town Forest. If you have knowledge of the natural world that can be shared please contact the MCC for scheduling an event for the 2017 field season. The Stewardship Committee is in the process of revising the Town Forest Management Plan and expects to finalize that document in 2017.

Committee members in 2016: Dick Alderman, Steve Juiffre, George Longenecker, Brian Redmond, Bill Rossmassler, Dave Shepard. The MCC also thanks John Buddington for his support with field activities and with mapping and recording information from field trips and to Seth Coffey for lending his expertise in trail design and layout.

**Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area:** The MCC helped with trail maintenance in May. Trail improvements included digging drainage ditches and water bars to dry out wet sections of trail.

**Green Up:** MCC members staffed the Town Garage to accept roadside trash collected by town residents and to segregate landfill and metal recycling waste streams. Once again, thanks to the Middlesex road crew for providing trucks and hauling the collected trash to the transfer station and to Bolduc's Salvage for providing a metal recycling container.

**Spring Salamander Migration:** This past spring the MCC coordinated an effort to assist salamanders and other amphibians with crossing Molly Supple Hill Road near the intersection

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## MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION (continued)

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with East Hill Road. Salamanders and other amphibians journey from the wooded uplands, where they spend most of the year, to their spring breeding habitat. Volunteers were on hand during several rainy April evenings at this significant crossing to help the amphibians across the road unscathed and to collect data on numbers of amphibians for the North Branch Nature Center. This effort supplemented the actions of Middlesex residents who have been offering similar assistance to our resident amphibians. Thanks to the motorists who slowed down for the little critters and people alike!

**Winooski River Cleanup:** In September, the MCC supported The Friends of the Winooski's annual river clean-up. Fourteen volunteers waded through the Winooski River near the Three Mile Bridge Road bridge and removed several canoe loads of rubbish from the riverbed. Our effort was coordinated with several other crews spread throughout the Montpelier area. Montpelier High School art students got creative and made sculptures from select finds, which were on display near the school's entrance throughout September. Special thanks to the volunteers and for the Middlesex road crew for providing a truck and hauling the garbage to the transfer station.

**Shady Rill Picnic Area:** The MCC participated in discussions with the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation regarding management of the Shady Rill picnic area and the possibility of title transfer to the Town of Middlesex. The Town will be managing the maintenance of the park for 2017 and will evaluate its ability to maintain the park long-term.

**Zoning Amendments:** MCC members have attended planning commission hearings and Select Board meetings to provide input on proposed amendments to the Town's zoning regulations.

**Hunger Mtn. Headwaters Conservation Project:** The MCC has participated in discussions with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) regarding the conservation of approximately 2,000 acres primarily located in Middlesex and Worcester, with smaller tracts in Stowe. The land has significant forest resources, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreational value, including over one mile of the trail that ascends White Rock and Hunger Mountains. The MCC drafted a letter of support for the conservation effort to the Middlesex Selectboard. The project has been selected by the State of Vermont's Forest Stewardship Committee for consideration for federal funding. TPL will know whether the project will receive federal funds for fiscal year 2018 by February 2017.

**Additions and Departures:** During 2016 member Scott Gurley stepped down from the MCC. The MCC thanks Scott for service to the town. Scott joined the MCC in 2006 and has served as treasurer for several years. The MCC welcomed new members Seth Coffey and Heather Katz in 2015. Seth has provided expert advice on the layout of the future Town Forest hiking trail. Heather is serving as the treasurer.

Agendas and minutes for MCC meetings are posted on the Town of Middlesex website at <http://middlesexvermont.org>. If you would like to find out more about the MCC, please feel free to get in touch with any one of us.

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Respectfully Submitted, *Dick Alderman, Larry Becker, Scott Gurley, George Longenecker, Charlie Merriman, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard, Seth Coffey and Heather Katz*

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## MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

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Middlesex Fast Squad has four EMTs - Jeff Koonz of Middlesex, Doug Hanson of Montpelier, and Bob & Marge Bower of Moretown. The Fast Squad responded to 90% of the emergency requests in 2016. Of those, 177 times our pager, phones and radios directed us to stop what we were doing, leave family dinners, warm beds and other responsibilities to respond to the EMS requests. In today's climate of volunteer Fast Squads and EMS, these numbers are remarkable and something we are very proud of. We are pleased to welcome Ben Ilsley to the fast squad. Recently relocated to Middlesex, Ben has many years as an EMT with Newbury EMS and comes highly recommended by his previous department. We look forward to Ben's assistance responding in the Shady Rill area.

Equally important is our partnership with Montpelier Fire and Ambulance. Middlesex has a contract with Montpelier Fire and Ambulance to provide ambulance service. Montpelier staffs their ambulance with advanced EMTs and paramedics, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing excellent advanced care and transport to the hospital.

In 2016, 153 Fast Squad calls were from Middlesex. Of those, 73 were for medical assistance, and 10 were for trauma issues. Though the Fast Squad was called 22 times to the interstate, the Vermont State Police cancelled many of those requests before the squad turned onto I-89. (The year before, the Fast Squad received 30 calls to the interstate.)

The Fast Squad also provided 23 lift assists and responded to 12 motor vehicle crashes in Middlesex (other than the interstate), twice as many as the year before. The Middlesex Fast Squad also covers the back side of the river in Moretown /Rt. 100B and was called there 20 times in 2016.

Last year I challenged residents to make their house more visible and easy to find. There are still unmarked driveways. Installing reflective, big bold numbers at the end of driveways saves time. Turning on yard and/or room lights in the front of the house helps make it easier to find your house in the dark. Some night as you are driving home, pretend you are looking for your address. Would it be easy for an EMS responder to find your home? Your fire department is looking at solutions; stay tuned.

Thanks to the JD Picard/ R. Krauth Community EMS Fund, the Fire Department and Fast Squad are pleased to be offering CPR to the community. (Please see related article, on next page).

While we have the greatest fast squad, there are ways to make us better. We would welcome new members interested in providing emergency care, especially those available in Middlesex during the day. No experience is necessary to start. Joining for a probationary period involves shadowing fast squad calls. As you develop experience and undergo training, you can then begin providing care to those in need and assisting the ambulance crew.

For more information about joining the fast squad, or general EMS information email or call: Marge Bower, director of the fast squad. [margebower@comcast.net](mailto:margebower@comcast.net) home - 299-1935.

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## MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD (continued)

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### **JD Picard/ R. Krauth Community EMS Education Fund**

Middlesex Community CPR is coming to a fire station near you. Thanks to a generous seed donation, and development of the concept from Anita and Ron Krauth and matching funds from the Fast Squad donation from the Picard Family in memory of JD, we will be purchasing higher quality CPR manikins, practice AEDs and teaching materials from American Heart Association. This will provide the Middlesex Fast Squad and the Middlesex Fire department with the resources to begin teaching community CPR.

Anita and Ron Krauth wanted to do something to help the Fast Squad for the help they received in the past. Anita's career as a nurse and former CPR instructor recognizes the importance of CPR. The Krauths want to recognize the importance of supporting our first responders and neighbors of Middlesex. This is certainly a skill you want to have and not need, rather than need and not know.

The Picards made a generous donation to the Fast Squad in Memory of JD. The use of these funds for educating the Middlesex community in CPR fits the mission of preserving the spirit of JD's memory. The fund will enable the CPR classes to be offered at no or low cost. JD and the Picard's certainly represent the Middlesex community being the best it can be. Learning CPR, being able to help in an emergency, going above and beyond for your neighbor certainly emulates the spirit of JD Picard.

Community CPR, also called Friends and Family CPR is compression only CPR and use of an AED. It reviews how to treat choking, and CPR for children and infants. It can generally be completed in a couple of hours. It is the base for making a difference. Heartsaver CPR and Basic Life Support are more detailed classes which can provide an official CPR card for certain job/OSHA requirements. These classes may be available in the future depending on demand.

Our first course will be March 30, 2017, at 6:30-9pm. at the Fire Station. More information will be available at the Town office, on Front Porch Forum, at Town meeting and at the Fire Station. Advance registration is requested. Free to the residents of Middlesex Fire service area. Additional donations to the fund will be used for continuation of the program. The Fire Department has committed to hosting at least 4 classes a year for 2017, more if there is demand. We are open to suggestions for dates and times for additional sessions.

For more information about Community CPR or general EMS information, please email or call: Marge Bower, director of the fast squad. [margebower@comcast.net](mailto:margebower@comcast.net) home - 299-1935

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## MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This year was busier than last year for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department. As of December 31, 2016 we have received and responded to a total of 97 calls, 16 more than last year. The type and number of calls are as follows: vehicle incidents 34, vehicle fire 1, structure fires 5, chimney fires 7, hazards 7, wild land fires 6, alarms 13, mutual aid 10, and other 24. Of the 97 calls, 27 were on I-89 making up about 28% of our calls. Responding to all these calls resulted in 499.8 of member hours to the community. In addition to the time spent on calls, members logged more than 100 hours of non-call service in the Department as well as to the town. Some of the 50-50 raffle proceeds at the Band Stand Concerts enabled us to put "Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department" on Engine 6. We want to thank all of those who supported the Department by buying tickets.

We are asking for your help. Our Department is small and we are always looking for new members to join the Department. Besides joining the Department to be a firefighter or EMT, we could use members whose role is to help out with the routine operations needed to run a fire department: small engine maintenance, vehicle maintenance and inspection, fire equipment maintenance and inspection, and building and grounds maintenance. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter or EMT we can arrange the training for you. If you would like to help the department in some other way please come and talk to us. We have monthly training on the first Tuesday of every month, our monthly business meeting is the on the third Tuesday of every month, and Department work night on the fourth Tuesday, all start at 7:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing more members of the community on your Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Hanson, Chief*

*Jeff Koonz, President*

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## MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Middlesex Historical Society was incorporated in November, 1993, to help townspeople understand and preserve the history of the people who have lived and worked in Middlesex, and the buildings, roads, cemeteries, institutions and culture of this community. Our current membership stands at over 200. Members meet three times per year in January, May, and September to share photographs, memorabilia and stories; dates and times are posted on the Middlesex town website, as well as on the Front Porch Forum community email service and on radio station WDEV. We welcome donations of old photos and documents; they are stored safely and are available to anyone who wishes to study them

The highlights of 2016 included an enthusiastically received presentation last fall by Howard Coffin on Vermonters in the Civil War. The future of the railroad station remains uncertain as it approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018.

We still have about 50 copies of the first complete history of our community, Middlesex in the Making, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman. Designed by resident Kate Alberghini, the book includes over 200 photographs as well as over 70 interviews with the town's oldest residents. It traces the history of the town from its earliest Abenaki roots to the changes of the 1950s and 60s. Copies can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office, at the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting, at the Red Hen bakery in the village, or through Bear Pond books in Montpelier.

When will the Society be offered a home to display its collection of Middlesex photos and artifacts? These items document our community's history and belong to all of us; they deserve and will reward public viewing. We also offer a 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic on the Middlesex website, and a small traveling exhibit about Middlesex past and present is available for educational uses by any resident.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Middlesex history and costs one dollar (\$1) per person per year, \$15 for businesses. New members are needed! We hope our efforts will help citizens increase their sense of pride in our town's past traditions and their sense of responsibility in planning for the future. Please help us preserve our town's history by renewing your membership at the Middlesex Historical Society table **on Town Meeting Day.**

*Patty Wiley, President, Sarah Seidman, V.P./Secretary, Dick Alderman, Treasurer*

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## MIDDLESEX LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

Contractor Richard Lewis Appraisals Inc. has now completed field inspections of the over 900 Middlesex taxable properties as part of a 2-year, town-wide, reappraisal. By May 2017, field inspection data will be calculated into updated property assessments and the results mailed out to Middlesex property owners. Owners will also receive, for reference purposes, updated assessments of all reappraised properties. In addition, the Appraiser and Listers plan to set aside time in May to discuss with interested owners the updated assessments. Owners will also be given the procedure for contesting, or grieving, the reassessed values.

The town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2016 was calculated by the state at 93.67%. This compares with 94.46% for 2015. The 2016 Coefficient Of Dispersion (COD), which indicates the uniformity of the Grand List assessments, came in at 10.04%. The 2015 COD was 10.02%. All values are within specified state limits but are expected to improve significantly when the reappraisal numbers are factored in.

Taxable properties in town numbered 906 as of April 1, 2016 with a total town wide assessment of \$213,763,211 as of that date. The 2015 total was

\$211,745,100 and the number of properties, 909. Properties enrolled in the Current Use Program rose from 93 the prior year to an even 100 and Veteran Property Exemptions are now at 9, up 1. Each exemption comes with a \$40,000 property value deduction.

Eighteen (18) residential sales were recorded in Middlesex for the year ending March 31, 2016, 2 more than the previous year. They ranged in value from \$353,000 for a residence on 12.2 acres at 575 East Hill Road to a home with 3 acres for \$150,000 at 34 Lower Sunny Brook Road. Sales also include a camp and 2 acres at 19 French Road for \$105,000 and a 3.9 acre lot on McCullough Hill Road and a 0.5 acre lot on Portal Road for \$65,000 and \$23,000 respectively. Also, a condo, unit 2, at 161 Shady Rill Road, went for \$153,000 and an uninhabitable, multi-family home on 5.18 acres at 165 Wood Road for \$50,000.

*Dick Alderman, Caleb Deane, and Eric Young  
Middlesex Listers*

## MIDDLESEX ZONING SUMMARY REPORT

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
PERMITS	31	37	47	29	37	41
FEES COLLECTED	\$4,500	\$4,425	\$6,035	\$3,460	\$5,380	\$5,485.00
NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	6	3	5	4	7	5

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## MIDDLESEX PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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The primary focus of the Middlesex Planning Commission in 2016 was to complete revisions of the Middlesex Land Use & Development Regulations. The primary goal throughout the revision was to improve the organization, layout and language to make them more user friendly to the lay person. A public hearing regarding the proposed revisions was conducted by the MPC in April, and the completed version was forwarded for approval to the Select Board in June.

After the Select Board public hearing on the topic, the MPC recommended that the proposed changes in Section 2 “Permitted” and “Conditional Use” tables be removed, citing concerns and comments resulting from both public hearings and residents correspondence, as well as a recognized need to wait for the upcoming 2018 update to the Town Plan. This would insure that any changes to the tables are compatible with any potential changes to the new Town Plan.

Zoning Application 16-05 was also taken up by the Commission. The application involved an agricultural/forestry project on Parcel 002-114.001 at 160 Shady Rill Road. It was reviewed as a Planned Residential Development (PRD) under Article 5 of the current Zoning Regulations. A Public Hearing that included a site walk thru with all interested parties was held on May 18, 2016 and the project was approved with revisions and compliance with applicable state regulations on sewage disposal and water quality protection.

The MPC would also like to thank Thea Schwartz and Theo Kennedy for their tireless commitment and dedication while serving as Planning Commissioners during the many challenges tackled by the commission in recent years. Your service was invaluable to our efforts, THANK YOU!

The MPC would also like to welcome Barry Bolio and Troy Sumner as recent appointees to the commission, we look forward to their input and participation in our current and upcoming efforts.

Respectfully,

Middlesex Planning Commission

*John Krezinski, Chair; Barry Bolio, Vice-Chair; Dick Alderman, Secretary; Steve Martin, Troy Sumner*

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## MIDDLESEX RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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In June of 2016, I was hired as the town's new Recreation Director. I'm very excited about the chance to work with fellow residents to develop and promote affordable recreation opportunities for the community.

I've spent the first few months working on refurbishing some facilities that had fallen into disrepair. In particular:

- Thanks to the Select Board, and also a generous community member, we now have two new sets of soccer goals in sizes appropriate for our youth soccer programs. Unlike the previous soccer goals, these are portable and can be stored out of the elements during the off-season. I've also refurbished the old goals, transforming them into a pair of serviceable goals that can be used the rest of the year.
- I have done some preliminary work restoring the basketball and tennis courts adjacent to Rumney Memorial School.
- I have cleaned and organized the multi-room storage shed next to the basketball/tennis courts in preparation for 2017 projects.

Among the projects I am working on for 2017 are:

- Completing the refurbishment of the tennis courts.
- Development of a maintenance program to improve the quality of the baseball/soccer field turf.
- Enhancements to the Walter Kelley Park (a hidden gem next to the Volunteer Fire Station).
- The transition of Shady Rill Park. The State currently manages this facility, but is no longer interested in doing so. The Select Board, Conservation Commission and others are in talks with the State, with the goal of the town assuming management of this park.

