

2024

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

The Middletown Springs Town Office Is a Reality!

It was a long time coming, but the Town Office building on the corner of South and East Streets is completed! Dozens of townspeople have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to reduce costs along the way. So many have served on the Building Committee, on multiple iterations of the Selectboard, or attended public input meetings. We are grateful to you all.

Materials and services were also donated by many residents and local businesses: a drilled well donated by Parker Water Wells and a local family, slate flooring given by Taran Bros., estimating services, design work, building signage, furniture and furnishings, cabinetry and miscellaneous installations, kitchen appliances and supplies, bathroom supplies, fencing and walkway shrubbery, and ongoing corner garden plantings and maintenance. Each and every effort is greatly appreciated.

Four of our neighbors in particular must be called out for their extensive contributions of time and skill. **David Munyak** launched the first iteration of the Building Committee: setting the scope of the project, managing the extensive process of the environmental clean-up of the site (including grant support that covered 94% of those costs), and organizing information sessions for community input into the building's design and intention. **Patty Kenyon** took over that volunteer committee and brought her focus on financing, project logistics, and public outreach. Resident architect **Michael Beattie** worked for many years with the Building Committee and Selectboard; his design iterations focused our options, and his functional floor-plan laid the groundwork for the current structure. **Peter Stevenson** advised and estimated the multiple design ideas set forth by Michael and several others throughout the planning process and coordinated the flow of information on a daily basis throughout construction.

Additionally, we were very fortunate to have the expert services of Architect **Geoff Metcalfe** of Keefe and Wesner who reviewed dozens of prospective plans and ideas and tweaked and reworked the streamlined floorplan outlined by Michael Beattie into a building that fits into the traditional center of our historic village. Geoff's quick response and budget respectful guidance helped to make this building possible. Geoff's detailed work was complimented by our construction management team from **Naylor and Breen** who exhibited the best of the best in management: communicating frequently with the Select Board and architect, and bringing the project in on time and under budget. We cannot thank these two teams of professionals enough.

Finally, we are grateful for the generosity and perseverance of the people of Middletown Springs who supported and enabled this project. Thanks to your support, our community has a Town Office that will be attractive and efficient for the next century.

See pages 10-11 for financial recap of the building project

Cover photo was taken by Emmett Francois

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Town of Middletown Springs
IN MEMORIAM



Shirley “Gramma Shirley” Moyer

Shirley D. Moyer passed unexpectedly on January 2, 2024. ‘Gramma Shirley’ was born in Morrisville, Vermont, on July 31, 1934. She spent her childhood on the Dunbar dairy farm in East Craftsbury, and as a teenager was crowned Vermont’s ‘Milk Princess’ of the year. After graduating from Craftsbury Academy, Shirley attended the University of Vermont where she met Byron ‘Peter’ Moyer of Middletown Springs. Shirley and Peter were married and recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. Shirley and Peter were

inseparable over these many years.

Shirley moved to the Moyer Family Farm in Middletown Springs where she raised 5 rambunctious boys, known to some as the ‘Coy Hill Comanches’. The door to the farmhouse was never closed, and Gramma Shirley oversaw the upbringing of her own boys and served as a surrogate Mom to many other stragglers: nieces, nephews, and various other kids that were friends or relatives from somewhere along the way.

In addition to the many duties of helping a family farm operation, Shirley worked nights at a nursing home in Poultney before pursuing a career with the United States Postal Service. She worked for years at Metromail in Rutland, and at the Rutland City, Wallingford and Dorset Post Offices. Shirley was named Postmaster in Middletown Springs in 1986, a position she held until retiring in 2001.

After retirement, she served her Middletown Springs community for many years on the Selectboard, as a Trustee of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association, and in other capacities. Shirley loved to travel when they could, including notable trips to Africa and Scotland, among others. Shirley also went on an Alaskan cruise and enjoyed a hunting trip to Newfoundland with her father some years ago.

Gramma Shirley will be hugely missed by her family, friends, and acquaintances. Her sphere of influence was certainly much greater than she ever imagined, or would have taken credit for, and many of us are definitely much better people today thanks to Shirley.



Dorothy “Dot” Reed

Dot Reed was a lifetime resident of Middletown Springs. She was born on North Street and lived her entire life there. She was an active community member, being a firefighter, president of the ladies’ fire auxiliary and a community church member.

She was the oldest of 11 children, mother of 6, a grandmother of 11, great grandmother of 25, and great, great grandmother of 1.

Dot was always willing to give to others with no expectations in return. She loved being in her kitchen cooking or baking and loved having big family gatherings for the holidays.

We can’t leave out that she was a funny jokester and an avid Red Sox fan. Dorothy is missed more and more each and every day.

R.I.P Dot

Town of Middletown Springs IN MEMORIAM



Edward "Ed" Ray

Ed Ray passed away peacefully at his home on September 26, 2023, at the age of 86. He was born in Middletown Springs May 5, 1937, the second son to Harold (Mickey) Ray and Livona Kilbourn. He graduated from Middletown Springs High School and then enlisted in the US Navy where he proudly served from 1955 to 1959 aboard the USS Saratoga. He returned home to begin a career working for General Electric in 1960 and married Teresa Marcy that same year. He was an active member of the Middletown Springs community serving as a Firefighter, Town Constable and spent many years on the Cemetery Board. He volunteered calling bingo some nights for the Fire Department, spent many hours in the sand pits helping run turkey shoots, helped build an ice rink at school and spent endless hours mowing the school fields so everyone, including himself, could play ball. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and athlete. He enjoyed spending time with his children Fred, Marcy, Ed Jr. and Chris, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

R.I.P. Dad, Pops, Papa, Great Grandpa.



Rodney Tarbell

Rodney Tarbell was born and raised in Mt. Holly, Vermont, where he farmed for a couple of years before moving to the neighboring town of East Wallingford. After farming for a couple of years in that location, Rodney and Alida purchased the former 'Wy-Ro Maple Lane Farm' on Route 140 and relocated to the western edge of the village in Middletown Springs nearly fifty years ago.

Rodney quickly became a fixture here in Middletown Springs. In addition to running the dairy operation of the Tarbell Family Farm, Rodney worked tirelessly on many other projects and endeavors. He probably plowed, sanded, and/or worked on virtually every driveway here in town in some capacity at one time or other. He owned and operated an excavation and trucking business, and if there was a job to do, Rodney could generally do it. If the task was outside his area of expertise, he probably knew who to connect with to get it done. He also had a love of everything maple and was involved with sugaring in some form his entire life. Here in Middletown Rodney and family built a sugarhouse and established a productive maple operation, and he and Alida enjoyed trips making deliveries of maple products in the Amish country of Pennsylvania.

Rodney was the quintessential Vermonter, humble, hard-working, and honest as the day is long. Rodney served for several years on the local Selectboard in addition to serving this Board as Road Commissioner for a time. He donated time and materials to the Pleasant View Cemetery and also served his community for many years as a Trustee of the Copeland Milk Fund, a position that he held at the time of his passing.

Rodney had a sweet tooth and was known to always have some candy in a jacket pocket somewhere. Although he rarely had time to stop for lunch, he always had a willing knee to accommodate a grandchild or two as they searched his pockets for a sweet treat. Rodney was truly a pillar of the community here in Middletown Springs, leaving us much too soon, he is sorely missed.

**Town of Middletown Springs
2023 TOWN OFFICERS**

Elected Office	Office Holder	Term	Term Expires
Town Clerk:	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2024
Town Treasurer:	Jenny Talke Munyak	3 Years	2024
Selectboard	Terry Redfield	2 Years	2025
	Patty Kenyon	3 Years	2025
	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	3 Years	2024
	Peter Stevenson*	2 Years	2024
	Herb Childress	3 Years	2026
Road Commissioner:	Bill Reed	3 Years	2024
Listers:	Sally Achey	3 Years	2024
	Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2025
	Randy Kniffin	3 Years	2026
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Debra House	3 Year	2024
Justices of the Peace:	Herb Childress		2025
<i>Elected in Nov. for 2 years</i>	Elizabeth Cooper		2025
	Patricia Hemenway		2025
	Meredith Morgan		2025
	Leslie Silver		2025
Town Moderator:	Kimberly Bushnell	1 Year	2024
Planning Commission:	Steve Harrington - Chair*	3 Years	2026
	Laura Derrendinger*	3 Years	2025
	Tasha Turan - Clerk*	3 Years	2024
Library Trustees:	Maureen McCormack*	3 Years	2026
	Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2024
	Sean Ruck	3 Years	2026
	Beth Miller	3 Years	2025
	Glenn Tarbell*	3 Years	2024
Trustee Copeland Church Fund:	Rita Hansen	1 Year	2024
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund:	John Weatherhogg	1 Year	2024
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other	Steven Harrington	3 Years	2025
Public Monies:	David Carr	3 Years	2026
	John Weatherhogg	3 Years	2024
Town Auditors:	Juanita Burch Clay	3 Years	-025
	Sarah Grimm	3 Years	2024
	Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2026

**Town of Middletown Springs
2023 TOWN OFFICERS**

Elected Office	Office Holder	Term	Term Expires
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS			
Emergency Management Director	Chris Baird	1 Year	2024
SWAC Representative:	Glen Moyer / Terry Redfield (alternate)	1 Year	2024
Fire Warden:	James Reed	5 Years	2028
Health Officer:	Laura Derrendinger	3 Years	2026
Animal Control Officer:	James Reed	1 Year	2024
Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:	Terry Redfield	1 Year	2024
	Chris Fenton	1 Year	2024
	Carl Haynes	1 Year	2024
Conservation Commission:	Steve Harrington	3 Years	-2025
	Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	-2026
	Beth Carmody	4 Years	-2027
	vacant	3 Years	-2025
	vacant	4 Years	-2026
Tree Warden:	Terry Redfield	1 Year	-2024
Representatives to the Regional Planning Commission:	Steve Harrington	1 Year	2024
Representative to the Rutland Region Transportation Council	Bill Reed	1 Year	2024
Fence Viewer	Full Selectboard	1 Year	2024
WELLS SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT			
School Directors			
Sue Burke	Wells	3 Years	2025
Eric Montbriand	Wells	3 Years	2024
Amanda Weeden	Wells	3 Years	2026
George Gonda	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2025
Kara Haynes	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2024
Matt Heering	Middletown Springs	3 Years	2026
Meredith Morgan	At Large	3 Years	2024
Moderator	Kimberly Bushnell	1 Year	2024
Treasurer	Tammy Holcomb	1 Year	2024
Clerk	Patty Kenyon*	1 Year	2024

*Appointed Until TM 2024

Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd & 4th Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
School Board	3rd Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	School House
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month	4:00 p.m.	Zoom
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Last Tuesday of the month	7:30 p.m.	Fire House
Library Trustees	4th Wednesday of the month	6:30 p.m.	Library
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of the month	6:00 p.m.	Library

Town Clerk Office Hours

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

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

Telephone: 802-235-2220

Email Address: middletown@vermontel.net

Closed for All Federal Holidays

Quarterly Taxes Due

For the remainder of FY 23/24:

Q3 - March 15, 2024

Q4 - June 17, 2024

For FY 24/25:

Q1 - September 16, 2024

Q2 - December 16, 2024

Q3 - March 17, 2025

Q4 - June 16, 2025

Town Treasurer

Phone: 802-235-3256

Email Address: mtstreasurer@vermontel.net

Emergency Numbers

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

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

Fire Department: 802-235-2300

Poultney Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 802-287-5575

State Police: 802-786-0023

STATE OF VERMONT ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

In 2016 the Elections Management Platform was launched. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

- Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.vermont.gov>
- Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.vermont.gov>

Town of Middletown Springs

NOTICES

Transfer Station Hours

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal and Zero-Sort recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 noon. The trash "Pay-As-You-Throw" Policy requires a punch card (price - \$20.00) that is good for 10 large (30 gallon) bags of trash or 20 small (15 gallon) bags. Cards can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, Fort Dumpster or Crossman's Village Store. The Zero-Sort recycling is FREE for recycling products. Electronics may be recycled anytime during regular Fort Dumpster hours at no charge. We also collect and recycle small household batteries (less than 9 lbs.) at no charge.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 6:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays in 2024, from 6 a.m. to noon on both days. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are accepted. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Large waste will be charged a \$10 per vehicle and/or trailer fee; scrap metal may be disposed of free of charge. Large waste and scrap metal collection takes place at the town property at 577 West Street.

**THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES
THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE LOADING OR UNLOADING PROCESS.**

Green Up Day

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 27, 2024	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 5, 2024	Fair Haven**	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

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

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

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This past fall marked a huge milestone for the Town of Middletown Springs. Our town records are now safe and secure in a newly constructed town office facility! It's been a long and arduous journey, but the result is a fully functional building that enhances the center of our beautiful town.

I invite everyone to stop in during open hours and get a tour. Those of us who work in the building are beyond pleased with how it functions and are settling into our daily routines. We spent a lot of time this year on the logistics of moving and re-housing nearly 250 years of history in the new facility. We are proud of how things turned out. Most importantly your town records are now safe, secure, and easily accessible for you and for future generations.

We continue to digitize the land records and are now back to the 1980's. We were able to rehouse the property survey maps into one easily accessible file box making searches that much easier. I thank my two assistants, Elizabeth Cooper and Meredith Morgan, for their work to keep that effort moving forward.

2024 will be a busy year for elections starting with Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary on March 5, then moving to the state primaries in August and the General Election in November. The BCA approved the use of an official outside ballot drop box for absentee/mail-in ballots. The box is located in the Town Office parking lot, and you will be able to drop ballots there right up until the close of each election.

Dog licenses for 2024 are available. All dog or wolf hybrid owners are required to license their dog(s) each year by April 1. After April 1 a late penalty will be applied. I encourage everyone to come in and register your animals (see the clerk's dog report for more information).

I'll end with a heartfelt thank you to the community for your support over the past year. It's been a year of significant change and growth. In the town clerk's office, there's always something new to learn and improvements to be made. It's truly an honor to serve the community of Middletown Springs.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

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

2023 Vital Statistics

Marriages: 4 Births: 5 Deaths: 4

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

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

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

2023

This past year has been pretty eventful for our Town. First and foremost, we have fully moved town operations from the former office in the Historical Society to our new Town Office at 5 South Street. We are enormously grateful to the citizens of the Town for supporting this work, and to all of those who've had their hands, eyes and minds on the project for many years. We also thank the Historical Society for hosting the Town's functions for decades.

