



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX VERMONT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Current reports of the Town Officers and Town School
District for the year ended June 30, 2017

**Town Meeting is at the Rumney School and
starts at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

Please bring this book with you!



TOWN MEETING CHILD CARE

Child care for pre-K through 6th grade children will be available at the Rumney School so that parents can attend Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required. Please be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break (by Friday 2/23).

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

PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the town meeting to those who can't attend the meeting in person (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). No technical expertise needed! And we can provide any necessary equipment. With a mix of internet and phone technologies, these voters can not only hear and see, but also speak at, the meeting. Do you know someone who would like to participate in the Middlesex Town Meeting from a remote location? Please contact Janette Shaffer, rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-989-2477 (by Friday 2/23).

IF YOU NEED A RIDE...

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

DID SOMEONE SAY PIE?

Saturday March 31st from 9-11am, Rumney Memorial School, \$7/person, under age of 3 is free.

New this year! Bring an item for the food shelf to receive \$1 off admission.
We still encourage bringing your own plate/cup/utensils!

Volunteers and Pie Makers wanted!

Contact April Davis at: apelch03@hotmail.com for more information.

TOWN MEETING DINNER

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

When: Tuesday, March 6

(Meal begins right after Town Meeting)

Where: Rumney School

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

Proceeds benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf.

Menu:

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



Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Middlesex Food Shelf will be collected on Town Meeting Day. Please bring an item if you would like to make a donation.

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

COVER IMAGE: The whimsical, naive, sometimes abstract paintings by Middlesex resident Yvonne Straus present the viewer with seasonal scenes of nature and animals. Yvonne believes there is an inner child lurking inside all of us, trying to express itself on canvas. Her artwork is always innocent, very colorful and playful. Yvonne's medium is mostly watercolor or acrylic; recently she added pen and pencil to her creativity. Her unique art is spiced with a mixture of several cultures: European, South American and North American. Enjoy! To contact Yvonne send her an email at: easel@gmavt.net.

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TOWN OF MIDDLESEX FEES

ZONING AND ACCESS PERMIT FEES

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

Applications for Zoning Permits and Access Permits are at the Town Clerk’s Office or online at: www.middlesexvermont.org.

ZONING FEES:

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

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

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

HEARINGS:

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

ACCESS PERMITS:

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

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

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1, 2018.

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

If registered after April 1, 2018:

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

MARRIAGE LICENSE:	\$ 60.00
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RECORDING FEES:

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS - KEEP THEM HANDY!

Middlesex Fire Department.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Middlesex Fire Department.....	Non-Emergency	223-5525
Middlesex Fast Squad.....		Dial 911
Montpelier Ambulance.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	Non-Emergency	229-9191
Zoning Administrator.....		760-9674
Fire Warden (Burn Permits): Contact Jason Merrill.....		793-6069

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Office..... 223-5915
 Fax..... 223-1298
 Clerk Email: mdxclerk@comcast.net
 Asst. Clerk Email: mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net
 Treasurer/Tax Collector Email: middlesxtreas@comcast.net
 Website: www.middlesexvermont.org

LISTERS:

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

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

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

MEETING SCHEDULES

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

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

All numbers are 802 area code unless otherwise noted.

Animal Control Officer:

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

Bandstand: "Martha Pellerin & Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand"

John Puleio, 229-0881

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Dorinda Crowell, 223-7781

Cemetery Contacts:

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

Middlesex Center Cemetery

(Lot Sales): Earle Ellingwood, 223-7555

Central VT Regional Planning

Comm. Rep.: Ron Krauth, 229-5496

Central VT Solid Waste Management

Dist. Rep.: Anita Krauth, 229-5496

Central VT Solid Waste Management

Dist. Office: 229-9383,
www.cvswwmd.com

Churches:

Middlesex United Methodist Church
223-5118, www.middlesexUMC.org

Shady Rill Baptist Church:

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

E-911 Coordinator: Maryke Gillis,
223-5915

Emergency Phone Numbers:

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

Use these numbers for non-emergencies:

Fire Chief: Doug Hanson, 229-6361
Fire Warden: Jason Merrill, 793-6069
Emergency Management Coordinator:
Paul Otenti, 505-5272
VT State Police (K-Troop): 229-9191

Food Shelf:

(Middlesex United Methodist Church)
Ethan Scharf: escharf18@gmail.com
Cricket Liebermann:
cliebermann18@gmail.com

Girls/Boyz First!! Community-Based

Mentoring Program: Wendy
Freundlich, 229-4798

Green Up Day:

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

Health Officer: Liz Fortman, 249-1058

Historical Society:

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

Justices of the Peace:

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

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)

Listers:

Richard Alderman, 223-3953
Amy Whitehorne, 229-2082
Eric Young, 229-9908

Meals on Wheels (for Middlesex):

Karol Smith, 244-1234
director@wasca.org

Moderator: Susan Clark, 223-5824

Recreation Director: Mitch Osiecki,
760-9674

Road Commissioner: Steve Martin,
371-8697

Road Foreman:

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

Town Service Officer: Liz Scharf,
223-9189

Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds:
Dorinda Crowell, 223-7781

**Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters
Reservations:**

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

Zoning Administrator: Mitch Osiecki,
760-9674

Middlesex Boards and Committees**Budget Committee**

Barry Bolio, 229-0433
Ruth Dockter, 229-5744
Bill Dorigan, 223-1030

Elias Gardner, 778-0899
George Longenecker, 229-9787

Conservation Commission:

Richard Alderman, 223-3953
Sorsha Anderson, 595-0069
Larry Becker, 229-0296
Heather Katz, Treasurer, 613-3174
Ross Lieblappen, 781-424-7268
George Longenecker, Vice Chair,
229-9787
Lee Rosberg, Chair, 309-1629
Dave Shepard, Secretary, 229-1744

Planning Commission:

Richard Alderman, Secretary, 223-3953
Barry Bolio, Vice Chair, 229-0433
Steve Martin, Chair, 371-8697
Mitch Osiecki, 760-9674
Troy Sumner, 793-2273

Select Board:

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

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

Town Meeting Solutions Committee:
Susan Clark, 223-5824

**Wrightsville Beach Recreation District
Board:** Jane Dudley, 229-0177

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

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

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)

School Contacts**Rumney School:**

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

Rumney School Board:

Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge, Chair, 223-5181
Karoline May, Clerk, 868-0031
Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
Woden Teachout, Vice Chair, 223-3606
Brian Tagliaferro, 249-6572

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

Rumney PTO: Pascale Stephani, 225-8902

U-32 High School:

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OFFICE	NAME	EXPIRES	TERM
Moderator	Susan Clark	2018	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2018	3 yr
	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair	2019	3 yr
	Phil Hyjek	2020	3 yr
	Steven K. Martin	2019	2 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf	2018	2 yr
Rumney School Board	Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge, Chair	2018	3 yr
	Woden Teachout, Vice Chair	2019	2 yr
	Karoline May	2019	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2018	2 yr
	Brian Tagliaferro	2019	3 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2019	3 yr
Budget Committee	Barry Bolio	2019	3 yr
	Ruth Dockter	2019	3 yr
	William Dorigan	2018	3 yr
	Elias Gardner	2019	3 yr
	George Longenecker	2018	3 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr
	Amy Whitehorne (appointed)*	2020	3 yr
	Eric Young	2019	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2020	3 yr
Treasurer	Dorinda Crowell	2018	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Dorinda Crowell	2018	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Dorinda Crowell	2018	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Todd Daloz	2018	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Evelyn Gant	2019	3 yr
	Janet McKinstry	2018	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2020	3 yr
Planning Commission	Steve Martin, Chair	2020	3 yr
	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr
	Barry Bolio	2019	3 yr
	Mitch Osiecki*	2018	3 yr
	Troy Sumner	2019	3 yr

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer	Erika Holm
Assistant Town Clerk	Maryke Gillis
Board of Adjustment	(Chair) John Demeter (Vice Chair) Daniel Crisp Charlene Bohl Roger Hirt Phil Hyjek
Central VT Regional Planning Commissioner	Ron Krauth
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Representative	Anita Krauth
Conservation Commission	(Chair) Lee Rosberg Dick Alderman Sorsha Anderson Larry Becker Heather Katz Ross Lieblappen George Longenecker Dave Shepard
E-911 Coordinator	Maryke Gillis
Emergency Management Committee	(Coord.) Paul Otenti Paul Cerminara Liz Fortman Erika Holm Jeff Koonz Chris McVeigh
Fire Warden	Jason Merrill
Health Officers	Elizabeth Fortman (Asst.) Erika Holm
Recreation Director	Mitch Osiecki
Road Commissioner	Steve Martin
Town Service Officer	Liz Scharf
Wrightsville Beach Board Member	Jane Dudley
Zoning Administrator.....	Mitch Osiecki

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 6, 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Rumney School gym.)