I'm hoping to build on the groundwork begun by members of the Recreation Committee and eventually offer several low-cost recreation programs for the benefit of the community. If you have suggestions you'd like to share, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mitch Osiecki  
Recreation Director*

Email: [MiddlesexRec@gmail.com](mailto:MiddlesexRec@gmail.com)  
Phone: 760-9674

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## TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee is happy to report to our neighbors on our work this year. The Solutions Committee is an ad hoc group that has met since 2001 with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. We generally meet once a month (except in the summer), get a lot accomplished, and there are cookies at every meeting. We welcome your participation! Please drop in anytime.

### **Town Meeting: Participating from Home or Afar**

The Solutions Committee makes it possible for Middlesex voters in remote locations to participate in town meeting. Do you have a neighbor or family member who'd like to attend town meeting but doesn't—whether due to health or mobility issues, or because they are away in the military or public service? The Solutions Committee can help.

No technological expertise is necessary (we can set you up with a computer if you need it). Via phone and internet, participants are able to see and be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, and hear and speak to the assembly. Our goal is to allow participation for these citizens while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room. We've been offering this service since 2008, and have heard from both town meeting attendees and remote participants that the experience has been very positive. To learn more about this free service, please contact Janette Shaffer, [rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com](mailto:rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com) or 802-989-2477 (by Friday, 2/17).

### **Community Communication**

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### And more...

Other Solutions Committee projects have included: promoting child care for town meeting with Rumney Community Connections; helping coordinate the town meeting dinner hosted by the Rumney School to benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf and other volunteers!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Selectboard on a "Welcome New Voter" letter sent to people who were added to the Middlesex checklist this year, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing "Town Meeting Tidbits" via Front Porch Forum and information on how to participate in town meeting; working with the Town Clerk's office and Treasurer Cindy Carlson to create charts that help make Middlesex's budget information clearer; and more.

Many thanks to committee members Ron Krauth, Tim Murphy, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, and Barb and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of the Middlesex Selectboard, Middlesex School Board, and others.

**Middlesex's democracy can always use fresh ideas. Please come and have a cookie.** Stop by one of our meetings, share an idea, or get involved in specific projects. Contact Susan Clark, 223-5824, [sclark@sover.net](mailto:sclark@sover.net).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Susan Clark, Chair*

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## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides planning and development assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

### 2016 Middlesex Activities

- Assisted with Local Hazard Mitigation Plan updates.
- Completed field work for Vulnerability Assessments.
- Reviewed Town Plan in preparation for consultations.
- Conducted a flood study of the Mad River and Winooski River to develop flood inundation data, identify key vulnerable infrastructure, and to identify treatment options for these vulnerable sites. The study will help guide redevelopment and lead to mitigation actions to reduce risks to public safety and infrastructure in the future.

### CVRPC Projects & Programs

- **Municipal plan and bylaw updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization and plan updates.
- **Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- **Transportation planning:** Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- **Emergency planning:** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- **Energy conservation and development:** Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- **Natural resource planning and project development:** Implement activities to protect water resources/ supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- **Regional plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- **Geographic Information System services:** Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- **Special projects:** Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- **Grants:** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.

*Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director*

*Ron Krauth, Regional Commissioner and Transportation Advisory Commission*

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## CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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CVSWMD is made up of 19 member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. Anita Krauth represents Middlesex on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors.

In FY16, CVSWMD provided \$7,578 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$3,194 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. The Rumney Elementary School received a \$200 Zero Waste Grant to purchase materials to build a shed to hold the school's compost buckets.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soilsaver composting units and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has 67 participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated 1,007 tons of food scraps to composting facilities in FY16.
- **School Composting (part of our School Zero Waste Program):** There are 26 public schools in the District participating in this program. Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, CVSWMD schools diverted an estimated 109 tons of high quality food scraps.
  - Rumney Elementary School's food scraps are hauled by a local farmer.
  - U-32 High School diverted 5.5 tons
- **Special Collections:** In 2016, nine events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
  - A household hazardous waste collection event in Montpelier served 157 households.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, on 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and every third Sat. 9-1pm. The Additional Recyclables Collection Center is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, [cvswmd.org/arcc](http://cvswmd.org/arcc). Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.
  - In FY16, 144 visitors to our Additional Recyclables Collection Center came from Middlesex.
- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information about what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, Paint Care guidelines, details of our special collections, and an "A to Z Guide" listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet, along with other useful information for reducing waste in central Vermont.

For more information go to [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org) or contact us at 802-229-9383 or [comments@cvswmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswmd.org)

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## MIDDLESEX BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES



Last year was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual concert season at the Andy Shapiro-Martha Pellerin Memorial Bandstand, with fabulous music, great food, and robust turnouts of adults and kids.

As always, the performances were top-quality and totally varied. The opening concert, by the Big Bang Bhangra Brass Band, was followed in successive weeks by Red Hot Juba, Still Kickin', Dana and Susan Robinson, Penny Arcade, Jon Gailmorn and Ron Sweet, and The Tender Senders

with April Caspari. The musical genres ranged from Bollywood to blues, pop to country, classic rock to jazz to finger-picking guitar and folk. With great food provided onsite by Mediterranean Mix and Chill, this was one of Vermont's best summer arts offerings.

Generous support for the series was provided by Gold Sponsors Align to Health Chiropractic & Functional Neurology, Bear Creek Environmental, Bear Swamp Veterinary Service, Chill Vermont Gelato, Creative Carpentry and Construction, Freelance Automotive, Highland Gardens, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Montpelier Construction, Noyle W. Johnson Insurance Co., Red Hen Bakery and Café, and The Dumpling Coach; by In-Kind Gold Sponsors Brian P. Graphic Arts, Capitol Copy, Hartigan, Mad Tech Sound and Lovetown Recording, and Weathering Heights; and by Concert Sponsors Bolduc Salvage, EnergySmart of Vermont, Flywheel Communications, Guitar Sam, Kiefer Brothers Landscaping, Pease Farm Stable, and Splash Naturals.

More incredible concerts are planned for this coming summer, so block out your Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting the first Wednesday after July 4. And watch for updates on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and our newly revamped website, [middlesexbandstand.com](http://middlesexbandstand.com).

Contact: John at 229-0881 or Elliot at 272-4920

Middlesex Bandstand Committee

*Dick Alderman, Elliot Burg, Jerry Gormley, Mary Nealon, Margot Prendergast, John Puleio and Ron Sweet*

## MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF

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The Middlesex Food Shelf (MFS) offers a range of boxed and canned food, meats, prepared foods, bread, beverages, toiletries, and pet food to residents of Middlesex and neighboring towns. Housed in the Middlesex United Methodist Church, it is open every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. On arrival, clients identify their town of residence and the number of people in their household. No further identification is required. In 2016, the MFS had 405 such visits by a household (not necessarily distinct households since most clients are returning visitors). Based on the clients' reports of household size, in 2016 the MFS assisted individuals with their food needs a total of 1,046 times. Also, for Thanksgiving, the food shelf gave out 20 free turkeys.

For unknown reasons, client numbers were somewhat lower this year than in recent years:

Households Assisted—2013: 515, 2014: 597, 2015: 513, 2016: 405

Individuals Assisted—2013: 1,447, 2014: 1,713, 2015: 1364, 2016: 1,046

Weekly Average—2014: 11 households, 33 individuals;

2015: 10 households, 26 individuals;

2016: 8 households, 20 individuals

In 2016, about 18% of the MFS clients lived in Middlesex. It is quite common for residents of a community to seek out food shelves elsewhere, for reasons of privacy, and our open-door policy works well in reciprocity with other area food shelves.

This year, partially because of our decreased utilization, and also because of the ongoing generosity of our community donations, we were able to increase the amount of food we offer to everybody that comes in. Specifically, we have raised our allowances from two bags for families of 3+ and one bag for families of 1-2, to three and two bags, respectively.

As a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, the MFS benefits from Foodbank training sessions and is able to acquire food every week from the South Barre distribution center, some items at no cost, others at discounted prices. The food shelf derives most of its revenue from the Middlesex Community Fall Harvest Dinner at Rumney School, supplemented by individual monetary donations throughout the year. To make a deductible donation, look for the handy jar on the Town Clerk's desk, or send a check payable to "Middlesex Food Shelf" to the Middlesex Food Shelf, c/o Ben Skolnik, 114 East Hill Road, Middlesex, VT 05602. Food donations are always welcome, especially tuna, soups, peanut butter, and toiletries. A food donation box is in the lobby of Rumney School. Fresh produce and eggs are best delivered to the food shelf just before the beginning of a Saturday session—between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

If you would like to volunteer at the MFS contact Ben Skolnik (see email below). Presently about 25 Middlesex volunteers handle the Saturday morning distribution on a rotating basis—setting up, helping clients, and restocking. Many of them are Rumney parents assisted by their children. Volunteers work in pairs.

Middlesex residents contribute to the food shelf in many ways—with cash, checks, produce, eggs, and even knitted hats. Thanks to all. We also want to thank these folks for their contributions: David Specht of the Middlesex Country Store; Red Hen Bread; Nutty Steph's;

## MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF (continued)

The Central Vermont Women's Giving Circle, Joe Buley of Screamin' Ridge Farm; the VT State Police in the Middlesex barracks for a Christmas food donation; Pat Allen and the late Frank Allen for their many years of dedication to the food shelf; the Middlesex United Methodist Church for housing the food shelf and helping in many other ways; and the Rumney School staff, parents, and kids for the always-spectacular fall food drive.

Hunger and food insecurity are huge problems worldwide, and it is good to know that here in Middlesex, through a friendly and caring food shelf, neighbors are giving an assist to a grateful clientele.

*Ben Skolnik (coordinator; benskoln@gmail.com), Liz Scharf (Ms. Steady; liz.scharf@gmail.com), Dave Carkeet (Coordinator Emeritus)*

## MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Last year, the Middlesex Select Board approved one Milford Leonard Scholarship which is awarded annually by a representative from the Select Board and the Rumney School Board.

According to Mr Leonard's will, the scholarship should be used for the "benefit of a child or children residing in the town of Middlesex desiring to attend a summer camp that provides programs in one or more of the following fields: animal husbandry, agriculture or forestry practices, natural sciences, conservation and wildlife management, with the preference being given to children of limited or modest resources."

If you know a child who might qualify for the above, please send a letter outlining why you are recommending the child, which camp and the cost of the camp to the Town Clerk's Office by June 1st, 2017. The committee will review candidates and make its recommendation to the Select Board for final approval and release of funds. Scholarships may cover the entire cost of the camp or partial costs depending on requests and need.

*Elizabeth Scharf*

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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By state statute, sheriffs' departments are tasked with transporting prisoner and mental health patients and juveniles in the custody of the State of Vermont, along with executing the civil process. During FY16, the Washington County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) transported 593 people. In addition, the office was contracted to patrol roads and provide security inside and outside courthouses – from Public Service Board hearings to football games to court-ordered evacuations. The department also provided Uniformed Traffic Officers (UTOs) and cruisers to increase safety during road construction. During the summer months on any week day, it is not uncommon to have fifteen to twenty staff on duty performing various functions.

The Sheriff's Department also conducts outreach and education, including hunter safety courses, snowmobile-safety classes, and teaching at the Vermont Police Academy. It is an annual tradition for the sheriff to send letters to high school students reminding them to make good choices.

In 2015, two deputies attended the 16-week, full-time academy program to replace two other retiring deputies. Ted Hislop, who became a deputy sheriff after serving as a Vermont State Trooper, retired after 32 years with the WCSD. Howard Curtis retired after over 40 years with the department. They will both be greatly missed.

During fiscal year 2016, the Washington County Sheriff's Department generated 380 incident reports and issued 836 traffic citations. The department arrested 11 people for DUI, 22 for driving with a criminally suspended license, and brought in 44 on arrest warrants.

The Washington County Sheriff's Department is proud of its work and takes pride in its efforts to make Washington County safer.

Professionally,

*W. Samuel Hill*  
*Sheriff*

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## **WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (continued)**

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The WCSD wrote the following traffic complaints and incident reports while on patrol in Middlesex:

### Total Traffic Citation Report, by Violation

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
18V4230A1	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA <2 OZ	1
23V1004	INTERSTATE HIGHWAY REGULATIONS	3
23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	4
23V1048	STOP/YIELD INTERSECTIONS	17
23V1095	OPERATING W/ TV INSTALLED	1
23V1095B	PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE/USE OF	1
23V1134(a)	CONSUME ALCOHOL/MJ WHILE DRIVING	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	10
23V1223	PROHIBITIONS (UNAUTHORIZED)	1
23V601	OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE	3
23V612	VIOLATION OF RESTRICTED LICENS	2
23V676AB	DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED	1
23V800A	INSURANCE CERTIFICATE	1

**Report Totals** **46**

The Sheriff's Department also dealt with or assisted with several incidents in Middlesex.

<b>Observed Offense</b>		<b>Total</b>
0099	Consent Search	1
3619	DLS Criminal	2
ASST	Agency Assist	2
MAST	Motorist Assistance	1

**Total Incidents** **6**

## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

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The summer of 2016 was one of a seemingly endless supply of beautiful days perfect for outdoor play. The Park reflected this, receiving steady attendance from May to October. Once again Wrightsville hosted a number of events including biking, waterskiing, and disc golf tournaments. The great weather also enabled us to make significant improvements to the Park facilities and operations, which we will utilize and improve upon in 2017.

The District's recreation fitness, programs, services, and facilities are in increasing demand, we are meeting the demand and continuing to offer more. This was our fifth year with the full 18-hole disc golf course which continues to broaden our season length, and clientele base demographically & geographically. We increased our boat rental fleet again by adding two stand-up-paddleboards and two tandem kayaks. We organized four different leagues and classes for 14 weeks, with some running twice that long. We were also host to a variety of day camps, community program events, the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Wrightsville Beach Disc Golf Tournament and the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreational experience for all users. This requires continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements with attention to making the Park more rain resilient for the people and the grounds. The following figures summarize the District's financial operations from January 1, 2016 through year's end:

**Revenue**

Washington Electric	\$ 9,500
Municipal Assessments	\$12,029
Season's User Fees	\$55,448
Prior year's carryover	\$14,736
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$91,713</b>

**Expenditures**

Personnel	\$26,705
Maintenance	\$24,697
Operating	\$37,518

**Total Expenditures** **\$51,974**

Any carryover from operating revenue and expenditures that is realized in any year is used to fund the next year's operating expenses, capital improvements and depreciation fund.

The Board thanks the member communities for their continued support of the Wrightsville Beach.

*Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair  
Daniel Currier, Montpelier  
Jessica Chaves, Montpelier*

*Bill Merrylees, East Montpelier  
Jane Dudley, Middlesex  
Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager*

## **ARTICLE 13: CENTRAL VT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION**

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Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided free basic education and literacy instruction to adults and teens in Middlesex for 50 years. Last year, CVABE served three Middlesex residents, though usually the annual average is closer to six.

CVABE provides literacy instruction in reading, writing, math, and/or English as another language. It also helps students earn their high school credentials and prepare for employment, college and/or technical training. Nearly all students are low income earners.

CVABE's funding request of \$1,000 represents 5.2% of CVABE's annual cost for instructing the Middlesex students and is the same amount Middlesex voters approved at the last Town Meeting. This request is on par with the average funding from nearby towns such as Moretown, Waterbury and Montpelier. In addition to state and federal support, CVABE's free basic education programs require over \$225,000 in community funding each year. This community support comes from individuals, businesses, organizations, and the towns/cities we serve, and is essential to help neighbors build a better life through literacy. A small portion of CVABE's annual funding also comes from fee-for-service contracts with local businesses and organizations, and other minimal miscellaneous income.

Last year, four volunteers from Middlesex were among CVABE's tri-county service network. Through CVABE, many Middlesex residents have gained academic skills and credentials for employment so they can improve their lives.

### **Contact:**

Joanne Fitzgerald, Development Coordinator  
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.  
46 Washington St.  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
(802) 476-4588  
Email: [info@cvabe.org](mailto:info@cvabe.org)  
Website: [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)

**Funding request: \$1,000**

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## ARTICLE 14: CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

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The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) is one of twelve non-profit regional development corporations in the State of Vermont. It was organized in 1976 to provide an impetus for the region's economic development. Its funding primarily comes from the State of Vermont, municipalities and business members who pay annual dues.