The Selectboard offers its appreciation to Heather Grier and Neil Russell for their Board service concluding last March, and welcomes Peter Stevenson and me. We also are grateful for Carl Haynes' years of service as Health Officer, a position now held by Laura Derendinger; and for Christopher Baird taking on the role of Emergency Management Director. This Town operates because people step up and take on work, compensated only by appreciation.

Glen Moyer has moved on to work with Casella Waste Systems in Center Rutland. It was always a pleasure to go to the Transfer Station and know that things would just work. That position takes a lot of effort and a broad set of skills, and we're grateful for his years of work on our behalf. We hope to hire a new Transfer Station attendant soon.

The changes of 2023 will continue into 2024 as we prepare for the retirement of our Highway Foreman Bill Reed in October 2024. We have begun to advertise for highway crew employment, but we know that there is a high demand for skilled road crew throughout New England. In addition, we've now had several winters in a row characterized by repeated thaws and warm rain; it's 46°, drizzle, and green grass as I write this on December 28. This has led to an entirely new character of road and shoulder problems. Only a quarter of the Town's roads are paved surface; the other 26 miles are increasingly challenging in our new "soft-serve" winter environment. The Selectboard and the Highway team are working on strategies to deal with these conditions, but we ask your patience as we work toward a new understanding of how our back roads hold together.

As always, we appreciate the broad support of our neighbors as we try to conduct the work of the Town, and we look forward to you joining us—to address an individual issue at a Board meeting, or to join the Town in one of our many volunteer capacities.

With thanks,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Chair



New Town Building in Progress

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

New Town Office Build Financial Report

The long-awaited Town Office building on the corner of South and East Streets has been completed. The office was officially opened for business on October 3, 2023. As of this writing there are a couple of items that still need to be completed (supply chain issues) but the building is fully functional and working really well.

As you know this project has taken shape over the course of the past 15 years. In this financial recap we are focusing solely on the design and building of the current facility. We are not including any costs associated with the work done to clean up the brownfield site or previous building designs. This current project recap includes expenditures on this project from 2020 to 2023.

The town used funds from the Municipal Facilities Reserve Fund, ARPA Funds, and a loan from The National Bank of Middlebury to complete this project. You'll find the status of each of these funds below along with an overall cost for construction and projected costs (once all bills come in and items completed).

TOTAL BUILDING COST

Naylor & Breen Guaranteed Maximum Price \$ 1,209,522.39

Actual Paid to Naylor & Breen to Date	\$ 1,090,427.52
Anticipated costs yet to be billed	\$ 15,082.74
Anticipated Final cost to N&B	\$ 1,105,510.26

Add'l expenses outside of N&B Contract

\$ 119,303.49

Architectural Services*	\$ 54,872.50
N&B Pre-Construction Services	\$ 7,500.00
Engineering & Soils Testing	\$ 13,853.95
Water Pump & Filtration System	\$ 8,257.70
Security System	\$ 6,077.00
Kitchen Cabinetry	\$ 743.00
Treasurer Mail Slot	\$ 2,008.89
Add'l Site Work	\$ 3,002.50
Computer Equipment & Set up	\$ 3,429.50
Vault Shelving	\$ 8,225.00
Office Furniture	\$ 6,933.45

Total Paid to date

\$ 114,903.49

Anticipated Add'l Costs yet to be paid

Additional Engineering	\$ 500.00
Fire Safety Permit fees remaining	\$ 2,900.00
Water Filtration remainder	\$ 1,000.00

Total Anticipated Expense yet to be paid

\$ 4,400.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED FINAL COST

\$ 1,224,813.75

(\$48,330 billed prior to 7/1/2022*)



Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD REPORT

New Town Office Build Financial Report – Cont'd

INDIVIDUAL FUND DETAILS – (WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM)

Loan from The National Bank of Middlebury	\$ 800,000.00
Paid to Naylor & Breen Req #1through 8	\$ (779,645.04)
Anticipated Last Payment to N&B Req #11	\$ (15,082.74)
Amount available to draw	\$ 5,272.22

Town Office Facilities Reserve Fund as of 7/1/2022	\$ 329,769.71
Additional Services outlined previously	\$ (66,573.49)
N&B Req #9	\$ (222,914.36)
National Bank of Middlebury 1 st Loan Pymt*	\$ (316.45)
July 2023 Bank Interest earned	\$ 1,168.06
Green Mtn Power Rebate for Efficiency	\$ 1,479.40
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2023	\$ 42,612.87
Anticipated expenses yet to be paid outlined prev.	\$ (4,400.00)
Anticipated Incentive Efficiency VT	\$ 4,000.00
Anticipated TO Fund Balance End of FY2023	\$ 42,212.87

*Amount over \$50,000 budgeted allotment)

Town ARPA Fund Total	\$ 223,649.40
Allotment to Library voted by Selectboard**	\$ (3,000.00)
N&B Req #10	\$ (87,868.12)
ARPA Fund Balance (available for other uses)	\$ 132,781.28

***Voted by Selectboard December 2022 and outside of the Town Office Build*

In addition to the town funds expended there have been thousands of volunteer hours put in by dozens of townspeople to reduce costs along the way. There were also numerous donations of goods and services by local officials and businesses - from building signage and furniture pieces to kitchen and bathroom supplies. Each and every effort is greatly appreciated. We are keenly aware that without the generosity and perseverance of the people of Middletown Springs this building would not exist. We thank you for your continued support.



Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 (FY23)

The Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the financial statements of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 as listed in the table of contents of the annual town report and available prior to this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which among other things requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer.

Our objectives were to (1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We reviewed and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town including bank statements, Treasurer's Report, town trust funds, and board orders.

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

Actions Taken FY23:

- Reviewed the Treasurer's Report, asked questions, and discussed financial information.
- We continued to:
 - Do a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts, using accounting software.
 - Review and sign off on the Selectboard orders.
 - Recommend actions to the Selectboard board from the Sullivan, Powers' "letter of deficiencies" (from the external audit).
- Attended Selectboard meetings and budget meetings.
- Made recommendations, in the FY22 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Updated the VLCT Internal Financial Controls Checklist for Municipalities.
- Reviewed the town building project finances and the use of ARPA funds.
- Supported the work of the trustees of various town trust funds as they dealt with bureaucratic challenges.

Priorities: Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. The priority for FY23 was to monitor town finances related to the town office building project and ARPA funds and will continue into FY24.

Hours: In FY23, the three auditors between them worked over 135 hours, with 77.5 paid hours, and over 58 volunteer hours. (Over the past 11 years, auditors have annually averaged 148 total hours.)

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements we have examined are an accurate representation of the financial position of the Town of Middletown Springs as of June 30, 2023, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on observations and information collected throughout the year, as well as the FY23 Treasurer's Report received on October 5, 2023 and updated on December 1, 2023.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 (FY23) - CONT'D

Based on our observations and testing, we find that:

- Record keeping and reporting by the Treasurer continues to be accurate, efficient, and clear.
- The Town Clerk's diligence, organization, and efficiency support the stability and safety of the town's financial functions.
- The Delinquent Tax Collector continues to manage a transparent and effective process for collecting delinquent taxes.
- The Selectboard worked diligently and effectively in managing the town building project.
- Town Trust Fund Trustees have made progress in managing the town trust funds and have followed through on some previous recommendations.

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

- As in previous years, we recommend that the Selectboard require new town officers to read and sign off on their understanding of town policies. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY13.
- As in previous years, we recommend that the Town take action on the observations and recommendations of the Sullivan, Powers external audit. With this in mind, we recommend that the Selectboard work on implementing the financial policies suggested by the Sullivan, Powers external audit. These include:
 - Formalizing, with a policy, the current practice of authorized approval of changes to original financial entries. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY20.
 - Updating the purchasing/procurement policy, credit card policy, and cash receipts policy. (The Selectboard has done some work on these as of June 2023.)
- As in the FY21 and FY22 reports, we recommend that the Town set up an inventory and replacement schedule for computers and office equipment.
- As in the FY21 and FY22 reports, we recommend that the Town create an approved vendors' list.
- We commend the Select Board for ensuring that every member consistently reviews and signs the board orders.

Trust Funds:

- We remind the Trustees of Public Monies, Copeland Cemetery Fund, and Copeland Milk Fund to keep their information updated on the town website including minutes and annual reports.
- With regard to the Copeland Cemetery Fund:
 - Although there was a FY22 Copeland Cemetery Fund annual report, it was not included in the town report and is not available on the website.
 - We commend the trustees for approving Copeland Cemetery Fund monies for Pleasant View Cemetery maintenance and for the town for general upkeep and maintenance of the town cemetery.
- With regard to the Copeland Milk Fund:
 - We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Selectboard seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document. NOTE: This has been recommended annually since FY14.

External Auditing:

- We continue to support the town's budgeting for the next periodic external audit by setting funds in a restricted account. After the completion of the town office project, we recommend an external audit of FY24 be scheduled. The last audit was for FY18.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors Juanita Burch-Clay, Sarah Grimm, and Tracy Weatherhogg January 11, 2024

**Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

TAX YEAR:	<u>2010/2011</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>
Taxes Assessed \$	1,842,698	1,841,969	1,932,678	1,969,734	1,875,698	2,109,858	2,012,532	1,921,270	1,897,172	1,985,577	2,169,713	2,148,042	2,198,526
Abatements & Adjustments \$	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)	(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	(729)	155			
Received in FY 2011 \$	1,785,061												
Received in FY 2012 \$	26,024	1,790,212											
Received in FY 2013 \$	9,778	23,040	1,870,104										
Received in FY 2014 \$	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825									
Received in FY 2015 \$	2,368		504	7,586	1,826,415								
Received in FY 2016 \$		1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794							
Received in FY 2017 \$				1,316	1,901	30,990	1,967,583						
Received in FY 2018 \$	142	141	136	1,089	3,912	5,372	19,311	1,845,997					
Received in FY 2019 \$	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014				
Received in FY 2020 \$				5,964	4,372	4,770	7,824	16,739	30,664	1,916,322			
Received in FY 2021 \$			4,164	1,049		2,764	3,847	833	4,703	45,434	2,131,623		
Received in FY 2022 \$			463	6,177	6,948	7,726	3,619	8,522	4,684	7,986	26,101	2,099,327	
Received in FY 2023 \$						72	4,893	8,306	5,850	12,674	6,810	38,865	2,159,212
Principal Delinquency As of FY22/23 end \$	369	366	329	803	1,009	368	359	357	600	2,432	5,334	9,850	39,314
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY22/23 End												\$	61,488

Town of Middletown Springs

2023 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411)

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	138	24,042,500	17,840,600	6,201,900	24,042,500
Residential II R2	205	57,398,300	36,565,500	20,832,800	57,398,300
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	266,500	235,700	30,800	266,500
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,167,000	954,400	1,212,600	2,167,000
Seasonal I S1	5	207,500	0	207,500	207,500
Seasonal II S2	25	3,378,800	272,700	3,106,100	3,378,800
Commercial C	6	836,800	0	836,800	836,800
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	2,195,700	0	2,195,700	2,195,700
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,469,400	1,776,900	1,692,500	3,469,400
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500
Miscellaneous M	51	2,928,500	6,800	2,921,700	2,928,500
TOTAL LISTED REAL	472	97,509,500	57,652,600	39,856,900	97,509,500
P.P. Cable	1	631,163		631,163	631,163
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	631,163		631,163	631,163
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		98,140,663	57,652,600	40,488,063	98,140,663
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	6/6	60,000	60,000	0	60,000
Veterans >10K		180,000			
Total Veterans		240,000	60,000	0	60,000
P.P. Contracts	1	631,163			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	256,600	0	256,600	256,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/1	887,763	0	256,600	256,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	71/71	6,711,300	1,758,000	4,953,300	6,711,300
Special Exemptions	1		0	679,800	679,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		7,839,063	1,818,000	5,889,700	7,707,700
Total Exemptions		7,839,063	1,818,000	5,889,700	7,707,700
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		903,016.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			558,346.00	345,983.63	904,329.63
NON-TAX	14	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

Town of Middletown Springs DOG LICENSE REPORT 2023

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

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

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

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

Registration Information

- **For animals adopted and registered or before April 1, 2024**
Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00
- **If registered after April 1, 2024, late fees apply**
Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$17.00
- **New animal adoptions after April 1, 2024, have 30 days to register without incurring a late fee. After the 30-day grace period standard late fees will apply.**
- **For new animal adoptions after October 1, 2024, fees are as follows (within 30 days of adoption):**
Neutered or Spayed - \$7.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00
- **Late registration fees after October 1, 2024:**
Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not-neutered or Spayed - \$11.00

In 2023 there were 120 registered dogs in Middletown Springs.

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

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

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

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

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF LISTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT FOR 2023

Thus far in the 2023-2024 contract Rutland County Sheriffs Deputies have responded to 54 incidents up 18 incidents from 2022, had 3 criminal arrests, preformed 35 traffic stops issuing 29 tickets and 18 warnings in the town of Middletown Springs. Deputies have received positive feedback from the board as well as the citizens of Middletown on the successful impact the Sheriffs patrols have had on speed and criminal activity. The Rutland County Sheriffs pride ourselves on being adaptable to the needs of the town when the need arises. I would like to say it is a privilege to work in the town of Middletown Springs and thank the citizens of Middletown for their positive feedback and support, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Middletown Springs for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Fox, Sheriff

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



Town of Middletown Springs SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury
John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven
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SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner.

In 2023, SWAC successfully complied with Year Three Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP. The requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. (rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues pertaining to legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end-of-life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. This year, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 58. [Act 58](#) requires manufacturers of household hazardous waste products to set up programs to collect and pay for the disposal of their hazardous products. The new law will be phased in over a period of years and will help relieve the financial burden on the towns for hazardous waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the costliest endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracts with US Ecology to hold two HHW events. **5.25 tons** of hazardous waste was collected from 138 households and 2 businesses. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, asbestos, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year-round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

Between events: Residents that are not part of the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the RCSWD Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste, and trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scale house or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

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

Your town was represented by: Glen Moyer, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon

Town of Middletown Springs
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

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

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

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

WHAT TO BRING:

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

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

CONTAINERS - Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

USED WASTE OIL WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.