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town voters authorize all property taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in two equal installments as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2018, and the second installment will be due on or before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 20, 2018, and February 20, 2019, accordingly? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)

ARTICLE 7: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

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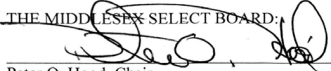
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Middlesex enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,731 (equivalent to \$1 per Middlesex resident) to support the Cross Trail Vermont Association's efforts to construct 2.75 miles of universally accessible trails and a 200-foot-long pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the Winooski River that will be located on and adjacent to U-32 School property and will connect the school trails with the regional trail network? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 for Home Share Now? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$29,801 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,915 to support the following organizations:
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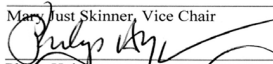
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Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$199.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

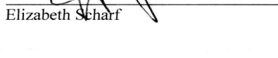
THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:


Peter O. Hood, Chair


Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

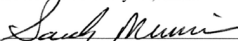

Philip Hyjek


Steven Martin


Elizabeth Scharf

Signed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 23, 2018.

I attest that this Warning for the 2018 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 24, 2018.


Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 6, 2018

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

<p>TREASURER</p> <p>Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>DORINDA CROWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD</p> <p>Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>PETER O. HOOD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY COMMISSION</p> <p>Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>JANET H. MCKINSTRY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p>Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>DORINDA CROWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD</p> <p>Vote for not 2-year term more than ONE</p> <p>ELIZABETH SCHARF <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>LISTER</p> <p>Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>RICHARD ALDERMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</p> <p>Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>DORINDA CROWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>Vote for not 3-year term more than TWO</p> <p>WILLIAM DORIGAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GEORGE LONGENECKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>LISTER</p> <p>Vote for not 2 years of a 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>AMY WHITEHORNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>Vote for not 3-year term more than TWO</p> <p>MITCH OSIECKI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>VOTE BOTH SIDES</p>		

SELECT BOARD REPORT

The old saying that life is what happens when you're making plans is never truer than when it comes to running a municipal government. Sometimes, the highest and best use of a Select Board is to ensure that the roads are maintained, the fire department has adequate equipment, the Town offices are computerized and, yes, dogs are made to behave. Below are some of the highlights from the Select Board's busy 2017.

FY2017-18 BUDGET: With Dorinda Crowell taking over the reins as Treasurer from Cindy Carlson who stepped down in January, the Board approved a proposed 2017-18 budget of \$1,099,071 that represented a modest increase of just 2.27%. The voters would go on to approve this figure at the March 7, 2017, Town Meeting. Not so successful at Town Meeting was the Board's request to extend the Treasurer term from one to three years; the voters kept it at one. (For a detailed explanation of the proposed budget being placed before the voters at the March 6, 2018, Town Meeting, please see ***FY2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW*** following this report.)

REFURBISHED TANKER FOR THE MVFD: The Board also decided to ask the voters to approve borrowing no more than \$120,000 to purchase a refurbished tanker for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department to replace one that was no longer road worthy. The voters approved the article. However, subsequent research revealed that a ballot vote was needed in order to borrow money more than five years for a capital purchase or improvement that was not, basically, a piece of highway equipment. So, a special election was held May 2nd, the authorization to borrow the money for no more than ten years was approved and on July 27th the Board approved the purchase of a tanker assembled by Vermont Fire Technologies from a used chassis. The MVFD took possession of the tanker in November.

NEW DUMP TRUCK: Unlike the new tanker, purchasing a new 10-wheel 2018 International HX620 dump truck with plow for a total of \$126,774 was relatively easy. The Highway Department traded in the troublesome 2010 International, took possession of the new truck after July 1st and put it to extensive use on the snowy December roads.