CVEDC's mission is to assist in the retention and expansion of existing businesses and the relocation of businesses to the Central Vermont region. CVEDC partners with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) which is located within the CVEDC offices. Middlesex residents seeking to start a business can receive free technical assistance from SBDC.

In addition, CVEDC promotes Central Vermont and its resources to businesses and industries contemplating new facilities in the region through joint regional marketing in conjunction with the State Department of Economic Development, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

Last year, CVEDC, held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Vermont Job Fair at the Barre Auditorium attended by over 800 job seekers and 60 businesses. This year's job fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017. The CVEDC employs a staff of one full-time and one three-quarter-time people. Middlesex Select Board chair Peter Hood is on the board of directors and is our most recent past President. Resident Lindsay Kurkle has recently joined the board.

The CVEDC is grateful for the support from Middlesex voters throughout the years and looks forward to continuing this productive relationship.

### **Contact:**

Jamie Stewart, Executive Director  
CVEDC  
PO Box 1439  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601  
(802) 223-4654  
Email: [jstewart@cvedc.org](mailto:jstewart@cvedc.org)  
Website: [www.cvedc.org](http://www.cvedc.org)

**Funding request: \$500**

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## **ARTICLE 15: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**

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Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is in its second century of providing home health and hospice care throughout central Vermont. Town funds help patients rehabilitate after injury or illness, avoid or reduce hospitalizations, which help reduce overall healthcare costs, and prevent or delay nursing home admissions, as well as allow the terminally ill to die with dignity at home.

Forty-two (42) Middlesex residents received 1,104 home visits in calendar year 2015 (Jan. 1 – October 31\*), for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. Of those total visits, 830 were home care, 93 were for hospice, 168 were long-term care and 13 visits were maternal child health help. The total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefited from health promotion activities such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings.

The objective in requesting funds from all 23 towns CVHHH serves is based upon population. There is a consistent correlation between the size of the towns and the numbers served by CVHHH in those towns. CVHHH believes that a minimum of \$2.00 per capita will assist in properly serving each town's residents, though visit numbers vary annually. Most years CVHHH subsidizes much more care than is covered by the town's allocation. Other sources of funding include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, grants and 2 annual CVHHH-sponsored fund-raising events as well as private donations from the community.

CVHHH enjoys support from Middlesex residents in the form of charitable donations from individuals, employees, volunteers and leadership on its Board of Directors.

\*Audited figures not available at the time of report submission. Preliminary figures are not expected to vary significantly.

### **Contact:**

Sandy Rousse, President & CEO  
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice  
600 Granger Road  
Barre, VT 05641  
(802) 223-1878  
Website: [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org)  
Email: [dpudvah@cvhhh.org](mailto:dpudvah@cvhhh.org)

**Funding request: \$3,750**

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## ARTICLE 16: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (RUMNEY)

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Community Connections is a non-profit organization that has been running before and after-school care and programs for 15 years within the WCSU and Montpelier school districts, including Rumney.

Last year, Rumney Community Connections enrolled 86 Rumney students in before and after-school care, representing 50% of the elementary school. Mostly, Community Connections relies on fee-based funding. Grants are sought after and applied for on a continuing basis.

Town funding support goes directly toward paying for program employees – six part-time and one full-time coordinator – and for healthy snacks and activity supplies. Paul Dayton, the current site coordinator, is a Middlesex resident. Volunteers are often part of the CC activity schedule and programs. The recent construction of a school garden shed/chicken coop is a good example of the community coming together to donate materials, time and money to a specific project.

Rumney Community Connections thanks the Middlesex community for supporting these programs this year and years before.

**Contact:**

Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator for Rumney Elementary School  
73 Main Street, #33  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
Tel: (802) 223-5429 X322  
Website: [www.communityconnections.us](http://www.communityconnections.us)  
Email: [pdayton@rumney.org](mailto:pdayton@rumney.org)

**Funding request: \$3,000**

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## **ARTICLE 17: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING**

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Girls/Boyz First Mentoring (GBFM) is a community-based mentoring program. In the nineteen years that GBFM has served Central Vermont, 27 Middlesex youth have been mentored and 12 Middlesex adults have volunteered as mentors. In 2016, 13 Middlesex youth were mentored and four Middlesex adults participated as mentors in this program.

Mentoring is research-based, cost effective and simple. The high school graduation rate for youth who have been served by GBFM is 92.3%, which is higher than the state average. GBFM is the only community-based mentoring program that serves Middlesex. Mentors model and reinforce the importance and value of education, help their mentees develop problem-solving and goal-setting skills, and guide them towards making positive life choices. Alongside their adult mentors, GBFM mentees participate in and learn new hobbies and recreational activities, engage in community service projects, learn life skills such as cooking, wood working, career planning, financial literacy and budgeting skills, and engage in new opportunities for cultural enrichment and community connections.

Middlesex support for GBFM will go towards general operating expenses. It costs approximately \$1,200-\$1,500 per match per year to fund a mentor pair. The majority of the GBFM budget goes towards the program director's salary. Requested money will also go toward activity expenses such as bowling, and outdoor recreational activities (ice skating, bike rental, cross country skiing) and background checks.

GBFM receives no federal funds, relying on a few small grants along with community and individual donations for support. The \$1,500 amount that GBFM is requesting represents the cost of one mentoring match for one year. This cost covers recruitment, matching, background checks, events and programs and supervision. With the support of the Central Vermont community, GBFM will be able to sustain its program and build a diversified and stable base.

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### **Funding request: \$1,500**

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## ARTICLE 18: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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The Kellogg-Hubbard Library (KHL) is an independent nonprofit organization that serves as a public library for Middlesex and five other communities. Founded in 1894, the KHL has a collection of over 74,000 items and is the second busiest library in the state.

Five hundred eighty Middlesex residents have active library cards, and last year they borrowed 19,554 items, plus e-books, which are not tracked by community.

In addition to very actively using their library cards to borrow books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and e-books, many Middlesex residents attend the numerous programs offered by the library. Last year the library offered 542 programs—322 for children and 220 for adults—with attendance totaling 9,686. There are 14 public computers, and last year patrons used them an average of 325 times per week. Using library computers or their own devices, patrons used KHL’s free Wi-Fi an average of 1,122 times per week. Over 900 patrons received technology training at the library.

The library provides many outreach services in Middlesex. Last year it lent and delivered 843 books to two daycares, and volunteers read over 400 stories to children at those daycares. The outreach maintains a book exchange at Red Hen Bakery and provides occasional story times in town. Using grant money and donations, KHL gave away 59 free, new books at story times.

KHL bases its request for support from towns at \$16 per capita, using the Vermont Department of Health population figures. The statewide average of taxpayer support for libraries is \$30.38 per capita. KHL’s current budget is \$915,035. Although the amounts vary slightly each year, the library generally receives half of its income from the member communities (Middlesex, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Montpelier—which pays a higher rate—and Worcester); 25% from earnings on its endowment; 20% from fundraising and donations; and 5% from miscellaneous income. The library is asking Middlesex voters to approve \$27,760. This is the same amount as the last two years and is 3% of the cost of running the library.

John Puleio is the Middlesex representative on the KHL Board of Trustees.

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**Funding request: \$27,760**

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## ARTICLE 19: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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The Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) is a 50-year-old non-profit organization located at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. Welcome to anyone age 50 and over, the goal of the center is to promote healthy aging and lifelong learning while maintaining socialization, reducing isolation and preventing physical and mental health issues.

MSAC offers foreign language classes, yoga, crafts lessons, various exercise courses, a film series, day trips and many other activities, including discounted privileges at First in Fitness and other gyms. The Barre Street facility houses a free coffee lounge, six computers with wireless internet, an extensive game room and billiards across the street. In addition, the Montpelier Memory Café is a monthly gathering for those with dementia and their caregivers. The center hosts health/foot-care and flu clinics as well as blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. Finally, the center hosts the AARP volunteer tax preparation group for ten weeks each year offering free tax preparation.

At least 53 Middlesex residents were involved with the center either as members or volunteers last year. One of the eleven council members is from Middlesex and another resident with young children volunteers at the center. Since Middlesex is a supporting town of MSAC (through past town funding) members pay lower annual dues than members from non-supporting towns. They also have the advantage of earliest registration, along with the Montpelier residents.

This year's request - \$4,500 – is \$200 more than last year's due to the number of Middlesex residents served and a small increase in expenses.

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center receives funding from a Montpelier tax appropriation, from tax appropriations in six supporting towns including Middlesex, from investment income on past donations to an endowment fund, from member dues and fees charged for some of its classes and services, from foundation grants, business donors, and individual donors. In FY18, the center hopes to raise over \$130,000 from fund raising.

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**Funding request: \$4,500**

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## ARTICLE 20: NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER

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The North Branch Nature Center (NBNC) offers a wide variety of programs that are popular with Middlesex residents. Most programs are held at the nature center in Montpelier and many educational programs are offered free of charge, including owl banding demonstrations in the fall, amphibian crossing program trainings in the spring and a nature playgroup, which now runs throughout the school-year.

The trails at the NBNC are open all year, 24 hours a day, at no fee. There is also trail access to Hubbard Park and North Branch River Park, which offers extended opportunities for hiking and exploring. NBNC also has a Critter Room with live reptiles, amphibians and other animals, open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. There are no admission fees.

NBNC strives to make all of our programs affordable and scholarships are available for Middlesex children to attend programs, in particular its summer nature camps. NBC also offers or hosts low cost special events, such as BirdFest, Ice on Fire and the Caterpillar Day. NBNC does not record the town of residence for short-duration programs (1.5-hr or less) but most participants of these programs come from towns in Washington County, including Middlesex.

The NBNC is a non-profit organization whose funding comes from a combination of membership dues, private donations, grants and program fees. It receives no federal or state funding (other than the occasional competitive grant). NBNC does not have a strict formula for setting funding requests but attempts to secure funds from as many local sources as possible. Both the City of Montpelier and Town of East Montpelier make annual contributions.

Normally, NBNC asks the voters of Middlesex to approve \$1,000 in funding. (Though last year, NBNC requested \$250, the maximum amount not requiring a petition.) This year, North Branch's request of \$1,500 is the first increase since the nature center began requesting municipal funds in 2007.

After several years of capital fundraising, the NBNC installed a solar array, a new septic system and a renovated barn. Phase 2 is expected to begin this summer with a major addition to the farmhouse including a lobby/reception area and a 100-person capacity multipurpose room.

Middlesex residents are well represented at the NBNC including one full-time employee, two board members, and several active volunteers. Over the past several years, the center has employed teenaged summer camp counselors-in-training who were Middlesex residents.

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**Funding request: \$1,500**

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## ARTICLE 21: WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER

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The purpose of the Waterbury Area Senior Center (Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association) is to enrich the lives of older persons by providing services and activities that sharpen the minds and improve the physical and emotional health of its members by keeping them active in the community. In addition, the Meals on Wheels program WASC offers does more than just feed the elderly, it keeps seniors living independently in their home by offering nutrition, a friendly visit and a safety check.

In the past year, the WASC has delivered meals to approximately 28 clients in Middlesex and served an additional 15 different clients in other ways. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals, as well as free use of medical equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs, some financial counseling, low-impact exercise classes, games, book discussions, computer classes and free Thanksgiving dinners.

Monthly foot-care clinics are offered, as are annual AARP safe driving classes and AARP tax return assistance. Holiday activities are always popular.

The center is free to all with no membership. It does request a \$4.50 donation for meals from those age 60 and older, though, as a recipient of Title III of the Older Americans Act money, the center is not permitted to charge for meals. Those under age 60 are charged \$7.50 per meal because there is no federal reimbursement.

One third of the WASC funding is made up of federal monies; the remainder comes from town support, grants, donations and fundraising events. Here is a history of Middlesex voter appropriations for WASC: 2012 = \$7,500; 2013 = \$10,000; 2014 = \$0; 2015 \$10,000. This year's request of \$10,000, should the voters approve, will pay for Meals on Wheels, Congregate Meals and other programs.

WASC delivers meals five days a week, driving more than 42 miles each day. The drivers are volunteers, though the Center reimburses for mileage along federal guidelines – a cost of \$6,209 for Middlesex alone. WASC is contracted to provide Meals on Wheels in Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown and Middlesex and must petition for funds from those towns each year.

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**Funding request: \$10,000**

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**ARTICLE 22: FUNDING REQUESTS \$250 AND UNDER**

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To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not not exceed \$4,561 to support the following organizations:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Downstreet	\$250.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$250.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$199.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$249.00
Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,561.00</b>

Descriptions of these organizations and their services follow on pages 70 - 89.

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS OF VERMONT

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Supported primarily by volunteers, the American Red Cross of Vermont provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters, as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics.

In 2016, the American Red Cross assisted a Middlesex family of five who lost their home to fire and helped 62 other Washington County residents in ten different disasters. One Red Cross volunteer lives in Middlesex and there are 43 others in Washington County. Last year, the organization hosted 112 blood drives and collected 4,061 pints of blood. It supported eleven members of the Armed Forces through the Red Cross's Service to the Armed Forces program in Washington County and even installed 32 free smoke alarms.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, it relies on the financial support of individuals, businesses and local communities because it receives no federal or state funding. Its request this year is based on town population.

All money from town appropriations goes directly to disaster relief. The Red Cross is often the only organization to arrive on site during disasters to help families cope during the first hours and days and to provide first responders with water, hot beverages and food. The support from Middlesex and other contributing towns is vital to support the Red Cross's services.

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Website: [www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)

### **Funding request: \$250**

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## CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

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Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly Central VT Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties.

The majority of CCA funding comes from federal grants and state contracts as well as some funding from the United Way, private foundations and an annual appeal campaign. This year's request for \$249 is based on a formula that considers both town population and number of resident families served. Funds are used to support Middlesex residents.

Last year, Capstone served 59 Middlesex households, including 91 individual people, in the following ways:

- Nineteen people in 10 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the local food shelf.
- Ten households with 25 family members used Capstone's Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs to heat their homes.
- Two children attended Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported four additional family members.
- One pregnant and parenting teen and their child improved their reading skills through Capstone's Family Literacy Center.
- Two Middlesex residents worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- Four households were weatherized at no charge for six residents, including two residents with disabilities.
- Ten people attended classes or met with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- Eight residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.

Capstone employs six staff members from Middlesex and is grateful for your consideration at Town Meeting.

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**Funding request: \$249**

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## CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization that last year provided free services to 21 Middlesex residents, including those who requested assistance from the CVCOA Senior HelpLine. Case manager Lisa Mercurio devoted 160 hours to Middlesex seniors.

Some senior citizens participated in the congregate and/or home-delivered meals program. Additionally CVCOA provides transportation, mental health counseling, family caregiver support, case manager services, information and assistance. RSVP is now included in the services being funded with this request.

CVCOA uses funds from Middlesex and the other 53 towns in its service area to support its Case Management Department – employing, training and supervising case managers to provide assistance to the area's older population. Its staff includes three Middlesex residents.

CVCOA considered Middlesex's historical level of support, the increasing number of seniors in town, and the extent of services in compiling this request which is *\$1,000 less* than last year.

CVCOA is grateful to the town of Middlesex for its continued support.

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**Funding request: \$250**

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## THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

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The mission of The Children's Room is to support children, their families, and caregivers by providing opportunities for playing, learning, and gathering with other community members. It is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that serves the families and caregivers of children from birth to age six. The goal of its drop-in center is to act as a support facility and hub of area parenting and care-giving resources with an aim toward promoting children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development through highly accessible programming options.

The Children's Room is an active participant in early child development in Waterbury and its neighboring communities. Its sign-in sheets indicate that it served over 275 families last year, consisting of 2,382 child visits and 1,765 adult visits. Of those at least 21 families from Middlesex utilized its services during the year on many different occasions. These numbers do not include attendance at special events and monthly weekend playgroups, attracting upward of 50 families per event.

The Children's Room is a grassroots organization run by volunteers and one part time employee. Its annual budget is under \$25,000, all of which is raised through fundraising activities and events, small grants, and individual donations. Its programs are free and open to the public. The following is a list of funding sources:

- (20%) Towns Community giving – Middlesex, Waterbury, Duxbury and Stowe.
- (40%) Fundraising Activities - Tag Sale, Plant Sale and Barn Dance
- (20%) Annual Fund Letter - Sent out December 2015
- (10%) Central Vermont Building Bright Futures.
- (10%) as yet unidentified source(s)

Many Middlesex families have donated their time and food to our events and a number of them donate to our annual children's Tag Sale each spring. The Children's Room currently does not have a Middlesex resident on our Board, though Middlesex residents have served as board member in the past.