Used waste oil is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for **FREE**.

Visit <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you.

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND Balance Sheet
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$414,972	
Cash - restricted	277,655	
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	61,488	
ARPA FUNDS	(220,649)	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$533,466</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	\$121,957	
Payroll taxes/retirement payable	5,114	
Property tax credits payable	2,530	
Total Liabilities		\$129,600
Fund Balance - unrestricted	126,211	
Fund Balance - restricted	<u>277,655</u>	
Total Fund Balance		\$403,866
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		<u>\$533,466</u>

Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

GRAND LIST as of 7/08/2022			
411 report			\$89,697,600
1% of Grand List			896,976
		<u>Allocation</u>	
Town Tax Rate	0.460	412,609	
Highway Tax Rate	0.426	382,112	
School Tax Rates:			
Resident	1.555	588,187	
Non-Resident	1.583	560,639	
State Payable		254,146	
Adjustments		890	
Total Taxes Assessed			2,198,582
Abatements/Adjustments/Credits			(56)
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected			<u>2,159,212</u>
Principal Taxes Receivable for FY22/23			<u>\$39,314</u>

Town of Middletown Springs TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT
Supporting Schedule of Separate Fund Cash Flow
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT				GF	MUNICIPAL FACILITIES				GENERAL FUND (GF)						GF						
	Equipment Reserve	Paving Reserve	Recycling Reserve	Reappraisal Reserve	Highway Surplus	Highway Reserve	Town Bldg Reserve	Town Surplus Reserve	Transfer Station Reserve	Library Reserve	Tax Slab Reserve	Record Pres. Reserve	Cemeter. V. Reserve	Cons. Comm. Reserve	Computer Tech. Reserve	Audit Reserve	Vol Fire Dept. Reserve	Bridge Reserve				
Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$	51,820	109,224	6,133	78,756	42,610	104,270	329,770	132,807	27,514	0	15,000	34,242	8,482	500	3,050	11,268	79,144	21,858	2,219	TOTAL	1,058,667
Receipts																						
Interest		786	1,335	90	1,266		370	1,168	469	97	-								77			5,659
Highway Surplus						57,104																57,104
Reappraisal Income - St of Vt																						4,665
Reserve Surplus from Budgets		20,000		421			20,000	50,000		10,000	20,000		2,630	200	2,271	5,000	25,000	1,000				156,523
End of Year Excess Distribution		-							70,021			5,000										75,021
TOTAL RECEIPTS		20,786	1,335	511	5,930	57,104	20,370	51,168	70,490	10,097	20,000	5,000	2,630	-	200	2,271	5,000	25,000	1,077	-		298,971
Expenditures																						
Tax Stabilization												15,000										15,000
Memorial Parade																						937
Paving		-	21,264																			21,264
Cemetery														130								130
Town Building								77,087														77,087
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		-	21,264	-	-	-	-	77,087	-	-	-	15,000	-	130	-	-	-	-	-	937		114,417
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$	72,606	89,296	6,644	84,686	99,714	124,640	303,851	203,297	37,611	20,000	5,000	36,872	8,352	700	5,321	16,268	104,144	22,935	1,282		1,243,221

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities
Town Office Building Reserve Account
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Balance as of June 30, 2022 **\$329,769.71**

RECEIPTS:

Town Allotment	50,000.00
Interest Earned	1,168.06

TOTAL REVENUE **\$51,168.06**

EXPENDITURES:

Atlas	soil management	2805.00
Keefe & Wesner Architects	bid review	585.00
Naylor & Breen	Preconstruction services	7500.00
Keefe & Wesner Architects	Misc Services	715.00
Keefe & Wesner Architects	Misc Services	650.00
Long Trail Engineering	May-Oct 22 project services	2160.00
Atlas	soil management	1732.50
M & W Soils Engineering	site visits/report	1321.20
Keefe & Wesner Architects	work review	792.50
Keefe & Wesner Architects	project review	960.00
Optimum	CP Testing	1911.50
Atlas	soil management	1018.75
Atlas	soil management	1125.00
Keefe & Wesner Architects	project review	695.00
Atlas	soil management	100.00
National Bank - Loan #1	building loan #1	50316.45
Long Trail Engineering	11/22 - 5/23	690.00
Locking Security Mailbox		2008.89

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$77,086.79**

**Town Building Reserve Balance as of
6/30/23** **\$303,850.98**

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

REVENUES	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,198,582	2,159,212	(39,370)
School \$ from Town	1,148,826	1,134,210	(14,616)
State VT	255,036	268,481	13,445
Adjustments	17,891	16,777	(1,114)
Town Taxes Net - Current	\$ 812,612	\$ 773,298	\$ (39,314)
Other Revenues			
Delinquent Tax	15,000	77,469	62,469
Interest on Delinquent taxes	2,500	23,324	20,824
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	1,250	6,241	4,991
Tax Sale Attorney Fees		3,765	3,765
State of Vermont - Highway	53,000	52,038	(962)
State of Vermont - Current Use	50,000	50,000	-
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines		944	944
Highway Grant Revenue	46,100	9,400	(36,700)
Licenses & Permits	10,000	10,058	58
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	3,795	1,795
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	-
Interest	200	9,226	9,026
Other		(16)	(16)
Recycling Receipts	1,000	1,000	-
Transfer Station Fees	24,000	22,201	(1,799)
Special Trash Fees	1,500	1,932	432
Total OTHER Revenue	\$ 212,550	\$ 277,377	\$ 64,827
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus OTHER)	\$1,025,162	\$ 1,050,675	\$ 25,513
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Town Clerk	28,325	28,325	-
Salary - Town Treasurer	18,025	18,025	-
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	4,020	4,020	-
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	-
Salary - Listers	8,500	6,481	2,019
Salary - Animal Control Officer/EMD	275	275	-
Law Enforcement	25,600	20,205	5,395
Salary - Auditors	2,000	1,067	933
Payroll Taxes	6,180	6,537	(357)
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	5,000	-
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	6,000	4,668	1,332
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	1,100	43	1,057
Clerical	1,000	1,000	-
Computer Technology (Reserve)	8,500	8,500	-

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

General Government Cont'd	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Elections	7,500	5,417	2,083
Street Lights	4,500	4,662	(162)
Telephone	3,000	3,109	(109)
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	-
Office Supplies	2,000	1,578	422
Copier Expense	2,000	1,103	897
Bank Charges	-	3	(3)
Town Report	4,000	3,988	12
Record Preservation (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	-
Education/Conferences	500	170	330
Mileage	1,000	1,058	(58)
Town Office Security	500	399	101
Postage	2,000	1,321	679
Legal	7,000	-	7,000
Website Maintenance	650	220	430
Office Maintenance	500	145	355
Lister Expenses	500	564	(64)
Solid Waste - Trash/Compost Hauling	20,000	19,587	413
Solid Waste - Wages	12,100	11,744	356
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	1,497	3
Solid Waste SWAC Dues	3,700	3,676	24
Solid Waste - Electric	1,750	1,199	551
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	5,000	4,607	394
Solid Waste - Recycling	12,000	11,277	723
SubTotal Solid Waste	56,050	53,588	2,462
Insurance - Property & Liability	15,000	10,572	4,428
Insurance-Unemployment	650	600	50
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	16,000	12,789	3,211
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,172	(172)
VLCT - Dues	2,100	2,078	22
Planning Commission Dues	1,000	1,000	-
Rutland County Tax	7,600	7,208	392
Library Facilities (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	-
Public Notices	1,500	-	1,500
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	-
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	-
Library	29,000	29,000	-
Transfer Station Facility (Reserve)	10,000	10,000	-
Town Property Maintenance	2,000	1,885	116
Conservation Commission (Reserve)	200	200	-

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

General Government Cont'd	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Town Excess	-	70,021	(70,021)
Tax Stabilization (Reserve)		5,000	(5,000)
Town Building (Reserve)	50,000	(316)	50,316
Town Building Loan		50,316	(50,316)
West Street Town Property	5,000	-	5,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$ 406,575	\$ 442,298	\$ (35,723)
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	7,940	7,940	-
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	-
Vermont Green Up	50	50	-
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	-
SW VT Council on Aging	750	750	-
BROC	200	200	-
Center for Independent Living	100	100	-
Vermont RCDC	100	100	-
Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	-
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	81,885	81,885	-
NewStory Center	200	200	-
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	-
R.S.V.P.	200	200	-
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500	500	-
Neighbor Works	400	400	-
ARC	500	500	-
Rutland Cty Parent/Child Center	400	400	-
VT Assn of Blind	300	300	-
American Red Cross	250	250	-
Mentor Connector	200	200	-
Child Advocacy Center	400	400	-
Pleasant View Cemetery Assoc.	1,500	1,500	-
Regional Marketing Initiative	745	745	-
Front Porch Forum	150	150	-
Big Heavy World	250	250	-
VT Family Network	250	250	-
Habitat for Humanity	350	350	-
Rutland City Restorative	250	250	-
VT Farmers Food Center	500	500	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 101,237	\$ 101,237	-
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,400	699	1,701
Payroll Class III	32,300	29,930	2,370

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Highway Cont'd	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Payroll Maintenance	10,000	8,846	1,154
Payroll Winter II	5,000	3,498	1,502
Payroll Winter III	33,000	30,545	2,455
Payroll Winter Maintenance	11,000	15,087	(4,087)
Payroll Tax	10,600	8,560	2,040
Payroll Administrative	5,000	4,583	417
Payroll Holiday	4,000	2,830	1,170
Payroll Comp Used	2,000	1,657	343
Payroll Sick Pay	1,500	1,751	(251)
Payroll Vacation	3,600	2,732	868
Payroll Personal	500	546	(46)
Payroll Bldg Maintenance & Grounds	3,000	3,645	(645)
Road Commissioner	4,500	3,446	1,054
Highway Mileage	800	1,133	(333)
Insurance - Health	20,000	12,153	7,847
Traffic Control	500	-	500
VMERS - retirement plan	7,000	4,191	2,809
Subtotal Highway Payroll	\$ 156,700	\$ 135,831	\$ 20,869
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	-
Garage - Electric	550	522	28
Garage - Heat	2,500	2,086	414
Garage - Phone	700	591	109
Computer Technology	1,000	-	1,000
Equipment (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	-
Consulting	8,000	-	8,000
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	-
Grant Project - GIA		8,471	(8,471)
Grant Project - Equipment use		5,188	(5,188)
Grant Project - Better Back Roads	57,650		57,650
Gravel - Bank run	5,000	1,113	3,887
Gravel - Processed	25,000	28,850	(3,850)
Riprap	6,000	1,835	4,165
Road Fabric	1,000	-	1,000
Culverts	4,500	5,783	(1,283)
Street Signage	250	1,642	(1,392)
Miscellaneous	1,500	2,415	(915)
Mowing	6,000	3,920	2,080
Bridge Repair (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	-
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	-	500
Winter Sand/Stone	22,500	22,695	(195)

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Highway Cont'd	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Salt	16,000	18,964	(2,964)
Calcium	3,000	3,090	(90)
Guardrails	1,500	-	1,500
Tree Trimming	3,500	2,600	900
Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	1,765	1,235
Highway Public Notices	500	1,130	(630)
Shop Supplies	2,000	2,541	(541)
Highway Surplus	-	57,104	(57,104)
Paving (Reserve)	40,000	40,000	-
Highway Facilities (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	-
2021 Freightliner Purchase	32,000	31,724	276
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	3,190	1,810
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Ford F350	1,500	2,175	(675)
Repairs/Parts/Other	500	707	(207)
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Ford F350	500	564	(64)
Small Equipment-repairs/purchases	3,000	5,057	(2,057)
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	2,500	2,489	11
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	2,000	7,123	(5,123)
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	27,500	33,669	(6,169)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	5,000	252	4,748
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	5,000	6,604	(1,604)
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	3,120	(1,120)
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	3,000	9,102	(6,102)
Repairs/Parts 2021 Freightliner	500	36	464
Sander/Plow 2021 Freightliner	500	3,196	(2,696)
Contract Labor - Hauling	4,000	980	3,020
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	-	5,000
Contract Labor-Plowing	1,500	2,015	(515)
Contract Labor - Other	500	-	500
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	\$ 517,350	\$ 507,141	\$ 10,209
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES (town,appropriations,highway)	<u>\$ 1,025,162</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,676</u>	<u>\$ (25,514)</u>
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE less EXPENDITURES	(0)	(1)	(1)

Town of Middletown Springs
HIGHWAY PROJECT / ARPA

HIGHWAY PROJECT
Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program
GIA0128 - summer 2022
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

EXPENSES:

Materials/Services:

Garland's Agway	198.00
Hadeka Stone	2352.00
Mars	3332.00
Seamans	400.00

Total Materials/Services	\$6,282.00
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Middletown Springs PAYROLL	2189.25
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TOTAL TANGIBLE EXPENSES	\$8,471.25
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TOWN Equipment Useage	5188.00
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TOTAL PROJECT	<u>\$13,659.25</u>
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Grants in Aid Award	\$9,400.00
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Town Responsibility	\$4,259.25
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA

Special Restricted Revenue Funds from the US Government

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2023

Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$111,798.34
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REVENUE:

8/25/2022 Government Disbursement	39,153.22
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10/7/2022 Government Disbursement	72,645.12
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12/16/2022 Residual Fund Disbursement	52.72
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Total Revenue	\$111,851.06
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EXPENDITURES