APPROVAL OF UPDATED LAND USE REGULATIONS: Sort of. The Planning Commission's efforts over the prior two years to update and clarify the Middlesex Land Use Regulations (zoning) came to fruition with the third and final public hearing in January. The Board decided to accept the PC's recommendation to change the wording in one section, but to otherwise keep the District Tables the same after several members of the community protested that the regulations could not substantially change without a new Town Plan. The PC has been working on bringing a Town Plan to the voters, perhaps by the November 2018 General Election or the March 2019 Town Meeting.

DOGS: They may be "man's best friend," but that's not always the case when it comes to annoying dogs and the Select Board. Such was the situation on Wood Road when a resident complained that a neighbor's four dogs were running around and barking at all hours. After

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the Board sent the dog owner a letter ordering her to license her dogs and held a public hearing on the matter last spring, the owner set things right. With the help of Animal Control Officer Erika Holm, she gave up two dogs for adoption, licensed the remaining two and installed an electric fence. The neighbors were able to sleep in peace with their windows open. Another crisis averted!

SHADY RILL PARK: The small park at the bottom of Shady Rill Road was a pocket of contention in 2016 when its owner, the State of Vermont, indicated it wanted no more to do with opening and closing the gate and maintaining the grounds. There had been discussion with the Board about the Town assuming control of the park, at least on a trial basis. But then research revealed that an original contract with the Army Corps of Engineers mandated that the State maintain and control the park in perpetuity. So that was that.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL: Hired professional appraiser Rich Lewis told the Board in April that the usual posting of the Grand List at the beginning of June would have to be put off until the beginning of July. That's because there was still so much number crunching to do on the two-year, town-wide reappraisal. The extra time, approved by the Select Board and later by the State, was worth it. Only a handful of owners grieved their new property valuations to the Board of Civil Authority and the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) rose from 93.67% to 101.24%, which may help ease the burden (slightly) when the state assigns the education portion of the Middlesex tax rate at the end of June 2018.

UPGRADING THE TOWN'S COMPUTER SYSTEM: In the wake of several serious (and expensive) computer breaches in other Vermont towns, Board Member Phil Hyjek and Chair Peter Hood worked with RB Technologies to update the Town's antiquated server and provide related work for \$14,865. The new server was installed in November with an upgraded work station for the Town Clerk to follow at a cost of \$1,669.

THE 2017 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE: Was lower than the previous year at 0.4171. Thanks to an increase in the Grand List value (see above –Town-Wide Reappraisal) the Homestead education tax rate was set at 1.6613 and the Non-Residential at 1.4794. With the local agreement (to offset the property taxes of disabled veterans), that brought the total Homestead rate to 2.0809 and the Total Non-Residential Rate at 1.8990.

REVISING THE TOWN CLASS 4 ROADS AND TRAILS POLICY: When it comes to improving Class 4 roads and trails, too much improving can be a dirty business. In response to a memo from Scott Skinner objecting to the widening and grading of Leland Farm Road on which he lives, the Board clarified portions of the Town's Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy to allow for more public notification when the Road Commissioner grants permission to private land owners who want to take it upon themselves to upgrade their abutting Class 4 roads and/or trails. Also, permission is a one-time deal and does not give a person carte blanche to continually improve the road.

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APPOINTMENTS: Finally, the Board appointed several civic-minded townspeople to fill numerous vacant positions. With the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Mitch Osiecki was appointed Zoning Administrator for three years. The Board appointed Assistant Clerk Maryke Gillis as the Town's E-9-1-1 coordinator. New resident Paul Otenti was appointed Emergency Management Coordinator after David Jablonski resigned. With the Conservation Commission's recommendation, Sorsha Anderson was appointed to join the MCC. The Board appointed new resident Amy Whitehorne to the position of Lister after no one ran for the seat at the March 2017 Town Meeting and ZA Mitch Osiecki was appointed to the Planning Commission to replace the seat vacated by John Krezinski.

FY2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

For the past few years we have been able to keep budget increases below 3 percent; however, development of the FY 2019 budget presented several challenges that ultimately lead us to decide to present the voters with a budget that has increased by 5.59 percent. Below, please find an overview of changes that have contributed to the increase.

General Government increased by 4.36 percent due to the anticipated increase in election costs and new line item for Welch Park.