The Children's Room appreciates your consideration and support.

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**Funding request: \$250**

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## CIRCLE

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Circle is a small, community-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic violence by providing services to all victims regardless of their gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or ethnicity. This year, Circle is requesting \$199 in funding from the Town of Middlesex.

During the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) Circle provided the following services to Middlesex residents. (Due to confidential reasons, details are non-specific.):

- Advocates responded to 33 hotline calls and 33 in-person meetings with people who identified themselves as Middlesex residents.
- Five Middlesex received support with child-related services.
- Circle helped seven meet their housing needs.
- Two received free legal advice.
- Advocates helped nine Middlesex resident file temporary protection orders.
- Three were provided with financial literacy training.

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 4,956 hotline calls, an average of 413 calls per month. Shelter services were provided to 26 women and 19 children for a total of 3,063 bed nights which is 728 more bed nights than last year.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 113 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 122 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

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24-hour toll-free HOTLINE: 1-877-543-9498

### **Funding request: \$199**

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## DOWNSTREET

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Downstreet Housing & Community Development (formerly Central Vermont Community Land Trust) is a community-based nonprofit organization that develops affordable housing, assists the purchase of homes that might otherwise be unaffordable to those living at or near the poverty line, and tries to break the cycle of poverty by offering services to help people stay in those homes.

Founded in 1987, Downstreet is based in Barre and serves Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties through a variety of homeownership programs, real estate development and a rental portfolio with about 400 units.

Its Financial Wellness Program is designed to meet clients where they are and help them develop plans to reach their financial goals through budget planning, saving and credit repair. The NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center offers low-interest loans to perform essential home repairs. These loans can be used to install weatherization, fix roofs, or correct code violations. SASH (Support and Services at Home) coordinates the resources of social service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organization to support Vermonters who want to live independently at home. Downstreet also offers nearby rental properties, mostly in Montpelier and the Mad River Valley.

In 2017, Downstreet anticipates \$56,000 in state funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and \$25,000 in federal funding from HUD. Its most significant private funding source is NeighborWorks America which is expected to donate \$115,000 in the upcoming fiscal year. Any support from towns like Middlesex are crucial to securing more funding from the private and public sector.

One resident in Middlesex lives on property owned by Downstreet. Middlesex resident Charles Merriman is on the Downstreet board. According to Downstreet Executive Director Eileen Peltier, many other Middlesex residents received support from the organization.

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Web: [www.downstreet.org](http://www.downstreet.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

## **FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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The Family Center of Washington County fosters the positive growth and development of young children and their families. The Family Center's array of services includes: infant, toddler and preschool child care, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities for mothers and fathers, training for child-care providers, assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care, and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

Among the 51 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 were:

- Five families who consulted the center's child care and resource referral services
- Ten families who received assistance paying for child care
- Three licensed and registered child-care providers who consulted the center's Provider Support services
- Twelve children who participated in the center's playgroups which are free, open to all families with children ages birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements
- Two children who attended the center's 4 STARS Early Childhood Education Program
- Twelve individuals served by the center's specialized Home Visiting services

The Family Center is grateful to the Middlesex voters' ongoing support.

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**Funding request: \$250**

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## GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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Good Beginnings provides education, resources, hands-on-help, and community connections to expecting parents and parents with newborn birth or adopted infants. Its services are free to all families in central VT, serving a wide range of families across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Two Middlesex residents used Good Beginnings' services last year. One family participated in its Birthing Year early parenting workshops, visited the Nest drop-in space, and was matched with a Postpartum Angel for ongoing postpartum respite and support. Another mother visited the Nest and purchased a reduced-cost baby carrier, which GB can buy at wholesale prices.

Through the program, home visitors are trained to be attuned to signs and symptoms of postpartum mood disorder, identify immediate and critical needs and connect families with the proper resources in their communities. They help support parents to form healthy bonds with their newborns through modeling in-arms care, supporting early breastfeeding challenges, and promoting baby wearing.

GB's funding request is the same as last year and is based on multiplying a volunteer's time (\$12.50/hr) by the number of two-hour weekly visits (12) per the number of families served. This equals \$300/family, the minimum served by GB each year in a town of Middlesex's size.

GB receives \$30,000/year in private grants, a \$10,000 grant from the State of Vermont and \$6,000 in town allocations. The rest of GB's budget is supplemented by an annual fundraising event, the Baby & Child Expo and private contributions from residents and businesses in Central Vermont.

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**Funding Request: \$250**

## **GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY (GMTA)**

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Each year, Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMTA) provides thousands of rides to members within the community through traditional public transit services and coordinated special services for the individual. Each ride provided is a personal story of a need being met. Whether it's offering affordable commute options, access to essential and sometimes critical health care, reliable rides to adult day care and senior meals or convenient trips for daily services, we are proud to be a viable solution for so many.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, GMTA provided ongoing individual special transportation services to a total of eight Middlesex residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled transportation totaling 228 trips and equaling 5,094 miles traveled.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request of \$199 for FY17 from the Town of Middlesex, down from \$249 the year before. The requested funding directly supports GMTA's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMTA serves.

GMTA thanks the voters of Middlesex for their past support and appreciates this mutually beneficial relationship.

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### **Funding request: \$199**

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## GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for Green Up Day. Green Up Day celebrated 46 years in 2016. The success of Green Up depends upon two essential ingredients: the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and the financial support from the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. Green Up Vermont is not a state agency; 75% of its budget comes from corporate and individual donations.

Green Up Vermont plans to use town funds to continue Vermont's annual tradition of caring for its beautiful landscape while promoting civic pride. According to Green Up coordinators, most of their volunteer force is made up of families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) to learn more.

For towns with populations between 1,000 and 2,000, such as Middlesex, Green Up respectfully requests funding of \$100.

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 6, 2017, the first Saturday in May. The Green Up Coordinator for Middlesex is Lee Rosberg (802-309-1629).

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Email: [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

**Funding request: \$100**

## **HOME SHARE NOW**

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Home Share Now helps Central Vermonters develop successful home shares in order to create affordable housing options with positive community and environmental impacts. Often, a combination of services and money are exchanged for affordable housing, thereby making Home Share Now unique in Central Vermont.

In the last fiscal year, Home Share Now helped 669 people find affordable housing and supported 124 people in home sharing matches. In that same year, ten people from Middlesex received general assistance from Home Share Now; of those, five secured housing through Home Share.

Home Share Now's annual operating expenses for the most recent fiscal year were \$248,857. Of that, 36% came from foundations, corporations and community organizations, 55% from the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, 5% municipal appropriations, and 4% participant fees.

Vermont is one of the top ten most expensive and, recently, more women above the age of 65 are finding that they cannot secure safe, permanent housing. As the state's population ages, Home Share Now hopes to respond to that need.

Home Share Now does not charge the full cost of its services in order to make home sharing accessible to everyone so that vulnerable and financially insecure individuals can receive services.

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**Funding request: \$250**

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## OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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OUR House of Central Vermont is a non-profit children's advocacy center and special investigations unit serving all of Washington County. Its mission is to provide a safe and supportive setting for child victims of sexual abuse, their non-offending family members, and adult survivors of sexual assault. The OUR in OUR House stands for One Unified Response and to that end the organization works closely with the Vermont Department for Children and Family Services, as well as local and state law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, Washington County Mental health and other organizations.

Due to short staffing, complete statistics for 2016 are not available. However, by October of 2016, the center handled 104 cases compared to 109 for the entire year of 2015.

OUR House runs on a limited staff with one full-time and one-part time employee. It requests \$250 from each town served by the Vermont State Police. Otherwise, 80% of its funding comes from the State of Vermont. The organization opened in 1990.

**Contact:**

Rebecca Duranleau, Executive Director  
OUR House of Central Vermont  
38 Summer Street  
Barre, VT 05641  
(802-476-8825)  
Website: [ourhouse-vt.org](http://ourhouse-vt.org)  
Email: [ourhousebarredirector@gmail.com](mailto:ourhousebarredirector@gmail.com)

**Funding request: \$250**

## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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The mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness to Central Vermont residents who cannot otherwise afford these services. Patients must have a household income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level and no health insurance, including Medicaid or Medicare.

In addition to medical and dental visits, People's Health & Wellness assists with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, free pharmaceuticals and enrollment in health-care programs as well as smoking cessation and diabetes education classes.

In 2016, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic treated 543 patients. Of these, 271 were new patients. These were significant increases over 2015.

Four Middlesex residents visited the clinic last year. Two received full medical workups; one was a mental health visit. The clinic arranged for eight diagnostic tests and three dental visits. The clinic also helped one enroll for health insurance and other assistance.

In 2016, over 75 volunteers provided \$77,700 worth of their time to serve patients. In addition, over \$78,400 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies were donated. The clinic paid for \$5,357 in diagnostic testing; another \$6,300.21 worth of tests were donated.

The Barre clinic is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as well as evening clinics on Mondays and Thursdays and day clinics on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Patients are seen by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call (802) 479-1229.

People's Health & Wellness thanks the voters of Middlesex for their prior and ongoing financial support.

### **Contact:**

Peter D. Youngbaer, Executive Director  
The People's Health & Wellness Clinic  
553 North Main Street  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
(802) 479-1229  
Email: [phwc@sover.net](mailto:phwc@sover.net)

**Funding request: \$200**

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## **SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM**

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The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is a private, non-profit organization that offers free advocacy for male, female and transgender victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support through individual counseling or in groups, a 24/7 emergency hotline, legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and other services for survivors and their non-offending family members.

In 2016, the SACT received 238 requests for services in Washington County. Due to a federal funder's guidelines, the SACT is not permitted to divulge detailed information about what towns the victims are from. The organization's funding request is the same as last year.

**Contact:**

Keith E. Goslant, Chair  
The Sexual Assault Crisis Team  
4 Cottage Street  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
Office: (802)476-1388

24-Hour Hotline: (802) 479-5577

**Funding request: \$245**

## **T.W. WOOD GALLERY**

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The T. W. Wood Gallery is a small non-profit organization that runs a gallery at 46 Barre St. in the Center for Arts & Learning. Its goal is to educate Central Vermont residents about art with exhibits, opportunities to meet local artists, school tours, poetry readings, lectures and more.

The gallery opened in 1896 as both a historical museum with a large permanent art collection from the 1850s to the 1950s, along with contemporary artists. There is no admission fee, though there is a donation box by the door. Visitors can stop by for ten minutes or spend an afternoon looking at the exhibits.

The T. W. Wood Gallery has over 75 Middlesex residents on its mailing list. Many Middlesex residents have been individual supporters of the gallery; some have attended an art class and others have sent their children to the gallery's summer camp at Vermont College. More than 4,000 people visit the gallery each year. One Middlesex family has received a number of scholarships so their child can attend summer art camp and an after-school art class.

The gallery is requesting \$250 from Middlesex to pay for such free events as Art Walks and Art Talks, poetry readings, book signings and art exhibits. With 100 Middlesex residents visiting the gallery each year, that would equal \$500 in fees if the gallery charged a \$5/person admission.

Middlesex residents Charles Green, Cindy Griffith and Theo Kennedy are volunteer members of the gallery's board.

### **Contact:**

Ginny Callan  
T.W. Wood Gallery  
46 Barre Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
Email: [ginnycallan.woodartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:ginnycallan.woodartgallery@gmail.com)  
Phone: (802) 262-6035  
Web: [twwoodgallery.org](http://twwoodgallery.org)

### **Funding request: \$250**

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## VT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is the only non-profit organization providing hands-on training and support services to blind and visually impaired Vermonters, who often must deal with isolation and misunderstanding due to the rural nature of their environment.

During FY2016, VABVI served 111 adults and 19 students in Washington County, though no one from Middlesex. It served 1,578 Vermonters in total, of whom 331 were children.

A non-profit corporation, VABVI has pursued a mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence since 1926. (Ninetieth anniversary!) It is the only private agency in this state to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired clients at no cost to them.

Such services include rehabilitation, helping the visually impaired adapt to daily life, providing white cane and guide dog instructions, supplying adaptive aids and technology, social networking, transportation to places like the grocery store and doctor's offices, and many other forms of support. VABVI helps visually impaired children learn Braille and take advantage of adaptive technology so they can grow up to be independent adults and advocates.

VABVI has four offices statewide in Montpelier, South Burlington, Rutland and Brattleboro. No Middlesex residents are volunteers, board members or employees.

**Contact:**

Sarah Judd, Director of Development  
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
60 Kimball Avenue  
South Burlington, VT 05403  
(802) 863-1358 ext. 224  
Email: [sjudd@vabvi.org](mailto:sjudd@vabvi.org)  
Website: [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org)

**Funding request: \$249**

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## VERMONT CARES

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Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters with HIV/AIDS and their family members since 1986 with the help of the Town of Middlesex. Though confidentiality precludes Vermont CARES from identifying which municipalities have been served, according to the organization's statistics, 167 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and 440 additional family members have directly benefited from the services Vermont CARES provides.

In addition, Vermont CARES provides education at area schools, rapid-result HIV tests, and hot prepared meals to those living with HIV/AIDS, along with a spectrum of free, anonymous, HIV-preventions services to help prevent the spread of new infections. The prevention of a single HIV infection within a community can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in health care costs and lost income, not to mention pain and loss for families and communities.

Vermont CARES's funding request from Middlesex represents 5% of the organization's total municipal funding request for 2017.

With Middlesex's support, Vermont CARES was able to serve an additional Vermonters who are at risk of HIV infection. This is crucial because the idea that HIV is a curable and easily manageable disease is a myth. The truth is that HIV still takes lives each year and costs tens of thousands of dollars to minimally treat.

Vermont CARES appreciates the town's consideration of its request for \$250 in funding.

### **Contact:**

Peter Jacobsen  
Vermont CARES  
PO Box 5248  
Burlington, VT 05402  
(802) 863-2437 ext. 18  
Website: [www.vtcares.org](http://www.vtcares.org)  
Email: [peter@vtcares.org](mailto:peter@vtcares.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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## VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. Since 1979, VCIL has been teaching the deaf and people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, and individual advocacy.

For fiscal year 2016 (October 2015 to September 2016), VCIL responded to over 2,711 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 360 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 196 households with information on technical assistance and 559 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

During FY 2016, two residents of Middlesex received services from the Information Referral and Assistance program. VCIL is now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which provided adaptive telecommunications to low-income deaf, deaf-blind, and other people with similar disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier. There are also five branch offices around Vermont.

### **Contacts:**

Linda J. Meleady  
Development Coordinator  
VT Center for Independent Living  
11 E. State Street, Montpelier  
802-224-1819  
Website: [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)  
Email: [info@vcil.org](mailto:info@vcil.org)

**Funding request: \$195**

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.**

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The purpose of the Washington County Diversion Program, Inc. is to provide an alternative to formal court adjudication for certain offenders from Washington County. Diversion is a voluntary and confidential alternative to the formal court process for certain juvenile and adult offenders over age ten. Cases are referred to Diversion by the State's Attorney on an individual basis.

In fiscal year 2016, 12 Middlesex residents participated in the Diversion program. Of those, six were in Diversion and six participated in the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP). YSASP participants are held accountable for violating under-age drinking laws by participating in community service, undergoing substance abuse testing and attending several classes. They are referred to treatment if needed.

While Washington County Diversion receives funding from the state and participants, there is a gap of approximately \$35 per individual that is not covered by base funding. The request this year is level funded from last year.

### **Contact:**

Catherine Kalkstein

Washington County Diversion Program, Inc.

322 North Main Street, Suite 5

Barre, VT 05641

(802) 479-1922

Website: [www.wcdp-vt.org](http://www.wcdp-vt.org)

Email: [Catherine@wcdp-vt.org](mailto:Catherine@wcdp-vt.org)

### **Funding request: \$250**

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

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The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit organization assisting young people and families since 1974. Supported by private, local, state, and federal grants, Medicaid and other insurance, donations, and fundraising, most of its services are free. No one is turned away because he or she cannot pay. The Bureau's mission is to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont.

The Bureau has been providing services to the residents of Middlesex for 42 years, and for more than 20 years, has requested \$175 from the Town of Middlesex to support service delivery.