5/12/2023 Middletown Springs Public Library	3,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$3,000.00
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ARPA Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$220,649.40</u>
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**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Achey, S	\$4,583.91	Front Porch Forum	150.00
Adirondack 2-Way Radio	904.35	Fuller Sand & Gravel	61,263.56
Airgas	133.30	FW Webb	330.37
All States Construction	3,090.00	Gagnon Lumber	212.00
Allied Auto Parts	3,941.65	Garland's Agway	198.00
Alta Construction Equipment	9,736.43	GMP	6,383.08
Alta Material Handling	1,257.18	Go Daddy	20.17
American Red Cross	250.00	Good Point Recycling	82.08
APEX Software	235.00	Good-Way Documents	15.00
ARC	500.00	Green Up Vermont	50.00
Atlas Technical	6,781.25	Grier, H	1,106.08
BCBSVT	10,357.48	Grimm, S	604.92
Big Heavy World	250.00	Habitat for Humanity	350.00
BROC	200.00	Hadeka Stone	2,940.00
Brown's	2,465.00	Harrington, S	1,723.55
Burch-Clay, J	394.61	Hemenway, D	120.29
Bushnell, K	16,097.13	Hemenway, P	1,022.47
Carbonite	283.49	Highwinds Leasing	1,103.40
Cargill	17,018.79	House, D	3,686.64
Casella Construction	17,946.41	Howard P. Fairfield	2,866.28
Casella Recycling	6,395.26	Hubbard	28,425.85
Castle, J	12,753.93	IDS	127.07
Castle Trucking	710.00	James P. Mars Builder	32,149.00
CEDRR - Regional Marketing	745.00	JCB Finance	26,912.04
Chappell Tractor Sales	2,724.28	Keefe & Wesner	4,397.50
Chesnut-Tangerman, M	3,934.08	Kenyon, H	1,256.50
Chesnut-Tangerman, R	983.03	Kenyon, P	26,016.53
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Keyser Energy	329.12
Childress, H	274.26	Kimball Midwest	1,840.78
Collaboration 133	199.99	Kniffen, R	578.33
Combined Insurance/Fidelity	163.08	Kofile Preservation	642.55
Cooper, E	3,146.22	Lakes Region Tree Care	2,600.00
Countryside Lock	300.00	LHS	2,471.40
Davis Hogs N' Dirt	3,920.00	Locking Security Mailbox	2,008.89
Dean, N	127.24	Long Trail Engineering	2,850.00
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Lyle Welding	2,090.86
Dennison Lubricants	3,935.25	M & W Soils Engineering	1,321.20
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Maine Oxy	752.97
Earles Truck Repair	9,882.20	Majka, S	120.57
Eastern Sales	295.00	Manchester Newspapers	700.00
Feeley, K	185.85	Marble Valley Fire	974.94
Fenton, C.	71.78	Marcell Oil	30,466.81
Ferguson Waterworks	5,824.54	Martelle Property	3,695.00

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**Net Expenditures
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

MBFS USA (2021 Freightliner)	31,724.17	Rutland Parent Child Center	400.00
Mentor Connector	200.00	Rutland Regional Planning Comm.	1,000.00
Microsoft 365	105.99	Seamans, J	400.00
Middletown Springs Fire Dept	81,885.00	Silver, L	159.12
Middletown Springs Historical Society	5,100.00	Smart Sign	249.95
Middletown Springs Public Library	6,189.86	Staples	787.48
Miller, R III	27,498.52	State of Vermont(permit fees)	2,165.00
Morgan, M	1,629.69	Stevenson, P	63.17
Moyer, G	9,988.33	SW Agency on Aging	750.00
Music Mountain Compost	600.00	SWAC	4,543.60
Nat'l Bank of Middlebury (town office loan)	50,316.45	Talke Munyak, J	15,976.67
Naylor & Breen Builders	7,500.00	Talke Munyak, J (mileage)	1,058.28
Neighborworks	400.00	Tarbell Enterprises	250.00
NEMRC	5,700.18	Town of Castleton	525.00
Newstory Center	200.00	Tractor Supply	1,148.56
Optimum	1,911.50	Treasurer, County of Rutland	7,207.55
Parker, R	1,962.85	Trend Business Solutions	588.33
Parker, S	52.20	United States Treasury	44,270.05
Pete's Tire Barn	606.90	Verdon, J	72.31
Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00	Viking-Cives	4,078.57
Postmaster	1,161.05	Vipre	75.78
Poultney Auto Supply	1,175.15	VLCT	2,098.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	VLCTPACIF	25,009.50
Poultney Rescue Squad	7,940.00	VLCTUI	600.00
Quick Print of Rutland	1,928.55	VMCTA	160.00
RAVNA	1,500.00	VMERS	7,119.19
Redfield, T	1,476.93	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Reed, D	2,400.00	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Reed, J	517.00	VT Department of Taxes	4,284.24
Reed, W	49,164.37	VT DMV	24.00
Reed, W - (RC Mileage)	1,132.58	VT Family Network	250.00
Reed, W - (medical)	1,632.30	VT Farmers Food Center	500.00
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	VT RCDC	100.00
Riley, M	68.40	VT State Treasurer	860.00
RSVP	200.00	VTEL	3,699.15
Rubinstein, N	232.16	Weatherhogg, T	75.62
Russell, N	1,124.59	Wells Spring UUSD	1,134,210.26
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	White, G	69.00
Rutland County Restorative Justice	250.00	Wholesale Distributors	7,227.32
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	20,204.85	Williams Hardware	633.27
Rutland Herald	429.80	Winmill Equipment CO	3,084.35
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	Zoom	212.36

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

Revenue	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025
Tax Related	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Property Taxes	\$812,612	\$773,297	\$823,074	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$15,000	\$77,469	\$15,000	\$5,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,500	\$23,324	\$4,000	\$2,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$1,250	\$6,241	\$2,000	\$2,000
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	\$0	\$3,765	\$0	\$0
Total Tax Related	\$831,362	\$884,096	\$844,074	\$9,000
State of Vermont				
Vermont Highway	\$53,000	\$52,038	\$53,000	\$53,000
Vermont Current Use	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$58,000
Vermont Other/Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Traffic Fines	\$0	\$944	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue - Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Rev - Highway	\$46,100	\$0	\$0	\$69,000
Grant Revenue - Highway	\$0	\$9,400	\$16,500	\$0
Total State of Vermont	\$149,100	\$112,382	\$119,500	\$180,000
Fees and Permits				
Fees and Permits	\$10,000	\$179	\$7,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$8,405	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$1,162	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$995	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	(\$16)	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	(\$737)	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Fees & Permits	\$10,000	\$10,059	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other Revenue				
Recycling Receipts	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$3,795	\$2,000	\$3,000
Copeland Milk Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$200	\$9,226	\$500	\$5,000
Other	\$0	(\$16)	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$24,000	\$22,201	\$24,000	\$22,000
Special Trash Fees	\$1,500	\$1,932	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Other Revenue	\$34,700	\$44,138	\$35,000	\$39,000
Total Revenue	\$1,025,162	\$1,050,674	\$1,005,574	\$235,000
Expenditures - General Government				
Salaries				
Town Clerk	\$28,325	\$28,325	\$29,175	\$30,195
Town Treasurer	\$18,025	\$18,025	\$18,565	\$19,215

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

Expenditures continued	FY 2023 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY 2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	FY 2024 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY2025 <u>BUDGET</u>
Tax Collector	\$4,020	\$4,020	\$4,140	\$4,285
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Listers	\$8,500	\$6,481	\$8,500	\$7,000
Animal Control Officer	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
Law Enforcement	\$25,600	\$20,205	\$26,125	\$25,000
Accounting/Auditors	\$2,000	\$1,067	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,180	\$6,537	\$6,365	\$7,000
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$6,000	\$4,668	\$6,180	\$6,400
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,100	\$43	\$1,135	\$1,000
Total Salaries	\$110,225	\$99,846	\$112,660	\$112,570
Other				
Clerical	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Technology	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Elections	\$7,500	\$5,417	\$5,000	\$6,000
Planning Commission	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Street Lights	\$4,500	\$4,662	\$5,000	\$5,000
Telephone/Internet	\$3,000	\$3,109	\$3,500	\$4,800
Office Rent	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$1,275	\$0
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,578	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$2,000	\$1,103	\$2,000	\$500
Bank Charges	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$3,988	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$170	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$1,000	\$1,058	\$1,100	\$1,200
Office Security	\$500	\$399	\$600	\$600
Postage	\$2,000	\$1,321	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$7,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Website Maintenance	\$650	\$220	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office Maintenance	\$500	\$145	\$0	\$0
Tax Map Updates	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$564	\$500	\$600
Total Other	\$51,250	\$39,338	\$47,475	\$45,200
Solid Waste				
Solid Waste Trash/Compost/Haul	\$20,000	\$19,587	\$22,000	\$22,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$12,100	\$11,744	\$12,465	\$12,840
Solid Waste Other - Sanitation	\$1,500	\$1,497	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste SWAC Fees	\$3,700	\$3,676	\$3,700	\$4,050
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,750	\$1,199	\$2,000	\$1,500

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Expenditures continued				
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal	\$5,000	\$4,607	\$5,000	\$5,000
Solid Waste Recycling	\$12,000	\$11,277	\$12,000	\$12,000
Total Solid Waste	\$56,050	\$53,588	\$58,665	\$58,890
Insurance				
Property & Liability	\$15,000	\$10,572	\$15,000	\$19,000
Unemployment	\$650	\$600	\$650	\$650
Workers' Compensation	\$16,000	\$12,789	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Insurance	\$31,650	\$23,961	\$30,650	\$34,650
General Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,172	\$1,000	\$1,000
VLCT Dues	\$2,100	\$2,078	\$2,150	\$2,210
Planning Commission Dues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rutland County Tax	\$7,600	\$7,208	\$8,500	\$8,000
Library Facilities Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Public Notices	\$1,500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Firehouse facilities reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$30,450	\$31,950
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$2,000	\$1,885	\$2,500	\$2,500
Conservation Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$70,021	\$0	\$0
Town Tax Stabilization	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Total General Expenses	\$102,400	\$175,563	\$104,300	\$105,360
Town Office				
General/Management Fees - reserve	\$50,000	(\$316)	\$0	\$0
Loan Payment - Town Office	\$0	\$50,316	\$50,325	\$50,325
Town Office Utilities & Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$5,825	\$12,500
Total Town Office	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$56,150	\$62,825
Town Projects				
Creative Economy Pass-through	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Projects—West Street	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Town Projects	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total General Government	\$406,575	\$442,297	\$409,900	\$419,495
Highway				
Payroll				
Payroll Class II	\$2,400	\$699	\$2,500	\$2,750
Payroll Class III	\$32,300	\$29,930	\$33,500	\$36,850
Payroll Maintenance	\$10,000	\$8,846	\$10,300	\$11,330
Payroll Winter II	\$5,000	\$3,498	\$5,150	\$5,670

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

Expenditures continued	FY 2023 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY 2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	FY 2024 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY2025 <u>BUDGET</u>
Payroll Winter III	\$33,000	\$30,545	\$34,000	\$37,400
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$11,000	\$15,087	\$11,350	\$12,485
Payroll Taxes	\$10,600	\$8,560	\$11,000	\$12,100
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$3,446	\$4,500	\$4,625
Health Insurance	\$20,000	\$12,153	\$21,000	\$21,500
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll-Administrative	\$5,000	\$4,583	\$5,200	\$5,750
VMERS Employer	\$7,000	\$4,191	\$7,000	\$7,700
Payroll-Holiday	\$4,000	\$2,830	\$4,000	\$4,400
Payroll-Comp Time Used	\$2,000	\$1,657	\$2,000	\$2,200
Payroll-Sick Pay	\$1,500	\$1,751	\$1,500	\$1,650
Payroll-Vacation	\$3,600	\$2,732	\$3,600	\$3,960
Payroll-Personal Days	\$500	\$546	\$500	\$550
Road Commissioner-Mileage	\$800	\$1,133	\$1,000	\$1,050
Total Payroll	\$153,700	\$132,186	\$158,600	\$172,470
Garage				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$550	\$522	\$750	\$750
Heat	\$2,500	\$2,086	\$3,500	\$3,000
Phone	\$700	\$591	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$1,000	\$0	\$300	\$250
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$3,000	\$3,645	\$3,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$8,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$3,600
Total Garage	\$41,750	\$32,844	\$39,250	\$39,900
Road Maintenance				
Bank Run Gravel	\$5,000	\$1,113	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$25,000	\$28,850	\$29,000	\$29,000
Rip Rap & Ditching Stone	\$6,000	\$1,835	\$6,000	\$6,000
Road Fabric	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,500
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$4,500	\$5,783	\$4,500	\$4,500
Street Signage	\$250	\$1,642	\$250	\$250
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$2,415	\$1,500	\$1,000
Mowing	\$6,000	\$3,920	\$5,000	\$4,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Winter Sand & Stone	\$22,500	\$22,695	\$24,000	\$24,000
Salt	\$16,000	\$18,964	\$20,000	\$20,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,200	\$3,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

Expenditures continued	FY 2023 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY 2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	FY 2024 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY2025 <u>BUDGET</u>
Guardrails	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Tree Trimming	\$3,500	\$2,600	\$3,500	\$3,500
Grants In Aid Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Grant: GA0362	\$0	\$8,471	\$20,625	\$0
Spruce Knob Project BR 370 (was Coy Hill Project)	\$57,650	\$0	\$0	\$0
Better Roads Grant Anticipated	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
Highway Surplus	\$0	\$57,104	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$500	\$1,130	\$500	\$500
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Tandem Freightliner Payment	\$32,000	\$31,724	\$32,000	\$32,000
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$1,765	\$3,000	\$2,500
Highway Facility Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Shop Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,541	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Road Maintenance	\$252,400	\$256,643	\$224,075	\$276,750
Repairs & Parts				
Grader	\$5,000	\$3,190	\$5,000	\$5,000
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$1,500	\$2,175	\$3,500	\$5,000
Equipment Use Grant Proje	\$0	\$5,188	\$0	\$0
Other	\$500	\$707	\$500	\$500
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$500	\$564	\$600	\$500
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,000	\$5,057	\$3,000	\$3,000
Loader	\$2,500	\$2,489	\$2,500	\$2,500
Sander/Plow 7600 International	\$2,000	\$7,123	\$1,500	\$1,500
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$27,500	\$33,669	\$32,000	\$32,000
7600 International	\$5,000	\$252	\$5,000	\$5,000
Freightliner Green 2016	\$5,000	\$6,604	\$5,000	\$6,000
Sander/Plow Freightliner 2016	\$2,000	\$3,120	\$2,000	\$2,000
JCB Backhoe	\$3,000	\$9,102	\$6,000	\$4,000
Repairs - Freightliner 2021	\$500	\$36	\$1,500	\$5,000
Sander/Plow - Freightliner 2021	\$500	\$3,196	\$1,000	\$2,000
Total Repairs & Parts	\$58,500	\$82,473	\$69,100	\$74,000
Contract Labor				
Hauling	\$4,000	\$980	\$2,000	\$10,000
Rental	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Plowing	\$1,500	\$2,015	\$1,500	\$2,000
Other	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Contract Labor	\$11,000	\$2,995	\$8,500	\$17,000
Total Highway	\$517,350	\$507,141	\$499,525	\$580,120

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL BUDGET

Expenditures continued	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025
Appropriations	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$7,940	\$7,940	\$11,116	\$32,554
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Center BROCC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$400
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$81,885	\$81,885	\$81,885	\$81,885
NewStory	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Rutland County Humane Society	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
RSVP	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC/Advocacy•Resources•Community	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mentor Connector	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
Child First Advocacy Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Chamber & Eco Dev Regional Mktg Initiative	\$745	\$745	\$745	\$800
Front Porch Forum	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
Big Heavy World	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Habitat for Humanity	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Appropriations	\$101,237	\$101,237	\$104,413	\$125,581

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

Trustees Annual Report – December 12, 2023

The Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund was established in 1922 to maintain the Copeland family plot in the Pleasant View Cemetery and to provide for general maintenance of the cemetery. After several years of inactivity, the Trustees regathered this spring to re-examine the Fund documents and to resume the awarding of the proceeds of this Fund. In so considering the need to maintain the Pleasant View Cemetery, the Trustees believe it would also be proper to award some funds to maintain the Town Cemetery and it was so voted unanimously. The Trustees also determined that the Fund, in its current placement with Citizens Securities, Inc is not being properly represented by its originating Financial Advisor. The current advisor is not known to the Fund and therefore, we believe the Fund would be better represented more locally. The Trustees voted to move the Fund from Citizens Securities, Inc to the Heritage Family Credit Union in concert with the Town Trusts already in their capable hands. The Trustees will likely make this move in the coming year.

Citizens Securities, Inc.	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
Beginning Balance – Investments	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022
Portfolio		
Bank Deposits	3,952.61	3,365.13
Equities	64,034.37	49,888.86
Fixed Income	120,120.21	112,122.42
Total Portfolio Equity	188,107.19	165,376.42
Ending Balance – Investments	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
Portfolio		
Bank Deposits	3,365.13	3,634.34
Equities	49,888.86	57,477.60
Fixed Income	112,122.42	112,487.41
Dividends YTD*	1,073.39	2,089.58
Interest & Capital Gain YTD*	14.98	5.22
Total Portfolio Equity	165,376.41	173,599.35
Distributions		
Copeland Cemetery General Account		
\$5,000.00 to Pleasant View Cemetery Assn. – maintenance of Copeland plot		
\$5,000.00 to MTS Cemetery for general maintenance		
Bank charges	**	
Total Distributions		\$10,000.00
Net Fund Balance		\$163,599.35

Trustees Mr. Art Castle, Mr. Chris Ray and the Rev. John Weatherhogg (Elected Trustee)

*Numbers added to Fixed Income already ** No information available at time of printing

**Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND 2023**

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	(July 1, 2020)	(July 1, 2021)	(July 1, 2022)
INVESTMENTS	487,515.88	621,764.56.	562,258.94
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	3,768.02	9,769.61	9,472.32
DISTRIBUTIONS			
Town of Middletown Springs	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Producer Distribution	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00
OTHER INCOME			
Producer Loan Repayment	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	(June 30, 2021)	(June 30, 2022)	(June 30, 2023)
INVESTMENTS	\$ 621,764.56	\$ 562,258.94	\$ 631,978.46
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	\$ 9,769.61	\$ 3,570.44	\$ 9,472.32
TRUSTEES: Carl P. Haynes, Terry Redfield, Christopher Fenton			

COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND

COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

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

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Opening Account Value	136,364.17	295,895.12	241,991.61
Deposits, including investments transferred in	104,516.63		2500
Withdrawals and fees, including investments transferred out	-12,486.53	-19,030.14	-34,557.52*
Dividend and interest income	5930.86	9590.09	9,070.25
Change in market value	61,569.99	-44,463.46	20,880.89
Closing account value	295,895.12	241,991.61	239,885.23

*Expenditures included: furnace repair; updated lighting; new locks and door mechanism.

Trustees: Dan Ellingsen, Dale Carr, Rita Hansen

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

Louis Library Fund

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

Beginning Balance – Investments	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
Net Account Balance	695.10	673.04	740.45
Securities	24,220.43	28,521.16	26,003.85
Total Portfolio Equity	24,915.53	29,194.20	26,744.30
Ending Balance – Investments			
Net Account Balance	673.04	740.45	2,279.52
Securities	28,521.16	26,003.85	26,651.52
Total Portfolio Equity	29,194.20	26,744.30	28,931.04
Distributions			
Middletown Springs Library	2,000.00	No distributions	2,000.00
Bank charges	0.00	to date for FY22	
Total Distributions	2,000.00		2,000.00
Net Fund Balance	\$27,194.20	\$26,744.30	\$26,931.04

The Helen Buxton Henderson Educational Fund FY23

The Helen Buxton Henderson Educational Fund was established 1920 to support Middletown Youth seeking post-high school education. Scholarships are specifically awarded to students seeking a "vocational education." Qualified youth are invited to apply through the School District and the Trustees award grants annually. Over the course of the past two years, the Trustees have moved this Fund from People's United Bank to Heritage Family Credit Union. HFCU has been in the process of "papering" this Fund for the better part of this year. We are finally established and ready to disburse the funds by year's end. This year's grants went to two students in the sum of \$500.00 each. Congratulations!

Beginning Balance – Investments	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Portfolio			
Money Market	5,507.66	7,179.27	9,823.20
Securities	64,978.18	72,877.78	66,341.62
Total Portfolio Equity	70,485.84	80,057.05	76,164.82
Ending Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
Money Market	7,719.27	9,823.20	14,095.39
Securities	72,877.78	66,341.62	68,111.50
Dividends YTD	n/a	n/a	325.85*
Interest YTD			.20*
Total Portfolio Equity	80,057.05	76,164.82	82,206.89
Distributions			
Scholarship 1	500.00	no scholarships	500.00
Scholarship 2	500.00	awarded	500.00
Scholarship 3	500.00		
Bank charges	0.00		
Total Distributions	1,500.00	0.00	\$1,000.00**
Net Fund Balance	\$78,557.05	\$76,164.82	\$81,206.89

*Added to Money Market Funds in total. **Scholarships will be awarded before 12/31/23

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

The Bigelow/Matthews Fund - FY23

The *Henry and Olivia Bigelow and Ralph and Norma Matthews Charitable Fund* was established with \$20,000.00 in 1989 by Richard Monahan in memory of his aunt, Olivia S. Bigelow and her housekeepers, Ralph and Norma Matthews who all perished in a tragic fire in February of 1987 and in memory of his uncle, Col. Henry C. Bigelow. Mr. Monahan wanted to express his appreciation to the First Responders for their diligent service to his family. Since the First Responders have since disbanded, the Trust designates the Fire Department as the next beneficiary. The Fund was withdrawn from a CD at The Credit Union of Vermont in February and placed in an account with Heritage Family Credit Union and will be fully invested soon. Again, we have experienced a long process in establishing this account through HFCU. This year the Trustees of the Fund are pleased to support the MTS Fire Department with a \$700.00 check to be dispersed by end of 2023. Congratulations!

Beginning Balance – Investments	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	23,940.32	24,821.70	24,906.84
Total Portfolio Equity	23,940.32	24,821.70	24,906.84
Beginning Balance Checking	25.69	25.69	24,932.53
Ending Balance – Investments			
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	24,821.70	24,906.84	0.00
Total Portfolio Equity	24,821.70	24,906.84	0.00
Ending Balance Checking Account	25.69	25.69	24,932.53*
Distributions			
Middletown Springs First Response	**	**	**
Middletown Springs Fire Dept	350.00	No distribution	700.00
Total Distributions	350.00	0.00	700.00
Net Fund Balance		\$24,932.53	\$ 24,232.53***

*The Bigelow Fund has yet to be invested with HFCU. **Middletown Springs First Response Disbanded in 2021***The funds will be dispersed before 12/31/2023.

Trustees of Public Monies: David Carr, Steven Harrington, John Weatherhogg

Middletown Community
Gathering
2023



Town of Middletown Springs PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The trustees of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association once again offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of the town of Middletown Springs for your generous support of our 2023 Town Meeting funding request. This support is a tremendous help to us as we strive to not only preserve and maintain this beautiful site, but also to make gradual, meaningful improvements as best we can.

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

The Association was very pleased to welcome Chris Ray to the Board last year, and we are also very fortunate to welcome Bridget Tarbell and Jordan Martelle to the Board this past spring. Art Castle continues to serve as the Superintendent and does an outstanding job of working with the various funeral directors, monument and vault companies, family members and prospective lot owners. And, we would cease to function without the amazing skills and support from Cathy Colvin, our Secretary/Treasurer for some 40-plus years!!

We are grateful that there are many folks who walk through and enjoy this peaceful setting on a regular basis, and several other folks who also walk their pets and let them enjoy the freedom and safety that this wonderful space offers as well. Please remember to maintain control of your dog(s) and continue to be vigilant in cleaning up after your pets. Dog waste is NEVER acceptable on or around anyone's final resting place.

Thanks again to the voters of Middletown Springs for your generous support. Please consider this report to serve as our request to be on the 2024 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2024/25 from the Town of Middletown Springs if approved by the voters of said Town. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Pleasant View Cemetery Association

Terry Redfield, Chair

Don Marcy emeritus, Chris Ray, Art Castle, Bridget Tarbell, Jordan Martelle, Cathy Colvin

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2024 Town Warning



Middletown Spring's Volunteer Fire Department In Action

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
For Year Ending December 31, 2023		
RECEIPTS		
Balance on hand, January 1, 2023	\$10,693.61	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	496.16	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	2,123.65	
Burials	2,400.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	3,000.00	
Town of Middletown Springs 2023-2024 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Donation	25.00	
Middletown Springs First Response Donation	10,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$30,238.42
DISBURSEMENTS		
Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$6,600.00	
VT Secretary of State--Biennial Report	20.00	
USPS--stamps	13.20	
Community Bank--Perpetual care	2,080.00	
Transfer to Certificate of Deposit	10,000.00	
DeBonis Landscaping--grave openings	1,900.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	1,450.00	
Glen Moyer--Brush removal	115.00	
MSES 6th Grade Class--Spring Cleanup	150.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$22,328.20
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$7,910.22
PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS		
445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$9,749.95	
240 Shares Foot Locker	7,404.00	
Community Bank--Money Market	57,036.72	
Community Bank--CD	38,151.18	
Community Bank--CD	10,203.50	
		\$122,545.35
TRUSTEES		
	Jordan Martelle	
	Arthur Castle	
	Terry Redfield	
	Christopher Ray	
	Bridget Tarbell	

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2024 Town Warning

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

A Year In Review 2023

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

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

In February 2023, MSVFD was awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$42,885.71. The grant award is for the sole purpose of purchasing a SCBA Cylinder Fill Station. This grant coincides with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, awarded in 2022, in the amount of \$120,600. This award was for 18 air packs and 36 air bottles. Both grants were awarded with the help of our contracted grant writer.

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department held FIVE fundraisers in 2023. The first fundraiser of the year was the MSVFD Cornhole Tournament. The Memorial Day concession stand is a town favorite, as it is part of our wonderful parade. In the fall, MSVFD hosted the Balls of Fire Golf Tournament. The Hunter's Raffle took place in October. The final fundraiser of the year was the bus trip to New York City and the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Although Halloween at the Firehouse is not a fundraiser, it is a favorite community event. We had a record number of trick-or-treaters this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk-Or-Treat as well. We hope to see more Trunk-Or-Treat participants in 2024! The fire department took part in a Fire Safety Day at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Students of all ages learned the importance of knowing their address, landmarks, when to call 911, escape routes, knowing two ways out, looking for exit signs, looking for AED signs, "firefighter call out" responses, and fire and smoke behavior. Grades 4 through 6 participated in using a fire extinguisher. A mock fire was created, and students were able to go through the PASS steps while engaging a fire extinguisher. Students took part in a demonstration learning about the "jaws of life" and observing how they work.

The MSVFD Board of Trustees is a non-profit organization, which oversees financials, fundraising, and communication for the fire department. After several meetings, the Board of Trustees has decided to level fund the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025. We understand families are burdened with rising expenses on almost everything. Fundraising will play a key role in our budget this year, as our expenses have also increased. The total operating budget request is \$81,885, which is the same as the past four years.

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

Thank you for your continued support, and thank you to all our MSVFD members, which are 100% volunteer!

Note: Appropriation Request #21 on 2024 Town Warning

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

MSVFD Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

Ordinary Income/Expense Income January 1- December 30, 2023

Income	
Bus Trip	690.00
Contributions	2,624.85
First Response Rental	5,000.00
Golf	3,285.00
Gun Raffle	2,640.00
Interest	1.83
Refund	5.19
Town Quarterly Payment	81,886.00
Total Income	\$96,132.87
Expense	
Accounting Services	645.00
Building Maintenance	2,237.65
Credit Card	1,480.08
Diesel/Gas	1,282.17
Dispatcher - Year 2023	4,900.00
Dispatcher - Jan. thru June 2024	2,600.00
Electric	2,475.55
Equipment Maint. & Repair	2,117.24
Equipment Replacement	1,979.70
Fit Testing & Physical	900.00
Garage Rental	2,400.00
Golf Tournament	1,361.00
Grant Writer	5,000.00
Gun Raffle	690.00
Ground Ladder Testing	1,456.85
Heating Fuel	10,100.90
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	3,289.68
Insurance	13,554.85
New Equipment	3,143.84
Postage/Stationary/Office Sup.	690.12
Radio Repair	1,852.11
Snowmobile Registration	95.00
Telephone	2,861.23
Training	700.00
Vehicle Maintenance #531	2,633.98
Vehicle Maintenance #531	441.94
Vehicle Maintenance #532	1,058.97
Vehicle Maintenance #533	3,500.26
Vehicle Maintenance #534	4,037.19
Vehicle Maintenance #535	4,384.94
Total Expenses	\$83,869.99
Net Ordinary Income	\$12,262.88

Town of Middletown Springs POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 11 paid employees and 3 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to **332 calls in 2023**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:



Calls in Poultney	231
Calls in Middletown Springs	32
Calls in Tinmouth	4
Interfacility transfers	28
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	37
Total Calls taken in 2023	332

We at Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc has made good strides this year regarding recruitment of new providers and is working diligently to retain them. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are staying optimistic for 2024. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Poultney Rescue would like to say Thank you to the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue Squad is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue Squad has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 5th year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 5 years now and come 30 plus years in EMS, Debbie Hoisington who has been on the boards over 7 years and come with about 10 years in EMS and 30 years in the medical fields and our newest boards member Tom Fucile who comes to us with a fire and emergency service background. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 3 full-time and 8 per diem emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport AEMT full-time employee. Josiah Simons, EMR/full-time employee, our newest full-time employee is Sean Sequin who is currently EMT on OJT. PRS welcomed Rachael Lynch back as EMT and welcome Geanina Swanay as an AEMT. Our per diem staff is follows Chad Geno AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, James Reed EMT, Sam ST. Peter VEFR, Cadence Muth, EMT. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Katie Geno/EMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR.