In 2016, 17 Middlesex citizens were served by the Bureau in the following ways:

- Four teens participated in the Basement Teen Center in Montpelier that offers regular, supervised drop-in time, a variety of positive enrichment activities, and opportunities for youth leadership.
- One teen was provided with ongoing substance abuse treatment through the Healthy Youth Program. This includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families.
- One youth was served by the Youth Development Program, providing voluntary case management services to youth ages 15-22 who are or have been in the custody of the state through the Department for Children and Families.
- One youth was assisted by the County Roads Program that provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling and emergency, temporary shelter for youth who have run away, are homeless or are in crisis.
- Ten community members were served through the 42nd Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner organized by the Bureau (Two meals were delivered to home-bound residents).

The Bureau receives funds from federal government grants, state government grants and contracts, private foundation grants, Medicaid and other insurance, private donations, all Washington County towns and fundraising activities. Funds from the town of Middlesex are used directly to support youth services. No funds are used to support administrative expenses.

### Contact:

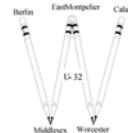
Kreig Pinkham  
Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club  
PO Box 627  
38 Elm Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601  
(802) 229-9151 (Crisis Hotline)  
Website: [www.wcysb.org](http://www.wcysb.org)  
Email: [wcysb@wcysb.org](mailto:wcysb@wcysb.org)

**Funding request: \$175**

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**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL  
SUPERVISORY UNION**

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**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

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The Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 was conducted by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The audit report has raised no concerns of form or substance. A complete copy of the audit reports for Rumney Memorial (Middlesex) and Washington Central Supervisory Union is available at both the Town Clerk's Office and Rumney Memorial School (Middlesex).

## RUMNEY SCHOOL AND U-32 PROJECTED WAGES

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### Rumney Memorial School District

#### Salary Projection

As of December 15, 2016

	<b>Projected Salaries</b>
Anderson Sorsha	\$32,189
Babcock Christine	\$46,789
Bean Barrett Honi	\$13,332
Breidenstein Joanne	\$25,197
Bristol Julie-Marie	\$21,316
Campbell Jennifer	\$49,321
Caswell Lauren	\$45,189
Comtess Peter	\$21,949
Costello Diana	\$64,556
Danyew Christa	\$24,307
Diddlemeyer Daniel	\$50,394
Donovan Jennifer	\$30,550
Elliot Barbara	\$10,338
Emmons Linda	\$64,556
Fox Theresa	\$56,318
Grossi Sharon	\$38,734
Hedler Chip	\$64,556
Israel Martha	\$53,045
Joslyn Tamara	\$24,595
Kirkorian Kara	\$27,841
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$28,541
Lynde Debra	\$26,868
Lynde Robert	\$ 5,526
Pelkey Matthew	\$62,804
Malone Christopher	\$19,279
Morgan Caitlin	\$40,028
Morse Sabrina	\$16,870
Robitaille Heather	\$66,779
Rosen Adam	\$94,082
Sheldon Megan	\$61,230
Trapani Paul	\$36,576
Weiss Benjamin	\$66,429
White Tamara	\$20,893
Woodard Lynne	\$38,734
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,349,711</b>

### U-32 School District

#### Salary & Benefit Projection

As of December 15, 2016

Benefits include the cost of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.

	<b>Projected Salaries</b>
Abbene Laura	\$61,100
Abbiati Judy	\$66,429
Albee Brian	\$55,673
Allison Megan	\$53,246
Angel Laure	\$63,637
Barrows Stephen	\$25,822
Bashaw Mary	\$24,068
Bazis David	\$55,673
Bennett Eric	\$47,067
Bird Alden	\$56,258
Blackburn Christopher	\$68,179
Blakely Xiomara	\$33,512
Boulanger Chantal	\$34,181
Bove Mary	\$51,745
Brown Ronald	\$64,556
Bushey Charles	\$35,091
Carey Bodo	\$66,429
Carpenter Kelly	\$20,626
Chaloux Sandra	\$55,673
Chaplin Mark	\$70,105
Chartrand Kristine	\$61,251
Christiana Kendra	\$43,823
Clark-Warner Heather	\$27,339
Cook George	\$69,828
Cook Vicki	\$24,646
Cooke Ellen	\$66,429
Crossett Paula	\$55,673
Cueto Linda	\$22,802
Dalmasse Denise	\$27,342
David Beatrice	\$55,673
Davis Elizabeth	\$21,482
Decker Anne	\$60,877
Deguzzman Jodi	\$20,626
Deiss Williams	\$78,000
Desch Marguerite	\$68,355
Devries Aanika	\$70,725
Divelbliss Brian	\$72,035
Dukette Samantha	\$17,262

**U-32 PROJECTED WAGES (continued)**

<b>Projected Salaries</b>		<b>Projected Salaries</b>	
Dunn Colleen	\$37,178	Lovitz Nathan	\$45,142
Dunn William	\$42,491	Magoon Heather	\$28,762
Dwire Jody	\$10,209	Martin Christiana	\$43,870
Dwyer Colleen	\$37,078	Martin Tracy	\$44,662
Dy Krista	\$56,258	McCann Katherine	\$70,105
Emerson Jody	\$80,904	McGinnis Devan	\$30,965
Emery Paula	\$51,645	McKellar Kimberly	\$25,000
Falby Meaghan	\$54,673	McMahon William	\$34,181
Fair Patricia	\$33,472	McNaulty William	\$35,559
Fisher Brian	\$58,000	Mitchell Susan	\$21,918
Fitch Lesley	\$52,263	Molina Amanda	\$84,621
Fournier Dennis	\$49,632	Mooney Erin	\$64,695
French Adam	\$66,376	Newcomb Sharon	\$66,429
Gadapee Bonnie	\$64,556	Orellana Riena	\$30,360
Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$33,404	Pagel Heather	\$45,947
Garand Laura	\$23,724	Papineau Amy	\$25,447
Garand Travis	\$21,042	Parker Samantha	\$37,121
Gauthier Allison	\$47,645	Pate Stephen	\$111,609
George Christiana	\$25,561	Pollock Pamela	\$22,802
Gilman Tina	\$21,886	Powelson David	\$48,922
Gonzalez Zachary	\$45,142	Randall Nanci	\$28,336
Gora Peter	\$26,709	Reichert Jason	\$66,500
Grace Caroline	\$70,666	Rice Lisa	\$24,273
Griggs Janine	\$21,482	Roberts Caitlin	\$37,999
Grow Roger	\$51,690	Rosenberg Kara	\$54,848
Guiffre Catherine	\$64,556	Roy Georgia	\$45,045
Gunther Grant	\$45,045	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$54,673
Hannigan David	\$44,036	Simmons Mary Ellen	\$12,951
Harris Stephen	\$57,952	Slade Jodie	\$21,482
Heintz Benjamin	\$64,556	St. Peter Hollis	\$55,673
Hilferty John	\$67,191	Stevens Debra	\$22,802
Hill MaryEllen	\$25,939	Thomas Gillian	\$47,849
Holquist Nicholas	\$62,804	Towne Stephen	\$64,556
Horowitz Michael	\$64,556	VanDeren Lauren	\$43,493
Houston Glenn	\$55,673	Van Orman Henry III	\$63,500
Ingersoll Jennifer	\$57,753	Verchereau Suzanne	\$41,801
Jarvis Katie	\$51,745	Volinsky Sarah	\$70,842
Jarvis Lucas	\$18,949	Wade-Keeney Adrian	\$47,645
Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$55,673	Walker Katherine	\$70,105
Keefe Brianne	\$46,352	Weinstein Robert	\$44,412
Keese Cairsten	\$50,394	Wheeloock Ann	\$46,247
Keys Margaret	\$61,100	Wiese Kathy	\$70,105
Kiefer Julie	\$70,680	Williams Christopher	\$65,837
Koenigbauer Amy	\$57,499	Williams Dylan	\$60,587
Kolva Matt	\$65,000	Willis James	\$11,111
Lakey John	\$43,535	Wilson Carolyn	\$64,556
Lakey Sam	\$36,269	Wolf Sara	\$22,145
Lang Roderick	\$20,253	Wourinen Jeffrey	\$45,258
LaPlante Lisa	\$92,914	Yun Kathleen	
Leiberman Karen	\$28,129	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,488,225</b>

## WCSU PROJECTED WAGES

### Washington Central Supervisory Union

#### Salary & Benefit Projection

As of December 15, 2016

			Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits	Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Bennett Kristin	\$33,302	\$43,787	Moody Alicia	\$68,355	\$92,286	
Bibeau Lori	\$112,093	\$146,089	Murphy Sandra	\$64,556	\$78,495	
Blondin Patricia	\$55,624	\$80,582	Nathanson Theodore	\$50,394	\$63,082	
Brer Virginia	\$58,627	\$90,041	Newberry Holly	\$68,356	\$97,480	
Brett Michelle	\$48,417	\$56,869	Nichols Laura	\$68,355	\$95,088	
Bushey Kelly	\$96,801	\$120,570	Nicholas-Fleming James	\$68,355	\$95,088	
Carter Anne	\$47,849	\$66,549	O'Brien Michael	\$55,273	\$69,017	
Carter Robert	\$34,974	\$45,707	Ognibene Susan	\$51,690	\$78,048	
Carr Ann	\$47,773	\$64,051	Otto Roselinde	\$54,848	\$65,238	
Caswell Jane	\$34,178	\$40,002	Paris Maria	\$66,429	\$80,533	
Chevalier Candy	\$77,025	\$106,560	Pauley William	\$53,248	\$73,546	
Chouinard Bonnie	\$34,072	\$59,821	Perry Brittany	\$79,903	\$92,474	
Dawkins Margaret	\$68,355	\$95,088	Peterson Sheila	\$64,556	\$75,804	
Dentith Susan	\$68,355	\$82,629	Powers Bess	\$66,429	\$100,323	
Dorsey Ellen	\$45,006	\$60,245	Pryce Susan	\$55,673	\$68,827	
Doyle Shawn	\$45,676	\$57,996	Rhodes Sonya	\$33,202	\$50,641	
Fair Renee	\$47,001	\$75,525	Saxe Kenneth	\$68,355	\$79,938	
Feeser Gretchen	\$47,798	\$61,353	Smart Julie	\$64,934	\$91,364	
Hill Todd	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,878	Smart Stephanie	\$52,392	\$65,709	
Holden Kerra	\$62,000	\$85,491	Taffel Patricia	\$68,355	\$79,938	
Johnson Leslie	\$62,804	\$73,897	Thomas Mary Beth	\$41,476	\$61,831	
Kalat Brigitte	\$66,779	\$78,223	Vanderlip Elizabeth	\$66,429	\$92,992	
Kimball William	\$120,915	\$137,541	Woodward Viola	\$68,355	\$82,629	
Kittredge Matthew	\$46,374	\$61,489	Benefits include the cost of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.			
Ksepka Michelle	\$55,207	\$85,195				
Lamberti Sheryl	\$39,108	\$65,603				
Mankoff Joanne	\$68,355	\$97,165				
Marineau Craig	\$56,880	\$72,067				
Mayette Sue Anne	\$68,355	\$89,987	NOTE: This information is not comparable from year to year as several positions listed above are paid by grants and other funding sources. These funding sources vary in amount on an annual basis.			
Meachum Michelle	\$22,366	\$33,937				
Metivier Krista	\$46,625	\$74,152				
McGlynn Margrith	\$66,429	\$92,992				
McLane Megan	\$53,094	\$66,502				
Miller-Arsenault Jennifer	\$96,750	\$118,916				

## MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017 WARNING

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term  
One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Middlesex Town School District approve the school board to expend \$3,158,817, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,107 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.75% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

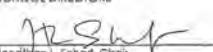
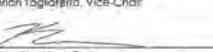
ARTICLE 4. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, March 4th at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen and the other on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

The legal voters of Middlesex Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

*School Directors:*

*Jonathan L. Scharf, Chair*  
*Brian Tagliaferro, Vice-chair*  
*Karoline May, Clerk*  
*Caroline Kiniry-Roberge*  
*Christopher McVeigh*

SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
  
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Christopher McVeigh

## MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT: MARCH 7, 2017

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT  
SCHOOL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2017

## ARTICLES

## ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

SCHOOL DIRECTOR		SCHOOL DIRECTOR	
2-year term	Vote for not more than ONE	3-year term	Vote for not more than ONE
JONATHAN LAURI SCHARF	<input type="radio"/>	BRIAN TAGLIAFERRO	<input type="radio"/>
WODEN TEACHOUT	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>		(Write-in)

## ARTICLES

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YES   
NO

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

YES   
NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Middlesex Community Members,

In 2015-2016 this community made a huge investment in Rumney School. This year, our students and faculty have been enjoying the improvements. There is more room for instruction and the entire school experience is better lit, better ventilated, more evenly heated and just a bit more spacious. We use every bit of the available space! We have also been learning the proper care and maintenance of renovated facility. As advertised, the building uses less energy and is less reliant on fossil fuel. There are literally more moving parts, and greater use of smart for heating and lighting, so the school custodians, myself and the WCSU director of building and grounds have kept busy maintaining our new systems. Every system operates properly and efficiently. The new interior paint job and new tile floor inspire our custodians to keep surfaces clean and shining. Once again the faculty of Rumney School thanks Middlesex for its investment in this place we care so much about.

Rumney Memorial School continued to make progress towards the annual goals outlined in our school improvement plan. The Washington Central Supervisory Union Comprehensive Assessment Plan helped us to closely examine student progress in literacy and math, and this student data is used to guide student instruction. In the past year Rumney School has increased intensity of instruction in math and literacy. The school literacy specialist position has become full time, which allows her to provide Tier 2 (individualized or small group) Literacy instruction to more students. The math specialist position has also grown this year, with a focus on class size reduction in grades 4 and 6, with still time available for small groups to boost math proficiency. The WCSU math coach will lead two “math residencies” this year, with extended opportunities for teachers to receive coaching in math instruction.

The climate on the school buses has improved since August of 2016. A group of faculty members meets regularly with bus drivers, updates bus seating charts and responds to complaints about behavior on the bus. For the first week of school, this dedicated crew actually RODE the buses to help establish behavior expectations. The newly installed bus cameras have been helpful in investigating allegations of **bullying and harassment**. Rumney School welcomes new faculty members: Special Educator Gretchen Feeser, Grade 5/6 Teacher Daniel Diddlemeyer, Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Honi Bean Barret, Para-professional Rose Leach, and Administrative Assistant Alissa Matthews.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Adam Rosen, Principal*

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## RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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The Rumney school board proposes a budget for the 2017-2018 school year that maintains the existing level of programs and services with a total amount of \$3,158,817. This represents a decrease from the 2016-2017 budget, primarily because of the required changes for revenues and expenditures for special education and transportation services to flow through Washington Central. Therefore in the 2017 - 2018 budget, the Rumney School budget will have only the net cost for these two expenditures. Our adopted budget will have a 4.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value tax impact, and when combined with the U-32 adopted budget the total tax impact for Middlesex residents will be 7.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Other factors influencing taxes: Middlesex real estate values have increased; Rumney's share of services procured from the supervisory union is growing (because our student population is stable, at 188, while others shrink); our debt service on the construction bond goes down each year as we pay down the principal.

The physical plant is in very good condition. We are pleased to report that we have budgeted \$120,000 for capital improvements, an amount that we estimate the school will need annually in order to upgrade and replace systems without borrowing. We have begun to plan the life cycles of all systems with the help of U-32's new director of buildings and grounds. The primary wing should be next with new roof shingles, bathroom improvements and window repairs. Through thrift, the parking lot has improved lighting. Thanks to a grant, drainage has been improved, with a side-benefit of attractive landscaping.

After a decade of service, Principal Adam Rosen is leaving us. We thank him for his steadfast commitment to Rumney, to excellence in education, and to the Middlesex community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

The board invites questions and comments from all interested community members. We will be available at informational meetings on Saturday, March 4th at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen Bakery and on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library. You may also reach us individually; our contact information is on the Rumney web site.

Respectfully submitted by THE RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Lauri Scharf, Chair, Brian Tagliaferro, Vice Chair, Karoline May, Clerk, Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge and Chris McVeigh*

# RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2017-2018**

	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	
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BUDGET 2018**REVENUES**

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$44,489	\$38,223	\$39,424	\$41,259
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$879	\$800	\$800	\$800
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$0	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$1,841
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$1,982	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE-EDUC JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STAT	\$2,591,565	\$2,764,216	\$2,764,216	\$2,977,219
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$35,785	\$35,785	\$35,785	\$0
SPED-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$106	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$58,511	\$59,888	\$59,888	\$0
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$267,015	\$271,429	\$298,436	\$137,698
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$37,560	\$0	\$0	\$0
EEE GRANT	\$26,464	\$20,118	\$20,118	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,064,356</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,221,767</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$711,602	\$766,690	\$742,305	\$754,699
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$4,246	\$39,027	\$23,836	\$31,867
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$39,601	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,579
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$148,033	\$188,200	\$154,311	\$164,313
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$54,434	\$60,881	\$58,293	\$59,803
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$1,876	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$181	\$1,180	\$953	\$1,275
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$1,080	\$1,125	\$1,125	\$1,200
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$3,853	\$5,650	\$5,650	\$5,692
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$421	\$492	\$492	\$480
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$20,560	\$19,000	\$18,210	\$23,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,310	\$7,692	\$7,339	\$7,507
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$1,957	\$4,299	\$4,094	\$4,200
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$1,549	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$5,800
OTHER PROF SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB &	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER PROF SVCS-ENVIRONMENTAL ED	\$1,883	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
TRAVEL	\$227	\$400	\$400	\$400
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$15,043	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,500
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$996	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$2,245	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$4,000
EQUIPMENT	\$3,863	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC</b>	<b>\$1,023,460</b>	<b>\$1,150,186</b>	<b>\$1,065,558</b>	<b>\$1,122,265</b>

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$33,791	\$34,974	\$35,190	\$35,718
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$19,431	\$20,802	\$20,624	\$19,578
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$6,338	\$5,868	\$11,970	\$11,970
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,988	\$4,191	\$4,114	\$4,075
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$0	\$292	\$242
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$124	\$130	\$130	\$161
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$512	\$357	\$357	\$365
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$39	\$33	\$33	\$33
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$775	\$1,000	\$1,590	\$1,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$479	\$414	\$579	\$580
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$145	\$256	\$290	\$288
TUITION/OTHER PROF SVCS	\$0	\$16,648	\$39,575	\$58,211
TRAVEL	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$11	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$65,633</b>	<b>\$86,223</b>	<b>\$116,294</b>	<b>\$133,771</b>

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017 (continued)****RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2017-2018**

	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	PROJECTED 2017	Final BUDGET 2018
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**GUIDANCE SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$37,191	\$38,493	\$38,734	\$39,315
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$11,514	\$12,209	\$12,205	\$12,205
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,941	\$2,786	\$2,805	\$2,849
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$62	\$65	\$65	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$289	\$246	\$246	\$259
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$22	\$23	\$23	\$24
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$100	\$500	\$500	\$500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$327	\$331	\$331	\$331
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$120	\$200	\$200	\$204
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$75	\$200	\$200	\$200
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$51,641</b>	<b>\$55,153</b>	<b>\$55,409</b>	<b>\$56,057</b>

**HEALTH SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$50,084	\$41,653	\$64,383	\$65,349
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,180	\$4,633	\$6,176	\$6,176
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,452	\$3,126	\$4,845	\$4,919
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$0	\$210	\$210
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$62	\$65	\$65	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$324	\$267	\$267	\$431
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$39
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$605	\$460	\$660	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$391	\$331	\$441	\$442
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$139	\$211	\$276	\$280
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOME	\$190	\$350	\$350	\$350
TRAVEL	\$86	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$420	\$700	\$700	\$700
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$60,958</b>	<b>\$51,971</b>	<b>\$78,548</b>	<b>\$80,116</b>

**CURRICULUM SERVICES**

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$16,821	\$18,477	\$18,477	\$21,654
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$16,821</b>	<b>\$18,477</b>	<b>\$18,477</b>	<b>\$21,654</b>

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$38,228	\$39,566	\$38,734	\$39,315
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$9,210	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$9,872	\$9,107	\$9,105	\$9,105
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,384	\$2,909	\$2,888	\$2,889
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$62	\$65	\$65	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$374	\$253	\$253	\$259
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$29	\$24	\$24	\$24
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,067	\$600	\$600	\$600
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$443	\$0	\$0	\$0
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$154	\$206	\$206	\$204
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$923	\$300	\$300	\$300
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$3,151	\$3,285	\$3,285	\$3,285
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$264	\$500	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$67,161</b>	<b>\$57,465</b>	<b>\$56,610</b>	<b>\$57,201</b>

**TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$13,246	\$13,189	\$13,189	\$13,105
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$3,816	\$4,070	\$4,070	\$4,068
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$876	\$956	\$956	\$950

## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017 (continued)

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**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2017-2018**

	W/Bond		PROJECTED 2017	Final BUDGET 2018
	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017		
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$102	\$84	\$84	\$86
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$260	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$109	\$110	\$110	\$110
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$38	\$69	\$69	\$68
OTH PROF SVCS	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$43,059	\$43,897	\$43,897	\$82,250
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$573	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$7,256	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$4,954	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,535	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$9,033	\$13,220	\$13,220	\$3,000
EQUIPMENT	\$26,662	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$111,777</b>	<b>\$90,203</b>	<b>\$90,203</b>	<b>\$118,245</b>

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.**

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$947	\$605	\$605	\$614
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$72	\$119	\$119	\$120
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$120	\$400	\$400	\$400
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$1,569	\$2,100	\$5,464	\$2,100
ADVERTISING	\$283	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,126	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,202	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.</b>	<b>\$8,319</b>	<b>\$12,424</b>	<b>\$15,788</b>	<b>\$12,434</b>

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT**

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$50,035	\$51,304	\$51,304	\$77,881
SUPERV UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CK	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.</b>	<b>\$51,035</b>	<b>\$52,304</b>	<b>\$52,304</b>	<b>\$77,881</b>

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$95,119	\$94,815	\$94,082	\$95,493
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$41,779	\$42,469	\$41,912	\$44,490
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$4,883	\$1,915	\$2,700	\$2,741
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$32,638	\$34,900	\$34,890	\$34,164
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$10,054	\$10,290	\$10,157	\$10,475
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,671	\$1,699	\$1,676	\$1,780
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$152	\$159	\$159	\$168
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CK	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$196,452</b>	<b>\$197,310</b>	<b>\$196,639</b>	<b>\$200,387</b>

**FISCAL SERVICES**

SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$37,363	\$40,522	\$40,522	\$41,842
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$37,363</b>	<b>\$40,522</b>	<b>\$40,522</b>	<b>\$41,842</b>

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017 (continued)****RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2017-2018**

	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	PROJECTED 2017	Final BUDGET 2018
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**INTEREST EXPENSE**

INTEREST EXPENSE	\$38,223	\$38,223	\$39,424	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$38,223</b>	<b>\$38,223</b>	<b>\$39,424</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

**AUDITING SERVICES**

SHARED SU AUDIT SERVICES	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,575
<b>TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$4,150</b>	<b>\$4,150</b>	<b>\$4,150</b>	<b>\$4,575</b>

**OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT**

SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$61,436	\$59,982	\$59,525	\$60,418
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$18,748	\$20,348	\$20,342	\$20,342
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,378	\$4,326	\$4,290	\$4,358
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,359	\$2,399	\$2,381	\$2,417
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$62	\$65	\$65	\$70
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$521	\$384	\$384	\$399
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$40	\$36	\$36	\$36
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$541	\$552	\$552	\$552
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$190	\$192	\$192	\$193
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$12,697	\$7,700	\$6,840	\$7,700
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$1,573	\$1,000	\$19,000	\$30,000
WATER & SEWER	\$7,245	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,545	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180
SNOW REMOVAL	\$2,440	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,000
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$3,600	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$3,500
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROU	\$7,554	\$15,000	\$5,860	\$5,000
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$2,643	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$6,573	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,360
TRAVEL	\$138	\$300	\$300	\$300
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$13,564	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
ELECTRICITY	\$24,243	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$14,260	\$14,000	\$10,965	\$11,560
WOOD PELLETS	\$12,262	\$10,000	\$13,035	\$17,000
EQUIPMENT	\$320	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT</b>	<b>\$199,932</b>	<b>\$204,564</b>	<b>\$213,047</b>	<b>\$230,985</b>

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV**

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$88,541	\$90,199	\$90,199	\$73,638
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$3,307	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV</b>	<b>\$91,848</b>	<b>\$94,199</b>	<b>\$94,199</b>	<b>\$77,638</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WATER PROJECT-INTEREST	\$1,538	\$1,538	\$1,538	\$1,538
WATER PROJECT-PRINCIPAL	\$2,190	\$2,190	\$2,190	\$2,190
DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST	\$86,190	\$89,038	\$89,038	\$84,225
DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$264,918</b>	<b>\$267,766</b>	<b>\$267,766</b>	<b>\$262,953</b>

**FUND TRANSFERS**

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$12,720	\$12,720	\$12,720	\$24,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$105,827	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$5,000	\$36,244	\$36,244	\$40,000
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$123,547</b>	<b>\$108,964</b>	<b>\$108,964</b>	<b>\$184,000</b>

## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017 (continued)

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2017-2018**

	<b>W/Bond</b>	<b>PROJECTED</b>	<b>Final</b>	
	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>BUDGET 2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$175,806	\$151,474	\$138,751	\$157,136
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$3,411	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,045
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$40,426	\$36,626	\$39,105	\$62,295
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$13,058	\$11,113	\$10,338	\$11,446
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$6,629	\$6,012	\$5,125	\$5,854
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$471	\$494	\$494	\$462
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,372	\$969	\$969	\$1,057
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$106	\$91	\$91	\$96
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$42	\$0	\$0	\$0
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$3,248	\$3,421	\$3,223	\$3,687
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$624	\$782	\$715	\$811
OTHER PROF SVCS /TUITION TO OTHERS	\$208	\$28,145	\$1,600	\$0
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$196	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL	\$54	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED</b>	<b>\$245,651</b>	<b>\$239,127</b>	<b>\$203,411</b>	<b>\$245,889</b>

**SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

SU SHARED SERVICES	\$323,355	\$341,242	\$435,493	\$103,919
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$323,355</b>	<b>\$341,242</b>	<b>\$435,493</b>	<b>\$103,919</b>

**SU ASSESSMENTS**

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$55,817	\$61,922	\$61,922	\$59,455
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$8,464	\$8,890	\$8,890	\$10,634
<b>TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$64,281</b>	<b>\$70,812</b>	<b>\$70,812</b>	<b>\$70,089</b>

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$10,294	\$10,866	\$0	\$0
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$787	\$831	\$0	\$0
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$56	\$70	\$70	\$0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$4	\$7	\$7	\$0
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SU SHARED SERVICES-ELL	\$0	\$0	\$13,180	\$16,416
TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>	<b>\$11,391</b>	<b>\$12,274</b>	<b>\$13,757</b>	<b>\$16,916</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,057,916</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,237,375</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>
			5.87%	-1.09%

<b>EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,440</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$15,608</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017 (continued)****MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL**  
Summary of Changes Budget 2018 vs. 2017

<u>Staffing Changes:</u>	<u>Negotiated Items</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amount of Increase(Decrease)</u>	<u>Entire Budget % Increase</u>	<u>BUDGET FY2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET FY2017-2018</u>
Salary Increases-Estimate			\$24,491	0.77%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 0% With Current Enrollment			\$2,900	0.09%		
Other Benefit Changes			\$2,222	0.07%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items			\$29,613	0.93%		

**Position Changes:**

School-wide Projected Salary/Benefit Savings FY16-17	\$-58,782	-1.84%
Instructional and Principal's Office Staffing Changes	\$34,267	1.07%
Sped Paraeducator Addl .70 FTE-Assumes Family health	\$29,684	0.93%
Subtotal Position Changes	\$5,169	0.16%

<b>Total Salary and Benefit Changes</b>	<b>\$34,782</b>	1.09%	\$1,852,042	\$1,886,824
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**Nonsalary changes:**

Instructional & Support Program changes	\$47,811	1.50%	
Preschool Program changes-Per State Law	\$18,636	0.58%	
WCSU Assessments-Final Budget	\$49,498	1.55%	
Technology-Software & Equipment	\$6,756	0.21%	
Interest Expense	\$1,777	0.06%	Offset 100% by Revenues
Operation of Plant- SU Shared Custodial Services	\$20,000	0.63%	
Operation of Plant- Changes-Utilities & Equipment	\$1,560	0.05%	
Student Transportation Svcs	-\$16,561	-0.52%	See Revenues Below*
Fund Transfer-Food Services	\$11,280	0.35%	
Debt Service-Bond Savings	-\$4,813	-0.15%	
Special Education-Other Prof Svcs Etc.	-\$265,468	-8.31%	See Revenues Below**
<b>Total Nonsalary Items</b>	<b>-\$129,524</b>	<b>-4.06%</b>	<b>\$1,341,517</b> <b>\$1,211,993</b>

<b>Total Expense Budget Change(A)</b>	<b>-\$94,742</b>	<b>-2.97%</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,098,817</b>
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**Revenue Changes**

Projected Change Special Educ. Reimbursement	\$19,548	0.61%	
Sped Reimbursement to WCSU	-\$213,167	-6.67%	See Expenses Above**
EEE Grant to WCSU	-\$20,118	-0.63%	See Expenses Above**
Transportation Aid to WCSU	-\$35,785	-1.12%	See Expenses Above*
Interest Income	\$1,777	0.06%	
<b>Subtotal Revenue Changes(B)</b>	<b>-\$247,745</b>	<b>-7.76%</b>	

<b>Net Impact on Taxes(A-B)</b>	<b>\$153,003</b>	<b>4.79%</b>	
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Transfer to Capital Fund (C)	\$60,000	1.88%	
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<b>Combined Expense Budget(A+C)</b>	<b>-\$34,742</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>
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<b>Combined Impact on Taxes(A-B+C)</b>	<b>\$213,003</b>	<b>6.67%</b>	
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## RUMNEY/WCSU 3-YEAR COMPARISON

## PRELIMINARY

## Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

## ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Middlesex		T124 Washington Central				Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
County: Washington						<b>10,076</b>	<b>1.00</b>
						<b>11,875</b>	income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>		
1. <b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)		<b>\$2,603,355</b>	<b>\$3,032,670</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>		1.
2. <b>plus</b> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		2.
3. <b>minus</b> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		3.
4. <b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>		<b>\$2,603,355</b>	<b>\$3,032,670</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>		4.
5. <b>plus</b> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		5.
6. <b>plus</b> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		6.
7. <b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$2,603,355</b>	<b>\$3,032,670</b>	<b>\$3,193,559</b>	<b>\$3,158,817</b>		7.
8. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		8.
9. Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		9.
<b>Revenues</b>							
10. Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)		<b>\$357,030</b>	<b>\$441,105</b>	<b>\$429,343</b>	<b>\$181,598</b>		10.
11. <b>plus</b> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		11.
12. <b>minus</b> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenue (Manchester & West Windsor only)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		12.
13. <b>Offsetting revenues</b>		<b>\$357,030</b>	<b>\$441,105</b>	<b>\$429,343</b>	<b>\$181,598</b>		13.
14. <b>Education Spending</b>		<b>\$2,246,325</b>	<b>\$2,591,565</b>	<b>\$2,764,216</b>	<b>\$2,977,219</b>		14.
15. <b>Equalized Pupils</b>		<b>157.82</b>	<b>156.61</b>	<b>164.49</b>	<b>164.42</b>		15.
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$14,233.46</b>	<b>\$16,547.89</b>	<b>\$16,804.77</b>	<b>\$18,107.40</b>		16.
17. <b>minus</b> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil		- <b>\$65.83</b>	- <b>\$1,984.20</b>	- <b>\$1,627.86</b>	- <b>\$1,599</b>		17.
18. <b>minus</b> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b>25</b>		18.
19. <b>minus</b> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		19.
20. <b>minus</b> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		20.
21. <b>minus</b> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		21.
22. <b>minus</b> Total tuitions if tuitions for ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		22.
23. <b>minus</b> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equalized pupil)		- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>	- <b> </b>		23.
24. <b>minus</b> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equalized pupil)		- <b>NA</b>	- <b>\$35.76</b>	- <b>\$42.56</b>	- <b>\$1</b>		24.
25. Excess spending threshold		threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	allowable growth	threshold = \$17,386		25.
26. <b>plus</b> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)		+ <b>\$16,166.00</b>	+ <b>\$17,103.00</b>	+ <b>\$16,805.82</b>	+ <b>\$17,386.00</b>		26.
27. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>	+ <b> </b>		27.
28. <b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b>		<b>\$14,233</b>	<b>\$16,548</b>	<b>\$16,805</b>	<b>\$18,107.40</b>		28.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
29. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) $[\$18,107.40 \div (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000)]$		<b>\$1,5023</b>	<b>\$1,7319</b>	<b>\$1,7323</b>	<b>\$1,7971</b>		29.
30. Percent of Middlesex equalized pupils not in a union school district		based on \$0.98	based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00		
31. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town $(56.96\% \times 1.80)$		<b>54.96%</b>	<b>56.21%</b>	<b>57.25%</b>	<b>56.96%</b>		30.
32. <b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>		<b>0.8257</b>	<b>0.9735</b>	<b>0.9917</b>	<b>1.0236</b>		31.
33. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town $(\$1.0236 / 93.67\%)$		<b>95.61%</b>	<b>97.39%</b>	<b>94.46%</b>	<b>93.67%</b>		32.
34. Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) $[(\$18,107.40 + \$11,875) \times 2.00\%]$		<b>2.76%</b>	<b>3.15%</b>	<b>3.09%</b>	<b>3.05%</b>		34.
35. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State $(56.96\% \times 3.05\%)$		<b>1.52%</b>	<b>1.77%</b>	<b>1.77%</b>	<b>1.74%</b>		35.
36. Percent of equalized pupils at U32 High School (UHSD #32)		<b>45.04%</b>	<b>43.79%</b>	<b>42.75%</b>	<b>43.04%</b>		36.
37. <b>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</b>		<b> </b>	<b> </b>	<b> </b>	<b> </b>		37.
<p>- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. <b>New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields, and perhaps the non-residential rate.</b></p> <p>- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.</p> <p>- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.</p>							

## U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

**Polling Places and Times:**

Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Calais Elementary School in Calais – 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 131 at 6:00 PM on March 6, 2017 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

The legal voters of U-32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.