We would also like to Thank the volunteer Ladies at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Debbie Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you would like to one of these courses, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

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

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hoisington, Interim Administrator

Note: Appropriation Request #12 on 2024 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Please contact us to join our meetings; we would love to have members of the public join us.

The main focus of the Middletown Springs Planning Commission is to review and update the town plan which is currently updated every seven years per Vermont Statute. The plan will be updated over the coming 1-2 years with resident input. The Planning Commission has arranged with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to develop the energy plan section for the updated Town Plan in a way that gives the town optimum standing for input on proposed energy projects. The Town Plan update will involve a town-wide survey to gather information from residents. We will be developing the survey in the coming months, and we look forward to working with residents to create the best possible document.

In addition, we offer our services to the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission for any planning related issues and opportunities. The Planning Commission has been involved in past projects, such as the Middletown Springs Creative Economy grant and has participated in the Real Rutland Campaign.

Current Planning Commission Members: Steve Harrington, Laura Derrenderinger, Aaron Anderson and Tasha Turan. Past member Hilary Solomon continues to provide support as needed.

For information about joining the Planning Commission or participating in monthly meetings, please contact Steve Harrington at: ohungerdell@gmail.com.



Middletown Springs 3rd Annual Community Gathering



Middletown Springs University 2023

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Green-Up Vermont Day

The 2023 Green-Up Vermont Day took place on May 6. Roughly 33 individuals/families turned out to help clear close to 24 miles of the town's roadsides of trash and keep our town looking cared for. Approximately 25 bags of trash were collected and disposed of.

Sullivan Educational Woods

The original informational kiosk at the entrance to the woods collapsed due to decay and wind this past winter, and the Commission arranged with Tim Parent at Mill River Union High School to build the new kiosk as student project. Remains of the old kiosk were removed and construction of a new kiosk is underway. We expect to have it installed in the spring.

On September 16 and 17 Commission members and volunteers did trail clean-up to remove debris and several downed trees resulting from a series of storms. Encroaching vegetation and large woody debris was cleared near the old meeting circle and kiosk site to make the area more user-friendly. Special thanks to Richard Kniffin and his chainsaw!

CC members held community woods walk with several families with young children on December 10. Children were introduced to the woods and enjoyed a series of activities during the walk, including bark rubbings.

In 2024, we will focus on encouraging elementary school groups to make educational (and fun) use of the woods, and scheduling a wide array of activities at Sullivan Woods for people of all ages. We will be exploring possibilities for interactive nature play areas too. Look for postings of what's to come in the Town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

General

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

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

Members: Beth Carmody Elizabeth Cooper Steve Harrington



Find a Spot to Enjoy the Seasons in Sullivan Woods

Town of Middletown Springs

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Middletown Springs Historical Society Trustees returned to in-person public events in 2023 with a successful Maple Festival and Raffle in March and a well-attended Strawberry Festival in June.

Historical Society Collections Management Committee, led by Mary Lou Willits, conducted several workdays in 2023 accessioning, housing, and storing a backlog of items: from garments and domestic furnishings; letters, documents, photos and other archival material; to farm implements and household tools, all owned and used by Middletown families.

Mary Lou also designed and created the exhibit "Childhood in Middletown Springs 1850-1920" using Middletown items from the Museum collection which opened at the Strawberry Festival and will continue through this year's Maple Festival.

Her 2022 exhibit "Fancy Goods: Hats and Fashion Accessories 1850-1950" featuring 48 local family items from the Museum collection, moved to the Vermont Historical Society Museum for display through February 24, 2024. Admission to the Museum is free to MSHS members for the duration of the exhibit.

Projects went forward at the Adams House and the Mineral Springs Park. Work began in November to capture and remove radon and moisture in the building basement through a matching grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont. In the Springs Park, landscape designer Elizabeth Cooper completed the Mineral Springs Park Master Plan, partially funded by another grant from PTV. The plan documents the history of the park from its origin as part of the Monvert Hotel resort, the park's re-creation and the construction of the replica spring house in the 1970s led by Bud Krouse and volunteers, and ongoing improvements including giving a new home to the Elisha Leffingwell Tin Shop in 1990 and repairs to the park following flooding in 1976, 2001, and 2011 with Tropical Storm Irene.

A new website for the Historical Society is online, developed by Ferguson-Caras LLC of Granville, N.Y., working with a MSHS board committee. The new site features town history articles, photo galleries, an archive of newsletters, and commentaries from local historians. Its new structure allows for easier updating and is fully accessible to users with physical, visual, and hearing deficits. View it now at www.mshsvt.org.

The Historical Society has 69 resident members and 13 second home members in Middletown Springs and about 155 others throughout the country supporting the Society's efforts and furthering its mission. Membership is open to all. Members receive the MSHS newsletter as well as discounted facilities rentals for family gatherings. For more information, please visit our website at www.mshsvt.org.

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

2024 Events:

Maple Festival and Maple Raffle drawing - Sun., March 17

Strawberry Festival - Sun., June 23

Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 15

Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 6

Trustees for 2023-2024 are: Beth Carmody, Kim Gaylord, Madeleine Hayes, Pat Hemenway, Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Maureen McCormack, Sharen Underwood, and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President

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

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

**Library Director's Report
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

In April 2023, long-time assistant librarian, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman, resigned from her position after eight years of service. Melissa was responsible for, among many other things, the processing of new and donated acquisitions, managing our seed swap, and providing day-to-day assistance to library patrons, all the while hosting engaging story times. From a pool of very talented applicants, the library trustees selected Haley Kenyon to succeed Melissa in the role of assistant librarian. Haley brings new skills and enthusiasm to the library, fueled by her passion for reading and the written word and her endless imagination for new activities.

The trustees continue the exploratory work necessary to find a viable way to provide ADA compliant access to the library while increasing the overall square footage. They worked with Long Trail Engineering to investigate options for possibly relocating the septic and with N.B.F. Architects on a design study for the current building. They also worked with Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe & Wesner Architects to explore the potential of possibly relocating to St Anne Church building. These explorations are ongoing and in preparation for grant applications to the Vermont of Libraries for capital projects funding.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide a portion of our collection budget, and its members volunteer regularly to help in the library and with the trustees' fundraising. Their Story Walk continues to delight those walking between the library and the school including students with their teachers, dog walkers, and other community members.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell, Library Director



Trustees and Friends of the Library at Melissa's retirement party – April 2023
Front row (L-R): Maureen McCormick, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman, Haley Kenyon, Beth Miller, Wendy Herrick. Back row (L-R): Jenny Talke Munyak, Kimberly Bushnell, Kristal Hier, Kelley Beckwith.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Middletown Springs Public Library					
Treasurer's Report FY 24/25					
	FY 22/23	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	
	Budget	Actual	Current Budget	FY24/25	
Income					
Town Allotment	29,000.00	29,148.45	30,450.00	31,950.00	
Louis Library Fund	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	
FOL Contribution	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	42.95	50.00	50.00	
Donations	300.00	388.29	300.00	350.00	
Fundraising	7,500.00	6,946.23	7,350.00	7,410.20	
Interest	15.00	15.47	20.00	20.00	
Total Income	38,365.00	36,541.39	39,670.00	41,280.20	
Expenses					
Librarian	18,720.00	18,720.00	19,656.00	17,160.00	
Assistant Librarian	6,656.00	6,656.00	6,989.00	10,171.20	
Payroll Taxes	1,941.00	1,941.00	2,038.00	2,104.00	
Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	
Collection Development	4,160.00	4,038.54	4,160.00	4,195.00	
Heat	800.00	1,469.78	800.00	1,500.00	
Electricity	1,000.00	841.39	1,100.00	1,000.00	
Telephone / Internet	600.00	584.38	500.00	600.00	
Supplies	450.00	545.71	400.00	450.00	
Postage / ILL Courier	838.00	825.25	777.00	850.00	
Grounds	1,200.00	3,077.54	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Programs/Publicity	500.00	574.77	250.00	250.00	
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	506.02	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Technology / Computers	400.00	473.96	400.00	400.00	
Total Expenses	38,365.00	40,254.34	39,670.00	41,280.20	
Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts					
	FY20/21		FY21/22	FY22/23	
HFCU Savings Account: Bequests	5,305.32		5,311.78	25.13	
Memorial Contributions	7,925.00		8,970.00	400.00	
Fidelity Funds Account: Building Capital Improvements and/or Expansion	34,749.95		32,283.78	36,093.08	
30 Month Special CD (Memorial Funds)				13,550.64	
Total Restricted Monies	\$47,980.27		\$46,565.56	50,068.85	
Grants					
	FY21/22	Remaining	FY22/23	Activity	Remaining
Stewarts Shops (via FOL)	400.00	283.62	400.00	608.43	75.19
ARPA Funds	2,300.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0
ARPA Funds received from town			3,000.00	3000.00	0
Preservation Trust Project					
Preservation Trust Grant	4,800.00	0.00	1,000.00	1000.00	0
FOL Match	4,800.00	0.00			
MSPL Share	3,400.00	0.00			
Library Grant (Summer Program)			300.00	300.00	0
Winnie Belle Learned Fund			500.00	500.00	0
TOTAL GRANTS	15,700.00	283.62	5,700.00	5,908.43	75.19

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

In 2023, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Middletown Springs residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From children with more intensive needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who face terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

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

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 127,393 visits to 3,043 patients. In Middletown Spring, we provided 790 visits to 24 individuals.

(802) 775-0568

• *Appropriation request #13 on 2024 Town Warning*

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always on the first Saturday in May, and to raise awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. Green Up Day 2022 was a tremendous success. We had a great turnout with nearly 23,500 volunteers picking up 348 TONS of trash and 15,000 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.

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

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2024, May 4th and help us celebrate 54 years of keeping Vermont green! With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride.

www.greenupvermont.org

• *Appropriation request #14 on 2024 Town Warning*

Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2023, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Middletown Springs assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families, Substance Abuse Treatment Services, Emergency/Crisis Services, Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2023, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 3,299 hours of services to 31 Middletown Springs residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

(802) 775-2381 www.rmhsccn.org

• *Appropriation request #15 on 2024 Town Warning*

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) helped provide 1,175 meals that were delivered to the homes of 7 older residents in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 6 older Middletown Springs residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 202 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 2 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 2 residents of Middletown Springs.

SVCOA staff helped 5 residents in your community for a total of 41 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately and assess the elder's situation. They work with the elder to identify needs and possible services available to address those needs. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs.

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

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

• *Appropriation request #16 on 2024 Town Warning*

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center

BROC Community Action serves thousands of people with low income or living in poverty throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted 32 residents in the Town of Middletown Springs. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals, we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

45 Union Street • Rutland, VT 05701 802.775.0878

• ***Appropriation request #17 on 2024 Town Warning***

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For over 44 years, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

In FY23, VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. Services include interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings, as well as Peer Advocate Counselors and services.

During FY23, 1 resident of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs:
Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

• ***Appropriation request #18 on 2024 Town Warning***

Rural Fire Protection Program

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) program helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and finds financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 26+ years of the program, almost 1177 grants totaling over \$2.8 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. In the past year, RFP provided grants to support the construction and repair of 17 rural fire protection projects throughout Vermont, as well as covering site assessments, project design and program oversight.

Two hundred and sixteen Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities. In FY23, RFP received over \$9,375 in town appropriations from over 90 towns, support which is critical to fully funding RFP programming.

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

• ***Appropriation request #19 on 2024 Town Warning***

Regional Ambulance Service

The Regional Ambulance Service provides necessary medical services. "Medic One," or one of our life-support-equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients who require and request advanced life support. Our staff works closely as a team with your community ambulance and First-Response personnel.

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

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. The funds communities contribute (\$0.50 per capita based on the 2010 census) help to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of "Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism." In 2023, in addition to our 11,255 ambulance calls, "Medic One" responded to 120 intercept calls.

(802) 773-1746.

• ***Appropriation request #20 on 2024 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

NewStory Center

For 44 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY23, NewStory Center served 674 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

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

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

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

Office: 802-775-6788

• ***Appropriation request #21 on 2024 Town Warning***

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues. The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2023.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 10 animals from the Town of Middletown Springs from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

• ***Appropriation request #22 on 2024 Town Warning***

RSVP and The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. "Signature Programs" include: RSVP Bone Builders, Rutland Reads, Veterans Connection Program, and Operation Dolls & More.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 557 volunteers. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 92,293 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,934,917.

In FY23, Middletown Springs residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. Middletown Springs RSVP volunteers donated handmade knitted items to area social service agencies and donated their services to the RSVP Operation Dolls & More, One-2-One, and RSVP Bone Builders.

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

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

802-468-7065

• ***Appropriation request #23 on 2024 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years.

PMNRCD is working with towns in various ways:

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

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

• *Appropriation request #24 on 2024 Town Warning*

NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need.

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

In FY 2023, our services comprised of:

- 192 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 35 Energy Loans, totaling \$666,861, helped homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 13 rental units rehabilitated
- 36 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$1,011,010 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$110,482 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$157,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 95 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 67 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
- 4 loans totaling \$233,250 were made to homebuyers who utilized Vermont's Share Equity Program

802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

• *Appropriation request #25 on 2024 Town Warning*

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ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)

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

Programs in 2023 included:

- **Representative Payee Program:** ARC serves about 50 individuals living with Developmental intellectual Disabilities by managing each client's individual SS income and processing payments of their financial obligations monthly. In addition, as Rep. Payee, Kris works with other agencies and client's case managers to direct our members toward receiving appropriate services.
- **Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and Aktion Club:** The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland were able to give testimony before the House of Representatives this year about issues concerning them as individuals living with developmental disabilities. Our SABE-R group also gave mini-clinics on Disability Awareness at National Night Out. The Aktion Club (a Kiwanis member group) collaborated with RSVP and decorated postcards for shut-ins and Veterans this year, along with a self sponsored Carwash and Bake Sale raising funds to help their peers who lost belongings in the flood at Bardwell House this summer.
- **Social Events/Great Outdoor Experiences:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that builds a circle of support, family and community while practicing social skills, and getting physical exercise. Following years of limited activities due to COVID, we can boast over 450 attended 5 dances, 3 outdoor events and engaged in the community with new community partners.
- **Transportation:** We are especially grateful to MVRTD through a grant, which allows us to provide transportation to some of our members who live in very rural areas who would otherwise be unable to access the services of Rutland Area

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

www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370
info@arcrutlandarea.org

• **Appropriation request #26 on 2024 Town Warning**

Rutland County Parent-Child Center

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming lives with whole family services delivered through a unique and dynamic community framework of integrated programming. RCPCC serves children and families in Rutland County communities with programs such as two Early Childhood Education centers (ECE), Children's Integrated Services (CIS), educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth (Learning Together and 7's Club), family navigation services (Parenting Class, Playgroups, etc.), and food insecurity supports with our grocery store style food pantry. Our programming is family goal oriented and provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance available. Overall, RCPCC has served approximately 1,500 parents/caregivers and over 1,800 children in Rutland County. RCPCC continues to expand our services as the needs in our communities grow.

As the needs of the families we serve heighten, RCPCC is committed to expanding programming that supports our community. Our new 2-Gen campus "One PCC Place" is a unique approach to delivering whole family programming. This space will provide a "one stop shop" environment where families can access all programming and case management services. At RCPCC "the coffee pot is always on".

www.rcpcc.org

• **Appropriation request #27 on 2024 Town Warning**

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Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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

An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In Fiscal Year 2023, the agency provided services to a total of 1,083 Vermont residents. This total includes 1 adult in Middletown Springs and 102 adults and 13 students in Rutland County.

Last year Vermont towns and cities provided us with \$26,219 in support, which went directly to client services. (

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

•*Appropriation request #28 on 2024 Town Warning*

American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont

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

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

- We made 700 homes safer by installing 2,177 smoke detectors and educating 897 families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 42,950 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level).
- We collected over 133,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,400 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

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

Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

•*Appropriation request #29 on 2024 Town Warning*

Child First Advocacy Center

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

In calendar year 2023, The Child First Advocacy Center served 171 clients and 144 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to four (4) Middletown Springs families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Students grades K-12.

(802) 747-0200

•*Appropriation request #30 on 2024 Town Warning*

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Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities around Rutland County and the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (see p. 51 of this report). The goal of the initiative is to grow the economy in our region. The Regional Marketing Initiative is a multi-year project funded by municipalities and businesses large and small throughout Rutland County and is supportive of the economic development goals contained in the Middletown Springs Town Plan.

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population. Go to www.RealRutland.com for highlights of the Region.

The Regional Marketing Initiative is entering year-eight of a 10-year plan and has an anticipated budget for 2024 of \$150,000. Middletown Springs' previous and future participation has been and will be essential to the success of this important project.

802-770-7061

• ***Appropriation request #31 on 2024 Town Warning***

BIG HEAVY WORLD

In its 27th year, Big Heavy World's mission is to preserve the historical record of music originating in Vermont; to create economic opportunity for Vermont's musicians and the industries vital to them; to develop community among Vermont musicians and patrons; and to accomplish this mission in a substance-free environment that empowers and educates youth. Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization manages many ongoing and special projects (including tech resources for local libraries, documentary film, weekly broadcasts of local music, and a map-based directory of Vermont's music sector) that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

<https://bigheavyworld.com>

• ***Appropriation request #32 on 2024 Town Warning***

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK

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

Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, waning funds threaten to reduce the number of families we can support. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care. We are proud to serve over 1,000 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

VFN is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches over 17,000 children and adults annually about important issues like disability awareness, bullying, and child abuse through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication.

vermontfamilynetwork.org 802-876-5315 ext 105

• ***Appropriation request #33 on 2024 Town Warning***

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF RUTLAND COUNTY

Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County works to transform people's lives and our community by creating affordable and decent housing, lifting up one family at a time. This is accomplished through volunteer labor and donations and the work of the future homeowners who invest hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Home ownership transforms lives, promotes dignity and enhances self esteem.

Consistent with the goals of Habitat for Humanity, the Rutland Area Affiliate seeks to address the issues of low-income housing pursuing new construction, rehabilitation of homes, and minor home repairs making homes more affordable and safer for home buyers seeking to improve the quality of their lives through safe, sufficient and affordable homeownership. Habitat for Humanity Rutland County has built four homes to date, with the support of over 140 different volunteers from all parts of Rutland County. Many others help manage the non-profit that operates with one administrative coordinator who works 12-15 hours each week.

802-747-7440 rutlandhabitat@gmail.com

•Appropriation request #34 on 2024 Town Warning

Rutland County Restorative Justice Center

Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (RCRJC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and those with mental health and substance use treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, and connection to treatment and education.

In FY23, the RCRJC's seven programs served 503 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system, helping: 131 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 35 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument to determine risks and needs of the youth; 134 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth work to improve school/appointment attendance, therapeutic treatment engagement, one-to-one support and community-based visits, case plan and court hearing support, coping skills, time management, and community and family connections; 66 youth aged 16-21 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 54 people seek substance misuse treatment and 71 people work towards reduced fines, violation issues, and reinstatement of their driver's licenses.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many years to come.

50 Center Street, Rutland 802-775-2479 rutlandrestorativejustice.org

•Appropriation request #35 on 2024 Town Warning

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Vermont Farmers Food Center

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

VFFC increases access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets and market access, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products. For most of 2023, our main facility has been closed and unable to be used for programming and the Winter Farmers Market. This has been a hardship and we are working on the steps necessary to complete the environmental cleanup and reopen in 2024.

VFFC operates several programs:

- Farmacy Project is a “food as medicine” program that provides fresh produce from local farmers for at risk individuals and families with health issues who have been prescribed 15 weeks of fresh, local produce.
- Farm Based Experiential Learning (FABEL) provides an experience of learning substantive life skills on the farm and in the garden through hands on engagement.
- Everyone Eats is a food relief program that leverages CARES Act Funds to engage local restaurants in making to-go meals for anyone who has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis due to unemployment, underemployment, homelessness, or other challenges. Over 2900 meals have been delivered weekly at VFFC and working with distribution partners throughout the county.
- Online Market began in April 2020 as a way for farmers to continue to have a way to get their products to consumers when the farmers markets were not able to operate. It has continued to offer a weekly safe and convenient curbside pickup.

VFFC works with local farmers/producers, including in Middeltown Springs, who participate in the Online Market and Everyone Eats programs and serves members of our community through those programs.

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

• ***Appropriation request #36 on 2024 Town Warning***



Middletown Springs Strawberry Festival 2023
Worth the Wait in Line

Town of Middletown Springs

PRE-TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2023

Held Virtually on Monday, March 6, 2023, 6:30pm
Approved Minutes

Moderator, Kimberly Bushnell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Kimberly welcomed everyone to our third virtual Town Informational Meeting. She made some housekeeping announcements, the online pledge will play, Representative Robin Chesnut-Tangerman will speak with an update from the state legislature once he arrives. Kimberly then went through instructions for speaking and asking questions during meeting.

Kimberly played the pledge to officially start the meeting.

Kimberly thanked Haley Kenyon for doing the behind-the-scenes tech. Housekeeping included instructions for asking questions and protocols for speaking so everyone knows who is talking each time. Articles 12 to 37, which are local organization appropriations, will be bundled as one item at the end of the session, though questions on any of these articles will be entertained at that time.

Kimberly read the warning as presented.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
No auditors at the meeting or willing to speak at this time.
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$363,775** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$286,275** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Kimberly Bushnell read this article and then realized she was going to give Terry the floor to say a few things.

Terry Redfield reported that the selectboard unexpectedly received the resignation of Heather Grier as a member of the board last week. Terry thanked her for her service over the past three years and encouraged others to do as well if they see her around town. Terry also thanked the road crew for their work especially during last weekend's storm which dumped a foot of snow on us. Special thanks to Bill Reed, Joe Castle, Richie Miller, they do a fantastic job.

Terry Redfield also gave a short recap about the building in progress on the corner. We are looking forward to being in the new town office building sometime this year.

Representative Robin Chesnut-Tangerman came in at this point and gave an update from the statehouse. He reported that overall, across the state, the major concerns are housing, childcare and climate. There are a lot of things happening in the statehouse. He's vice chair of housing committee this year.

A couple new issues that have come up this year and have become a focus of this district are school choice and the Vermont State University Library closings announcement.

In housing the state still has an unprecedented amount of federal money available. The goal is to use this for one-time projects and not new ongoing programs. There is also a bill that will change some zoning statewide to help to address housing density issues in order to establish more housing stock across the state.

The senate is working on childcare legislation including expanding access and improving compensation for childcare workers.

The affordable heat standard is another hot topic, the senate is working on a bill, once it's passed the senate, it will go to the house for approval, then be sent to the Agency of Natural Resources to design the program which is to implement cleaner, cheaper renewable heating fuels. The goal is a more stable, more predictable heating fuel prices.

Regarding independent schools and tuition question the two bills are not going anywhere. The legislature is not interested in the approach to eliminate all funding to independent schools.

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They are interested in making sure that tuition monies only go to schools comply with anti-discrimination regulations and provides appropriate special education services and that is accredited by national accreditation companies. Independent schools serve an important role in public education. Rutland Bennington District serves 12 towns and there is no public high school in this district, so this discussion is very critical to folks in this district.

Last issue to mention is the Vermont State University Consolidation – new president announced the libraries would be switching over to fully digital and getting rid of all books. Legislature's role is still unclear other than supporting the faculty and students who are challenging this decision.

Kimberly Bushnell called for questions or comments for Robin:

Michael Beattie suggested that the legislatures' role could be to call for the resignation for the new chancellor.

Hearing no other questions or comments for our state representative, Kimberly Bushnell brought us back to

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$363,775** for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of **\$286,275** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Patty Kenyon explained that this number reflects our general budget, so if folks have question on the general operations of the town. We tried really hard to keeping the budget as slim as possible.

Neil Russell chimed in that the amount is just \$4,375 above last year or about 1.5% increase.

4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate **\$499,525** for the **care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of **\$394,525** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions – none posed.

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

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions – none posed.

Patty Kenyon chimed in with a short explanation of the intent of this article. This is our attempt to put extra money at the end of the year away for time down the road when we may need a bit to balance our budget.

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities** with any **non-allocated** General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions – none posed.

Patty Kenyon chimed in on the intent of this article to address facilities needs in the future. So far this has been working well for the town.

7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to allocate **\$20,000** to the **Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities** to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions – none posed.

8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend **\$26,125** to contract with the **Rutland County Sheriff's Department**, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions –

Nora Rubinstein – asked for clarification on how the sheriff expects to deploy these resources. Does the board have a sense of the priorities for this year's contract.

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Terry Redfield responded that the contract is for a total of 10 hours per week on average. It's not literal, this is an average and each town in the four-town compact gets approximately 10 hours a week of coverage. One of our primary goals was to police the 4-way intersection, some speed control, and a general patrol of town, driving the back roads, having a presence.

Nora Rubinstein expressed her concern is that we are an aging community. Looking for emergency support for folks in town – especially in a medical emergency.

Neil Russell explained the basic sheriff contract and how things work.

Nora Rubinstein – wondering if we need to have a conversation about coverage. Should our priorities change, do we need more emergency services for heart attacks, strokes, etc.

Neil Russell – well a medical emergency is not going to be covered by the sheriff anyway.

Patty Kenyon – Practicality of this is that we are hiring a sheriff for additional, more specialized coverage. Why do we need a sheriff, because we don't have adequate state police coverage in our rural town. By having a sheriff, we are giving the state police another option when someone calls 911 and the dispatcher has to decide what and who gets the priority.

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman – asked about what we take in for traffic fines from the sheriff's department.

Patty Kenyon – explained that fine income trickles down from the court system and is not a way to alleviate the cost of the sheriff.

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman – is there a way to measure the infraction rate and efficacy of service.

Patty Kenyon – ticketing is not the way to answer the efficacy. Sarah Grimm did a study on this as an auditor a few years back. There is a way to find the tickets issued in our town but it's not something I have the specific answer to right now.

Neil Russell – added that as a board we decided the priorities and how we wanted the sheriff to perform. We did not want to turn this town into a speed trap. There is a value in just having a presence, ticketing is not a good metric.

David Wright - what was spent on the sheriff last year and what is being asked for this year? Th

Neil Russell – This year is \$26,125 last year they asked for \$25,600. An increase of \$525 over last year.

David Wright – thinks this is a lot of money for the return and wondered if we had considered putting up some flashing radar speed signs at certain places around town?

Neil Russell - The board looked into these types of signs last summer. Cost is \$5000 and up for solar signs, for those that are plugged in the cost is a bit less.

Patty Kenyon – couple of points of clarification, 1. we are billed for the time the sheriff is here, that's one explanation for the actual spending vs budgeted spending. 2. This is one of those discretionary pieces of spending that folks have a lot of differing opinions on, is it worth it or not to contract with the sheriff, and this is why we put it in front of the voters each year to make the decisions instead of folding it directly into our general budget. It's up to all of you to decide the efficacy and worthiness of this expenditure in the voting booth.