**ARTICLE 3.** To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

Clerk	\$500.00
Directors	\$850.00 each
Chair	\$875.00
Treasurer	\$1,500.00

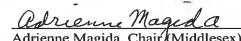
**ARTICLE 4.** Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,305,831, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,369 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.43% higher than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

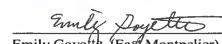
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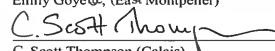
  
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**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

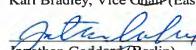
  
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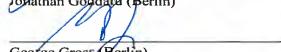
  
Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester)

  
Emily Goyette, (East Montpelier)

  
C. Scott Thompson (Calais)

  
Kari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)

  
Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)

  
George Gross (Berlin)

## U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

Union High School District No. 32

### OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 7, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

#### ARTICLE 1

For Clerk, for a term of one (1) year  
Vote for not more than ONE

Mary Ormsby.....  
Write-in:.....

#### ARTICLE 4

Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,305,831, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,369 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.43% higher than spending for the current year.

YES  NO

#### ARTICLE 2

For Treasurer, for a term of one (1) year  
Vote for not more than ONE

Mary Ormsby.....  
Write-in:.....

#### ARTICLE 5

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES  NO

#### ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

Clerk:	\$500.00
Directors:	\$850.00 each
Chair:	\$875.00
Treasurer:	\$1,500.00

YES  NO

#### ARTICLE 6

Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2017-2018 school year?

YES  NO

**U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY**

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017	PROJECTED 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018
<b>REVENUES</b>				
TUITION	921,572	889,377	1,076,205	911,960
INVESTMENT INCOME	156,156	174,386	150,000	150,000
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	12,189,961	12,327,051	12,327,051	12,786,230
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	207,375	114,425	114,425	123,771
STATE REVENUES-MISC	268,546	261,466	265,066	7,500
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	261,995	269,473	269,473	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	1,275,873	1,320,998	1,362,910	326,371
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$15,281,478</b>	<b>\$15,357,176</b>	<b>\$15,565,130</b>	<b>\$14,305,831</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
BUSINESS ED.	166,798	174,709	171,557	173,752
DRIVER ED.	61,438	65,290	68,396	69,334
ENGLISH	767,499	822,834	809,255	791,099
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	314,114	316,247	337,898	254,806
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	401,114	419,023	422,138	430,022
TECHNOLOGY ED .	184,831	208,159	195,557	115,285
LIVING ARTS	78,529	79,798	77,006	86,236
MUSIC	283,808	236,732	233,699	236,321
PHYSICAL ED.	382,795	407,105	388,193	391,563
MATHEMATICS	831,813	874,684	903,628	936,016
SCIENCE	896,663	919,154	920,831	869,410
SOCIAL STUDIES	562,987	598,436	600,689	611,352
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	390,156	416,791	363,799	425,650
OTHER INSTRUCTION-504	11,719	5,800	5,800	11,800
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	519,945	357,131	376,696	426,127
MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS	15,054	17,480	17,480	17,480
GUIDANCE SERVICES	604,155	627,869	620,333	631,965
HEALTH SERVICES	119,288	124,156	125,223	126,711
CURRICULUM SERVICES	144,965	96,653	106,888	116,251
MEDIA SERVICE	18,900	0	0	0
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	214,000	213,485	228,867	236,238
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	463,322	489,553	489,553	591,431
BOARD OF EDUCATION	46,400	49,700	49,700	49,853
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	200,017	193,376	193,376	288,578
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	801,012	944,052	978,263	939,003
FISCAL SERVICES	147,867	151,158	151,158	150,281
INTEREST EXPENSE	142,280	142,280	137,305	142,280
AUDITING SERVICES	6,950	6,950	6,950	7,575
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,285,774	1,350,085	1,387,028	1,406,990
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	684,547	694,305	696,776	574,483
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	1,173,216	1,079,625	1,079,625	1,088,625
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	556,151	439,850	425,032	582,805
SUPPORT PROGRAM	1,657,062	1,825,870	1,909,016	598,843
SPEECH SERVICES	30,482	31,737	219	0
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	220,902	230,985	230,985	213,541
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	1,072	5,160	14,707	0
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	826,221	740,954	716,504	714,126
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,213,846</b>	<b>\$15,357,176</b>	<b>\$15,440,130</b>	<b>\$14,305,831</b>

## U-32 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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### **Directors' Report on the Proposed 2017-2018 School Year Budget**

#### **Adrienne Magida, Chair, U-32 School Board, Emily Goyette and Kari Bradley, U-32 Finance Committee**

Each year it's our challenge to build a U-32 budget that satisfies the needs of all of our stakeholders: students, parents, faculty, administration, and our communities' citizens who pay to support our remarkable school. Seventy percent of our expenses are fixed, and they rise annually due to contractual obligations: negotiated salaries, benefits, and transportation costs. Providing services mandated by law for our students with special needs fluctuates annually with the student population. For the coming year, we're forecasting a decrease in our student population and a sharp increase in student special needs. At the same time, we're evolving to a personalized instruction and proficiency-based learning system that our teachers, administration, and board believe is best for our students.

It is important to note that local school boards control only one of the three components of your property tax rate: our budgeted expenses. The other two are the statewide education tax rate and the common level of appraisal. Both of these are set by the state. This means that if your local school budget increases 0%, or even less, your property taxes will likely increase anyway.

In 2016, the Legislature updated the threshold for tax penalties on spending per equalized pupil in excess of the state threshold amount. If the threshold is exceeded, a tax penalty is assessed by the State. Vermont's Universal Pre-K Law, Act 166, passed in 2014 and implemented in 2016, requires the inclusion of our pre-K students in the equalized pupil calculation. Because pre-K placement is a "choice" option for parents, as of this writing, the Agency of Education has not yet provided districts with their exact equalized pupil counts. WCSU's Business Manager, Lori Bibeau, has done her calculations and is confident that the U-32 district would not be subject to penalty.

For the 2017-2018 school year, two major line items, Special Education and Transportation, were affected by an accounting change required by the State. These revenues are now received and the corresponding expenses are allocated by the WCSU office; the net cost is "direct billed" back to each district and appears under "Nonsalary Items". Only our school-specific paraeducators are included under "Salaries and Benefits". We also transferred funds from our capital fund to our operating budget (under Technology) to cover acquisition of State-mandated software, and to recognize that technology expenses are an ongoing expense.

While the proposed U-32 expense budget for the 2017-2018 school year is \$14,305,831, a decrease of \$1,051,345 or -6.85% over last year's budget, the decrease is due to the one-time accounting change described above. It is not a decrease in our expenses. Next year, budget comparisons will be "apples to apples" once again. The U-32 board asked the administration to prepare a budget with a 3% increase or less. The total tax impact of the budget passed in January is 2.99%. Due to our declining enrollment, some staffing reductions were made on both the administrative and teaching sides. No academic programs were cut, fewer sessions of some classes may be offered, but the Board is confident that student learning outcomes will not be affected in any way.

Here are the combined effects of tax rates for both the elementary and U-32 budgets for each of the towns in Washington Central Supervisory Union, based on the best estimates we have at the moment:

#### **Common Level of Appraisal**

Town	FY 2017 (this year)	FY 2018
Berlin	104.14 %	105.84 %
Calais	98.49 %	98.48 %
East Montpelier	94.60 %	94.94 %
Middlesex	94.46 %	93.67 %
Worcester	104.40 %	101.06 %

## U-32 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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Total School Tax with CLA as of January 13, 2017 (Both Elementary and Secondary)

Town	FY 2017 (this year)	FY 2018	Change in Tax Rate
Berlin	1.597	1.662	\$ 0.065
Calais	1.636	1.708	\$ 0.072
East Montpelier	1.954	1.986	\$ 0.032
Middlesex	1.811	1.885	\$ 0.074
Worcester	1.529	1.672	\$ 0.143

Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil by School as of January 13, 2017

Town	FY 2017 (this year)	FY 2018	Percent Increase
Berlin	\$ 15,890	\$ 18,121	14.0 %
Calais	\$ 14,885	\$ 16,455	10.5 %
East Montpelier	\$ 19,856	\$ 20,556	3.5 %
Rumney	\$ 16,805	\$ 17,925	6.7 %
Doty	\$ 14,750	\$ 18,107	7.8 %
U-32	\$ 16,320	\$ 17,369	6.4 %

Our goal is always to keep U-32 the special place that it is, one that provides the best learning and enrichment opportunities possible for all our students in an incomparable educational environment. We are very proud of our school and trust that you are too. We hope that you will agree to support our budget on Town Meeting Day.

The U-32 budget informational meeting will be held at U-32 on Monday, March 6th at 6 p.m. Come with your questions. We are happy to explain the work we've done in preparing this budget.

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## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

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### WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

#### *Superintendent's Office Report*

January 16, 2017

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, and Rumney Elementary Schools, as well as U-32 Middle and High School.

As a supervisory union, our primary goals are to provide quality educational opportunities for the 1,500 students we serve in PreK through grade 12, and to ensure that we are preparing our students for their future. To meet these goals, we remain focused on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; providing high quality early education programs; special education services; providing transportation services; grant and construction management; improving technology and financial services to our member schools; and recruiting and retaining high caliber staff. Below I have highlighted some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

#### ***Budget Impacts of Consolidation of Services and Fiscal Requirements***

Last year, we informed voters of the required changes to move the expenses for Special Education and student transportation to the central office budget. In this past legislative session, a new requirement was added that the revenues from state aid for these two expenditures needed to be moved to our central office as well. Therefore, only the net cost of special education and transportation are in the local budgets. For example at U-32, the special education services from the supervisory union are decreased by \$1,310,173. In most of the school budgets, these changes will decrease the overall budgets while there still maybe an increased impact on the tax rate. Making these accounting adjustments will not significantly impact the tax rates as the net cost was already in the local budgets in the previous years. If the Full Board had not agreed to move these services into the supervisory union budget, the tax payers of Washington Central potentially could have seen a 5% penalty on their school tax bills.

Another mandate from federal and state regulation requires us to plan to change our accounting software used to track and report fiscal operations. Our existing financial system (NEMRIC) was purchased in 1995 and currently will not meet the requirements. It is estimated that the cost of a new system will be approximately \$300,000. The WCSU Full Board elected to pay for this as an equal expenditure over a 3 year period. This year's amount is found in the office of superintendent line of the WCSU budget. Also in the office of the superintendent budget, we have reclassified some of the personnel that in previous years were in the curriculum/instructional services assessments line.

#### ***Board Goals, Student Learning Outcomes and Implementation Plan***

This past May, the six boards of Washington Central establishing a unified mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for our PreK – 12 school system. Over the past two years many of you and your communities have given input to your school board about their individual mission and SLO. It was not difficult to determine a common mission and goals because there was so much alignment between all of our schools and communities already. Our common mission is: **WCSU exists to nurture and inspire in all students the passion, creativity and power to contribute to their local and global communities.** The Washington Central Full Board tasked the Leadership Team of the supervisory union to develop an Implementation Plan to support each student in obtaining all the Student Learning Outcomes. The Leadership Team's Theory of Action for this plan is: *If we provide high quality instruction and interventions that are responsive to learners' needs and interests, based on clear learning targets, and measured by a*

## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

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*comprehensive and balanced assessment system, then we will close achievement gaps and ensure that all students achieve proficiency in our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes. Please stay tuned as we publish our completed Implementation plan this spring*

### ***Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development***

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction and assessment, and professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide ongoing professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-Graduation. Over 35 % of teachers and administrators participated this summer in our curriculum week to update and enhance our local curricula across all the schools

In addition to the summer professional curriculum work, we have been able to secure a grant to fund a WCSU math coach for a second year and we should be able to continue this work for at least another year. Ellen Dorsey, former U-32 middle and high school math teacher, is providing instructional leadership in mathematics.

In 2014, the Vermont State School Board approved new Education Quality Standards that require all students to graduate based on meeting our Student Learning Outcomes (SLO). Much of the work of our Curriculum Steering Committees and our Curriculum Council has been to create a progression to support all students to meet the WCSU SLO. To support teachers moving into a proficiency based-system, this year the WCSU full board has approved a second teacher coach across the supervisory union.

WCSU has created a local comprehensive assessment system that includes different types of assessments. Teachers come together at least twice each year during inservice days to analyze the data at their respective grade levels. For example, fourth grade teachers from all five elementary schools came together in October to score students' reading assessments together. Such scoring opportunities and data analyses inform next instructional steps for individual students, classes, and grade levels, and can have implications for the school system as a whole.

### ***Special Services***

Kelly Bushey continues to be the Director of Special Services, working closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for approximately 200 students with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with state and federal laws. This includes managing contracted services for state placed students as well as out of district placements.

In our continued efforts to become more efficient, we continue to look at the necessary supports across the supervisory union and find ways to provide them that are the most beneficial for students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. An example of this is in the area of Speech and Language. We have been able to examine the needs across the supervisory union and "right size" the supports with the current level of staffing that we have in place. This meant that a couple of employees needed to be reassigned based on the level of service needs in a couple of our schools. This was an easy adjustment with the current consolidated special education model. It has also reduced the overall cost of these services at the supervisory union level.

We are also pleased to have the opportunity to support a few of the Paraprofessionals from across the supervisory in their educational endeavors. We currently have four Paraprofessionals that are enrolled in coursework through the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative, studying

## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

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to become Special Education teachers. A requirement for taking on this coursework was for the paraprofessionals to already have a Bachelor's degree in Education. Kelly was successful in securing funding through a grant with the Agency of Education that supports these folks to become licensed educators, in a concentrated area that has a shortage across the state.

As we move the focus of our work forward, our attention will be aligning Individualized Education Plans (IEP) to the Proficiency Based Graduation Requirement System (PBGR). This is an area in which we will all need professional learning opportunities to ensure that we maintain compliance and align the curriculum with IEP goals.

### ***Early Education Programs***

For our preschool students, we have expanded our programs at each of the elementary schools and are proud to report that all of our preschool programs meet the highest Vermont STARS accreditation and provide 10 hours per week of preschool instruction. With the implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten, we are proud to announce that all five of our programs have been pre-qualified as Pre-Kindergartens in the state of Vermont. This means that if non-resident students choose to attend one of our programs, they may apply to be a student and be accepted if we have room in our programs. This year most of our programs are full with resident students.

### ***Technology***

This was another great year for the WCSU Technology Department. The greatest impact on student learning has been the expansion of our one-to-one computer-to-student project from just grades 5 through 8, to grades 4 through 12. By using Google Chromebooks we have been able to dedicate a computing device to each student and teachers have been able to increase the integration of technology in their classes. This is allowing our students to expand and deepen the skills they will need in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Again this year we have had to increase both our internet bandwidth and our internal wireless networks to support the greater use of technology in teaching. Another big project for all the schools has been to transfer our websites to a new platform with a common look and feel. We have been able to integrate our rapid communication system (automated phone calls and e-mails) to allow us to push out information through our website and web 2.0 technologies (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) Having this type of communication system allows us to reach more members of the community through the media options they use the most.

### ***Fiscal Services***

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$36.3 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. When looking at the total tax rate impacts for all of our towns, our changes this year increase the rate between 3.2 cents to 14.3 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value. To see the amount for your town, please see your town report. In developing budgets for FY17, each school board looked closely at their per pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

### ***High Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement***

Credit for the many accomplishments of our supervisory union goes to the efforts and commitment of our outstanding professional and support staff, as well as to our Leadership Team.

Parent and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. WCSU is fortunate to have so many parents, community and board members involved in our schools and the education of our students. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for the continued support of our schools and students.

Respectfully submitted,  
*William Kimball*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## **WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)**

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### **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**

Submitted to the board for the school districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Worcester and U-32.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Washington Central Supervisory Union, I hereby submit the following summary report of the financial operations of the supervisory union.

For the year ending June 30, 2016, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$6,746,593. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2016 with a \$353,943 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$162,381 operations, \$0 special education, \$113,671 office equipment and technology, \$64,170 building capital fund and \$13,721 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2017, the supervisory union budgets total \$7,068,933 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2018, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$8,425,586 which consists of \$3,402,183 for operations and \$5,050,403 for services billed as a fee for service.

William Kimball  
Superintendent of Schools

### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BERLIN, CALAIS, EAST MONTPELIER, MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER**

Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) offers special education services to eligible children three through twenty-one and early intervention for children birth to age three.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to receive a free, appropriate, public education.

WCSU may not be aware of all resident children and youth with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability and is not in school, homeless, attending an independent school, enrolled in home study or not otherwise being educated at public expense, please notify us by contacting your local school principal or by calling or writing:

Kelly Bushey  
Director of Special Services  
Washington Central Supervisory Union  
1130 Gallison Hill Road  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
802-229-0553 X 303

## **WCSU CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET AND RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL SHARE**

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### **WCSU Central Office Budget and Rumney Memorial School Share**

The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its enrollment. Using the enrollment, the allocation for Rumney Memorial School is 12.6% for FY 2017-2018. The total assessment for Rumney Memorial is \$298,291 which is an increase of \$49,498 over 2016-2017. The increase of \$49,498 represents a 1.55% increase to the Rumney budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office.

#### **Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office:** **Function & Services (not an exclusive list)**

**Administration Services**- SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation; new required accounting & software standards. Rumney share is \$82,456

**Curriculum Services**- Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; job-embedded professional development across the SU; grant writing. Rumney share is \$21,654

**Technology Services**- Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; network administration and support; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; and integration of technology into SU operations are included in this total. Rumney share is \$82,250

**Fiscal Services**- Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. Rumney share is \$41,842

**Student Special Services**- Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschooled, private school students and homeless students, special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. Rumney share is \$59,455

**Preschool Administration**- Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. Rumney share is \$10,634

**Shared Special Education** – All Special Education costs are included in the WCSU Budget (except paraeducators.) Rumney share is \$103,919

**Shared Student Transportation** – All student transportation costs to/from school are included in the WCSU Budget. Rumney share is \$73,638

## MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

**Town of Middlesex**  
**Estimated Tax Calculations**  
**As of January 2, 2017**

**NOTE:** Includes both Rummey Memorial and U32 Proposed Budgets.  
 Include Rummey Bond Payment

Town	Education Spending				Property Yield District Spent				TAX RATES:			
	Per Eq Pupil	BaseEd	Spending Pupil	Adjustment	Equalized	Equalized	Homestead	Nonresidential	Equalized	Equalized	Homestead	Nonresidential
Projected Budget 17-18	\$17,790	\$10,076	176.55%	288.65	\$1,766	\$1,885	\$1,550	\$1,655				
Budget 16-17	\$16,597	\$9,701	171.09%	287.32	\$1,711	\$1,811	\$1,535	\$1,625				
	7.19%	3.87%		0.46%								

Common Level	Appraisal		Homestead	Nonresidential
	Appraisal	Homestead		
FY10-11	74.11%	\$1,800	\$1,822	
FY11-12	97.32%	\$1,391	\$1,398	
FY12-13	96.86%	\$1,422	\$1,425	
FY13-14	96.06%	\$1,497	\$1,499	
FY14-15	95.61%	\$1,633	\$1,585	
FY15-16	97.39%	\$1,757	\$1,576	
FY16-17	94.46%	\$1,811	\$1,625	
<b>FY17-18</b>	<b>93.67%</b>	<b>\$1,885</b>	<b>\$1,655</b>	
Local Tax Impact-Increase/(Decrease)		\$0.074	\$0.030	
Impact on a \$100,000 property		<b>\$74</b>	<b>\$30</b>	

**Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:			
TAX RATES:			
FY17-18	Current Level of Appraisal	Common Appraised at 100%	
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.069	\$1.024	Total Tax Rate
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.050	\$0.742	\$1,093
<b>TOTAL Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.119</b>	<b>\$1,766</b>	<b>\$0.792</b>

Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil
\$17,790
\$18,107
\$17,369

Amount Per Town
Elementary
U32
<b>TOTAL</b>

## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

### Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary

#### Final

		WITH SHARED SERVICES				
		FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2017 Projected	FY 2018 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Assessments	\$1,729,6012	\$2,054,877	\$2,054,877	\$2,316,873	\$2,611,996	
Earnings on Investments	\$8,016	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$0	
Shared Services Assessments & Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$56,893	\$56,893	\$56,893	\$0	
Miscellaneous Income	\$6,385	\$3,818	\$3,818	\$3,817	-\$1	
State Reimbursements	\$596,911	\$700,000	\$769,301	\$1,000,000	\$300,000	
Shared Service Revenues-Special Education	\$3,266,002	\$3,425,265	\$3,592,841	\$3,686,396	\$231,131	
Shared Service Revenues-Student Transportation	\$1,099,791	\$1,128,535	\$1,130,066	\$1,164,007	\$35,412	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,706,207</b>	<b>\$7,409,048</b>	<b>\$7,617,395</b>	<b>\$8,437,586</b>	<b>\$1,028,538</b>	
Fund Balance Usage	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$6,721,207</b>	<b>\$7,424,048</b>	<b>\$7,632,395</b>	<b>\$8,452,586</b>	<b>\$1,028,538</b>	

#### Expenditures:

Instruction Develop. Services	\$144,615	\$153,032	\$152,175	\$177,220	\$24,188
Technology Services	\$365,227	\$385,158	\$380,798	\$365,399	\$66,241
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$356,841	\$386,954	\$409,428	\$376,211	\$89,257
Preschool Administration	\$4,290	\$11,206	\$11,206	\$11,335	\$129
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$313,648	\$427,483	\$425,576	\$322,470	\$4,987
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$18,438	\$25,036	\$25,036	\$25,036	\$0
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers-Capital	\$75,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$135,000	\$100,000
Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students & Case Mgmt.	\$596,911	\$700,000	\$769,301	\$1,000,000	\$300,000
Special Education Summer Program & Eval Team	\$276,499	\$329,554	\$298,644	\$303,130	\$26,424
Special Area Admin. Services	\$186,480	\$186,765	\$190,625	\$190,382	\$3,617
Shared Service Programs-All SPED Costs/No Para's	\$3,265,002	\$3,455,255	\$3,592,841	\$3,686,396	\$231,131
Shared Service Programs-Student Transportation	\$1,099,791	\$1,128,535	\$1,130,066	\$1,164,007	\$35,412
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,706,742</b>	<b>\$7,424,048</b>	<b>\$7,620,696</b>	<b>\$8,452,586</b>	<b>\$1,028,538</b>
<b>Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$14,465</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,639</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

## Assessment Methodology for Special Education and Student Transportation Services

### BUDGET DRAFT TO FB-ADM Updated Nov 30

Special Education Budget FY1718 Summary by School:					
	Local Budgets	WCSU Budget	Total Expenses	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
	Paraeducators				
Berlin	\$211,914	\$61,1200	\$823,114	\$537,270	\$285,644
Calais	\$172,274	\$121,460	\$293,734	\$205,264	\$88,470
E. Montpelier	\$90,897	\$52,591	\$443,588	\$311,843	\$131,445
Middlesex	\$240,007	\$559,424	\$809,431	\$389,909	\$209,222
Worcester	\$94,996	\$218,999	\$313,995	\$207,846	\$106,149
U32	\$525,508	\$2,022,622	\$2,548,130	\$1,689,458	\$858,672
Total	\$1,335,596	\$3,686,396	\$5,021,992	\$3,341,590	\$1,680,402

### Special Education Budget FY1718 Summary by School (WCSU ONLY):

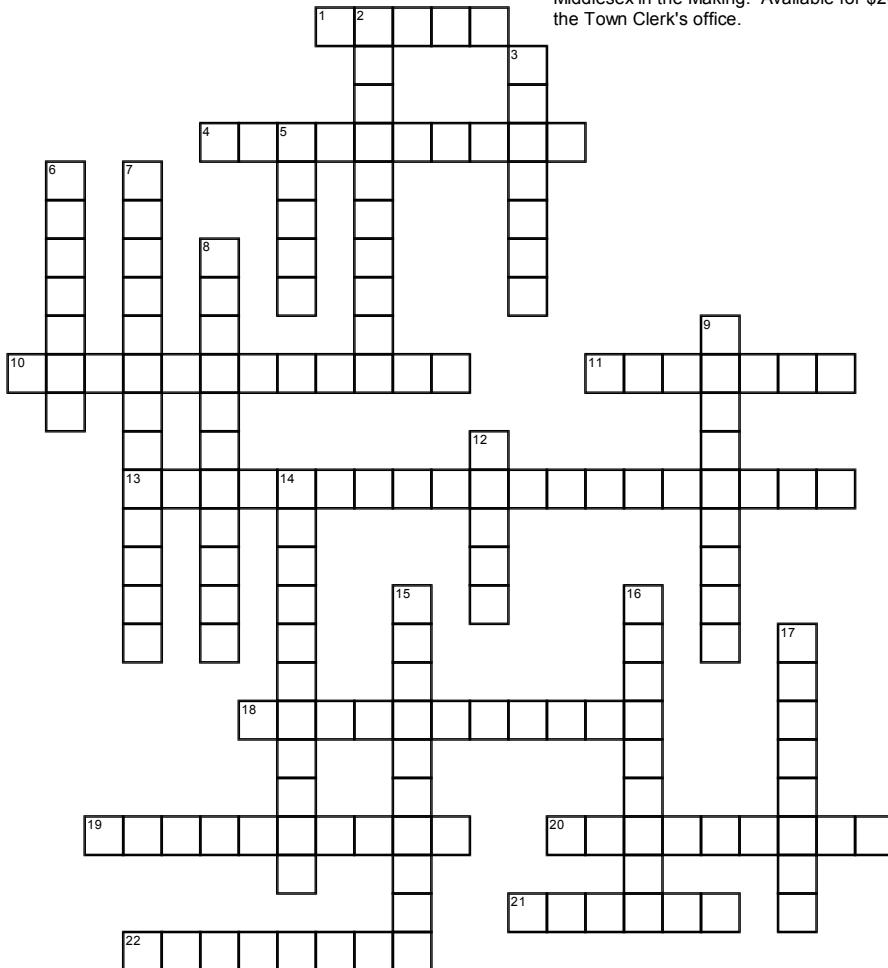
Special Education Budget FY1718 Summary by School (WCSU ONLY):					
	Local Budgets	WCSU Budget	Total Expenses	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
	Paraeducators				
Berlin	\$0	\$61,1200	\$61,1200	\$108,398	\$192,602
Calais	\$0	\$121,460	\$121,460	\$108,791	\$12,669
E. Montpelier	\$0	\$52,591	\$52,591	\$260,941	\$91,750
Middlesex	\$0	\$559,424	\$559,424	\$255,305	\$103,919
Worcester	\$0	\$218,999	\$218,999	\$154,988	\$64,351
U32	\$0	\$2,022,622	\$2,022,622	\$1,395,174	\$627,448
Total	\$0	\$3,686,396	\$3,686,396	\$2,593,657	\$1,092,739

### With New Bus Contract

Student Transportation Budget FY1718 Summary by School:					
	WCSU Budget	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers		
Berlin	\$145,897	\$52,539	\$93,258		
Calais	\$109,423	\$36,287	\$73,136		
E. Montpelier	\$145,897	\$50,079	\$95,818		
Middlesex	\$109,423	\$35,785	\$73,638		
Worcester	\$812,358	\$13,365	\$28,493		
U32	\$811,009	\$261,331	\$549,678		
Total	\$1,364,007	\$449,986	\$914,021		

**MIDDLESEX IN THE MAKING!****Middlesex in the Making!**

All the answers to this puzzle can be found in the Middlesex Historical Society's book Middlesex in the Making. Available for \$20 at the Town Clerk's office.



## MIDDLESEX IN THE MAKING!

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### Across

- 1 Middlesex \_\_\_\_\_ is now used as a source of electricity for GMP.
- 4 There was once a nursing home located in Putnamville named?
- 10 In 1933 construction began on this dam.
- 11 Zdon Road was originally named \_\_\_\_\_ Road?
- 13 C.C. Putnam's First and Middle names?
- 18 Tallest mountain on the Worcester Range?
- 19 This man was notorious for dressing in women's clothes both on and off stage
- 20 Name for a tree-covered stream
- 21 Molly \_\_\_\_\_ and her sister, Bridget (both spinsters) lived 1/2 way up the hill on the road bearing their name.
- 22 In 1873 Middlesex was divided into \_\_\_\_\_ original school districts.

### Down

- 2 The Town's first newspaper: The Middlesex \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Theophilus \_\_\_\_\_ was the first Postmaster of record in Middlesex.
- 5 How many hermits were known to live in the Middlesex Notch area?
- 6 The "Bear Swamp Hotel" was located in this family's barn.
- 7 The old fire house behind Town Hall was originally built soon after the Civil War and was known as?
- 8 1/3rd of this cemetery washed away in the Great Flood of 1927.
- 9 Red Hen Bakery is located in a former CCC Camp known as \_\_\_\_\_?
- 12 Vermont's Senior Senator who lives on Notch Road.
- 14 The VT \_\_\_\_\_ occupy the old "new" Village School
- 15 In the Middlesex Center Cemetery is a granite \_\_\_\_\_ belonging to the owner of the National Clothespin Company
- 16 North, South & East \_\_\_\_\_ Roads
- 17 The Green Mountain \_\_\_\_\_ Club was for men only.

### WORD LIST:

BEARSWAMP  
CAMPMEADE  
CHRISTOPHERCOLUMBUS  
CLOTHESPIN  
CRAZECHASE  
CUSHMAN  
DEBATING  
GORGE  
LEAHY  
LEONARD

MOUNTHUNGER  
NORTHBRANCH  
OCCASIONAL  
PUTNAMREST  
SHADYRILL  
STATEPOLICE  
STEARNS  
SUPPLE  
THIRTEEN  
THREE  
VILLAGESCHOOL  
WRIGHTSVILLE

**USE THIS SPACE TO TAKE NOTES!**

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## **TOWN MEETING CHILD CARE**

Child care for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children will be available at the Rumney School so that parents can attend Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required. Please be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break (by Friday 2/17).

For more information, please contact Paul Dayton, Community Connections, 223-5429 x5 or email [pdayton@u32.org](mailto:pdayton@u32.org). Details will also be available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney website, [www.rumney.org](http://www.rumney.org).

## **PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR**

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the town meeting to those who can't attend the meeting in person (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). No technical expertise needed! And we can provide any necessary equipment. With a mix of internet and phone technologies, these voters can not only hear and see, but also speak at, the meeting. Do you know someone who would like to participate in the Middlesex Town Meeting from a remote location? Please contact Janette Shaffer, [rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com](mailto:rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com) or 802-989-2477 (by Friday 2/17).

## **IF YOU NEED A RIDE...**

The Solutions Committee will be glad to coordinate transportation to and from Town Meeting for any Middlesex voters needing a ride. Please contact Dave Shepard, 229-1744.

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## **DID SOMEONE SAY PIE?**

This year the Annual Rumney Pie Breakfast will be on March 25th from 9-11a.m. The cost is \$7/person, under age 3 is free. Bring your own plate/cup/utensils and save \$1 off admission!

This event raises money to support the Rumney PTO and the Middlesex Bandstand Summer Concert Series. If you'd like to donate a pie or volunteer to help at the event please contact April Davis at [apelch03@hotmail.com](mailto:apelch03@hotmail.com) or call 224-0388.

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