John Weatherhogg – his recollection is that one of the reasons for bringing the sheriff to town was a general feeling of safety. Regarding the sheriff they are pretty much the only game in town. The state police realistically are not coming out to Middletown Springs, unless there a domestic situation or a body.

Terry Redfield – brought us back to the crux of the initial question was around emergency medical incidents and responders. As most folks know there is a nationwide shortage of emergency responders. The board will go with the decision of the voters.

Steve Harrington – As a resident of South Street, he finds the deputy very ineffectual. He's seen no impact from his presence on South Street. He's much more in favor of illuminated warning signs at specific locations getting people's attention and slowing them down that way.

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

Kimberly asked for questions – none posed.

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10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$1,500** for the support and general operation of the **Pleasant View Cemetery Association** determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions –

Jenny Talke Munyak – just wanted to follow up on the conversation from last year for this article, whereas the Pleasant View Cemetery Association could avail themselves of money from the Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund. Wondering if John Weatherhogg can speak to that as a Trustee of the fund.

John Weatherhogg – happy to speak to that. The Trustees have met and have decided to give out some money to both the Pleasant View Cemetery and the Old Town Cemetery for maintenance and upkeep. This money will be distributed in the coming year. The amount to be distributed to each entity is \$500.

11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$7,940** for the support of **Poultney Rescue Squad** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

Kimberly Bushnell asked for questions –

Patty Kenyon – wanted to inform the voters that the amount stated in the article is incorrect. The number should have been \$11,116 as requested from the Poultney Rescue Squad. The selectboard wants everyone to know that if this article passes, the board will vote to appropriate the amount requested of \$11,116.

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman – asked where this additional money will come from?

Patty Kenyon – it will be taken from the General Fund budget, and we will do our best not to have it cause a shortfall by trying to save money in other places.

Chat question – can you discuss why the request increased by \$3,000.

Patty Kenyon – my guess is that they are just trying to cover their costs, this year they are operating with deficits at this point in time.

Mary Lou Willits – Do we know how often the Poultney Rescue Squad has been called to Middletown this past year.

Terry Redfield – 35 according to their report.

Mary Lou Willits – she was unable to get Poultney, or Fair Haven, there was an hour passed and they ended up driving in on their own. Wondering if others have had similar circumstances.

Terry Redfield – this all harkens back to EMS services nationwide, it's a huge problem. There is a significant shortage of staff and volunteers. There's no good answer at this moment in time.

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman – spoke to the local Fire Department and their services provided in town and for mutual aid for surrounding towns. Hope folks will support the local Fire Department article.

At this time – we'll bundle Articles 12 through 37 and open the floor for any questions regarding those articles.

Nora Russell - It would be terrific if we could get the local organizations to send a representative to our town meetings to speak to their services.

Terry Redfield - in person town meeting folks would send a representative ready to speak. Since we've been meeting virtually, it's been a little more cumbersome. The board could put that request out there to organizations for next year assuming we'll be meeting in person again.

Hilary Solomon – speaking for the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District, she appreciates the past support and works to spend at least the amount of the ask in town on water quality measures. Also would like to note that for organizations it is hard to get to all the meetings around the county to speak to items, for instance she serves 17 towns with a staff of just a few people.

Virginia Parker – asked why we aren't giving more to organizations who might deserve more, Rutland County Humane Society and BROCC, these organizations do a lot for local citizens.

Patty Kenyon – we get the request directly from the organization. The board does not decide the amounts we simply ask for the amount requested.

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Jenny Talke Munyak – Would also like to explain to new voters. Articles 7 through 37 are all additional to the town budgets requested, these are additional expenditures which you will be taxed on.

John Weatherhogg – reported the incorrect amount earlier when speaking about the Pleasant View Cemetery Article. The trustees voted to give \$5000 to each entity instead of the \$500 he stated earlier. Misspoke regarding the number. Apologies for that incorrect information.

Aileen Stevenson – Has a question about Poultney Rescue squad – how is membership different than town membership? If the town votes down Poultney Rescue Squad, would individuals still be allowed to be members?

Patty Kenyon – I don't know for sure, but I would think individual membership would be different than a town allotment. Don't know that one would impact the other, but it would be a great question to ask if we had a representative from the rescue squad here to talk to us.

Karen Castle – We have several ambulance corps that come to town and those folks are not directly paid by the town but they are emergency responders and so they are obligated to serve in their regions.

Neil Russell – thinks they are two independent things. Membership gives the individual a break in the billing. While town allotment is a form of regional coverage support.

Tracy Weatherhogg – commenting as an Auditor and for the Auditors as she missed the chance earlier in the meeting. The full Auditors report is included in the town report, it includes the items they've worked on this year. Including recommendations from the independent audit. Grateful for Jenny for the work that she does and that the selectboard does to keep finances in good condition here in town.

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman – would like to commend everybody who is in public service. She spent a short time as an auditor and the work they do is remarkable. You could drown in the details of town government, the fact that these folks are stepping up mostly volunteer is amazing. Would like to applaud them.

Kimberly Bushnell thanked everyone for showing up and then recessed the meeting at approximately 8:05pm until tomorrow at 7am when polls will open.

Thanks everyone.

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

Approved by Town Moderator - Kimberly Bushnell - 4/10/2023 Approved by Selectboard – 3/23/2023

Attest: Patty Kenyon – Town Clerk – 4/12/2023

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2023 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2023 Town Meeting Results

Total Registered Voters	701
Total Votes Cast	259
Total Early/Absentee Votes	73

	<u>Town Officers</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Tally</u>
Moderator		Kimberly Bushnell	232
		Write In	0
		Blank	27
Selectboard - 3 yr		Herb Childress	158
		Neil T Russell	95
		Write In	1
		Blank	5
Selectboard - 2 yr		Terry A Redfield	213
		Write In	8
		Blank	38
Lister - 3 yr		Randolph J Kniffin	212
		Write In	0
		Blank	47
Auditor - 3 yr		Tracy Weatherhogg	218
		Write In	3
		Blank	38
Library Trustee - 3 yr		Sean Ruck	208
		Write In	0
		Blank	51
Library Trustee - 3 yr		Write In	18
		Blank	241
Trustee Copeland Church Fund - 1 yr		Rita Hansen	226
		Write In	1
		Blank	32
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund - 1 yr		John Weatherhogg	214
		Write In	2
		Blank	43
Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies - 3 yr		David Carr	233
		Write In	1
		Blank	25
Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies - 3 yr		Steve Harrington	210
2 years remaining		Write In	1
		Blank	48
Planning Commission - 3 yr		Write In	23
		Blank	236
Planning Commission - 3 yr		Write In	13
1 year remaining		Blank	246

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2023 BALLOT QUESTIONS

ARTICLES	Yes	No	Blank/Spoiled
Article 2 - Auditor's Report	240	17	2
Article 3 - General Budget	204	54	1
Article 4 - Highway Budget	200	59	0
Article 5 - Surplus into Tax Stabilization	212	43	4
Article 6 - Surplus into Facilities	189	66	4
Article 7 - Library Reserve	188	71	0
Article 8 - RC Sheriff	148	106	5
Article 9 - MSVFD	197	60	2
Article 10 - Pleasant View Cemetery	218	35	6
Article 11 - Poultney Rescue	219	32	8
Article 12 - Visting Nurse	216	34	9
Article 13 - Green Up	218	32	9
Article 14 - Community Care	190	55	14
Article 15 - Council on Aging	204	44	11
Article 16 - BROCC	178	67	14
Article 17 - Independent Living	198	50	11
Article 18 - Rural Fire	203	42	14
Article 19 - Regional Ambulance	219	30	10
Article 20 - New Story	186	62	11
Article 21 - RC Humane Society	199	48	12
Article 22 - RSVP	162	81	16
Article 23 - PMNRCD	173	74	12
Article 24 - Neighborworks	158	87	14
Article 25 - ARC	165	81	13
Article 26 - RC Parent Child	173	73	13
Article 27 - VT Assoc Blind	200	49	10
Article 28 - Red Cross	199	48	12
Article 29 - Mentor Connector	151	95	13
Article 30 - Child Advocacy	185	61	13
Article 31 - Regional Marketing	133	112	14
Article 32 - Front Porch Forum	189	57	13
Article 33 - Big Heavy World	131	113	15
Article 34 - VT Family Network	181	65	13
Article 35 - Habitat for Humanity	172	75	12
Article 36 - Restorative Justice	157	87	15
Article 37 - VT Farmers Food	184	62	13

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2023 VOTE

Wells Springs Unified Union School District

Total Votes Cast 478

School Articles - Floor Vote 3/1/23

Article 1 - Moderator

Candidate

Kimberly Bushnell

Tally

Article 2 - Clerk

Nora Sargent*

Article 3 - Treasurer

Tammy Holcomb

* Nora Sargent resigned - Patty Kenyon appointed

Articles 4, 5 & 6 - School Reports

Australian Ballot 3/7/23

Article 7 - elect school directors below:

School Director - Middletown Springs - 3 Yr

Matt Heering

369

Write in

4

Blank

105

School Director - Wells - 3 Yr

Heather L Thomas

139

Amanda Weeden

281

Write in

2

Blank

56

Article 8 - School Budget

Yes

No

Blank/Spoiled

262

208

8

Article 9 - Surplus to Reserve

311

155

12

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING - TOWN MEETING 2024

Town of Middletown Springs

WARNING

Town Meeting—Monday, March 4, 2024 and Tuesday, March 5, 2024

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES) Multipurpose Room, in said town, or by electronic means on **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 5, 2024 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Middletown Springs Town Office building at 5 South Street, Middletown Springs, Vermont.

Information on how to access the remote Informational Meeting:

- **By land line telephone:** Dial 1-929-436-2866 (charges may apply). When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591#, Passcode 15920.
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POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 5, 2024, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
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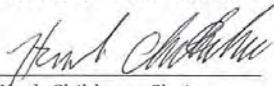
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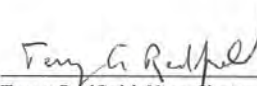
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BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS:


Herb Childress, Chair


Patricia Kenyon, Clerk


Terry Redfield, Vice-Chair


Peter Stevenson

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Received for Record on January 22, 2024

ATTEST: 
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
2024 TOWN MEETING - OFFICES & CANDIDATES

<u>TOWN OFFICES</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE(S)</u>
TOWN MODERATOR	1 YEAR	NO CANDIDATE
TOWN CLERK	3 YEARS	PATTY KENYON
TOWN TREASURER	3 YEARS	JENNY TALKE MUNYAK
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	3 YEARS	DEBRA A. HOUSE
SELECTBOARD	3 YEARS	CARL P. HAYNES
SELECTBOARD	2 YEARS	SEAN RUCK NEIL T. RUSSELL
ROAD COMMISSIONER	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
LISTER	3 YEARS	SALLY ACHEY
AUDITOR	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 YEARS	STEVEN A. HARRINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION (1 YR REMAINS)	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
PLANNING COMMISSION (2 YRS REMAIN)	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	KRISTAL HIER
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	GLENN TARBELL
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 YRS REMAIN)	3 YEARS	NO CANDIDATE
TRUSTEE COPELAND CHURCH FUND	1 YEAR	RITA HANSEN
TRUSTEE COPELAND CEMETERY FUND	1 YEAR	JOHN C. WEATHERHOGG
TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & PUBLIC MONIES	3 YEARS	JOHN C. WEATHERHOGG

<u>SCHOOL (WSUUSD) OFFICES</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE(S)</u>
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – WELLS	3 YEARS	ERIC MONTBRIAND
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – MIDDLETOWN SP	3 YEARS	MARY E. PLUNKETT
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – AT LARGE	3 YEARS	MEREDITH MORGAN HEATHER THOMAS

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Annual School District Meeting February 28, 2024 and March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Middletown Springs and Wells, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School in said Town or virtually at the following link: meet.google.com/bqm-fmov-ehs or Join by phone (US) +1 513-666-7143 PIN: 447 803 202# at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, to transact any of the following business (Articles 1-6) not involving voting by Australian ballot. All virtual attendees will be considered passive participants that will be allowed to ask questions and comment during the meeting. **Virtual attendees will not be allowed to vote. Only in-person attendees will be able to vote.** Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Middletown Springs and from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Wells at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot (Articles 7-9).

February 28, 2024

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| Article 1. | To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 2. | To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 3. | To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year. |
| Article 4. | To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon. |
| Article 5. | To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2024-2025 budget. |
| Article 6. | To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting. |

March 5, 2024

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| Article 7. | A. To elect one school director from the Town of Middletown Springs for a term of three (3) years.
B. To elect one school director from the Town of Wells for a term of three (3) years
C. To elect one school director at large for a term of three (3) years |
| Article 8. | School Budget: Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$6,043,373.01 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? |

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer up to fifty percent (50%) of fiscal year 2023 year-end surplus, **not to exceed \$65,000** to the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund?

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

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

Polling Places and Times

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

Approved by the Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and Dated at Wells, Vermont this 3rd day of January 2024.


Eric Montbriand, Board Chair

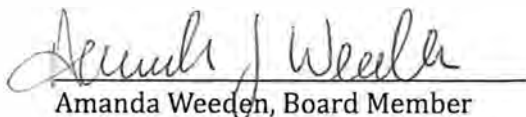

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Sue Burke, Board Member



George Gonda, Board Member


Matt Heering, Board Member


Amanda Weeden, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this

18 day of January 2024


Wells Springs Unified Union School District Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
NOTES

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

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

REMINDER

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Middletown Springs Elementary School
15 School House Road, Middletown Springs, VT

Join Remotely with Google Meet

meet.google.com/bqm-fmov-ehs

Join by Phone

(US) +1 513-666-/143 PIN: 44/803 202#

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

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

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

In order to ensure a smooth annual meeting, we are encouraging community members to submit their questions in advance. These questions will be answered during the annual meeting. Your questions can be submitted to Kristine McGuiness at kristine.mcguiness@grcsu.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Wednesday, February 28 : Wells Springs Board of School Directors Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES)
Or Virtually or by phone (See inside back cover for details)
- **Monday, March 4: Pre-Town Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at MSES**
For landline, smartphone or computer access instructions
please reference page 70 of this Town Report
- **Monday, March 4: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot**
Middletown Springs Town Office open until 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 5: Town Meeting & Presidential Primary Vote!**
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Office