Administration shows a 12.6 percent increase for two reasons. After much consideration, the Select Board decided to raise the wage rate for all part-time employees to \$20.00 per hour. These positions are critical to the functioning of the town (zoning, animal control, recreation, etc.) providing services that our residents need and want. In addition, we found that most of these positions were requiring a great deal more time than we had previously allocated so we analyzed each position and subsequently increased the budget to reflect the actual time that we expect will be spent performing these duties.

Public Safety increased by 4.14 percent for the reasons discussed in *Administration* but also due to increases in the cost of our ambulance contract.

The *Fire Department* was able to hold their overall increase to 2.94 percent despite their debt service increase of 6.76 percent and by reducing their general budget by 1.42 percent.

The *Public Works* budget only increased by 4.64 percent, despite a 21.28 percent in debt service. Also, please note that the Public Works Department has developed a new highly detailed budget format.

Recreation has increased by 13.02 percent because of the increased wage rate, increased hours and increased maintenance.

Zoning shows an astonishing increase of 248.62 percent; however, you should be aware that this represents an increase of \$5,507 dollars. Again, the increased wage rate and increased hours are the contributing factors leading to this increase.

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Our town budget is not very complex, but it is still a challenge for the Select Board to develop a budget that will provide for the health, safety and enjoyment of our neighbors, and still be affordable. This year's increase is larger than those in the recent past; however, we also felt that we could not reduce services and still operate effectively and efficiently.

One final note: you might notice that the Warning for the March 6, 2018, Town Meeting does not include an article to consider offering a 1% discount to those who pay their property taxes in full within 30 days of billing. There are many reasons why the Select Board has decided to eliminate this discount, which was first proposed to the Town voters in 1934 at 4% in the middle of the Great Depression.

Since then, the discount offered has fluctuated from that original high to the current rate of 1%. Meanwhile, the tax year has changed. Instead of payments due in full by or on November 20th of every year, since 2010, the Town has offered two tax payment periods – in September and February of the following calendar year, thereby bringing in cash sooner after the fiscal year begins on July 1.

Finally, even the 1% discount increases everyone's Town taxes, especially for those who are unable to pay in full - unlike banks that escrow and commercial enterprises. Last year, the discount resulted in an expense to the town of \$16,000. Perhaps this is why Middlesex is one of only three towns in Vermont to offer this discount that originated during this country's most dire financial crisis to date.

The Middlesex Select Board holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Please join us. We look forward to your comments and recommendations on how to better help our wonderful town.

Sincerely,

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD: *Chair, Peter O. Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Phil Hyjek, Steve Martin and Liz Scharf with Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

As with most non-election years, 2017 was devoted to organization and recording since archiving is a huge - and important - part of the town clerk's duty. To this end, the Select Board passed a Town Records Retention Policy, the first step in clarifying what town records must be kept either permanently, for a certain period of time, or destroyed. Without it, state statutes are so vague and unclear that even trashing a Post-It with a random telephone number could be a jailable offense (caution: hyperbole). A group of town clerks continue to work with the Vermont State Archives to create a more thorough schedule.

Due to an often overlooked statute that requires votes by paper ballot for any capital purchase financed for more than five years (that is not a piece of road equipment), we needed to hold a Special Election on May 2nd for authorization to purchase a refurbished tanker for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department that did not exceed \$120,000. The article passed by a vote of 75 to 19, thereby ratifying the voice vote taken at the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting.

Crack Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis, who records all the land records, etc., was appointed by the Select Board in January as the Town's E-9-1-1 Coordinator. Anyone who has benefitted from Maryke's keen memory and map abilities understands how lucky we are to have her assume this tangled task. Over the years, some houses have ended up with wonky addresses which make life difficult for first responders – and, especially, to those anxiously awaiting their responses. She has straightened out many of those and successfully worked with residents of our many numbered private roads – PRs – to adopt unique names, such as Wrenwood Lane. We hope for more.

A spike in sales last year confirmed our anecdotal evidence that Middlesex is growing in popularity. In 2016 there were 44 property transfers; in 2017 there were 75. More properties were sold via the internet than in recent years, which meant Sunday night phone calls from prospective buyers searching for inside information from our town records. I'm thinking maybe we should start charging commissions (caution: hyperbole).

One of the highlights of the year was a field trip from the 3rd and 4th graders at Rumney Elementary School to explore town records and how they relate to the permanent inhabitants of our historic cemeteries. Maryke led the class, relying on the Middlesex Historical Society's excellent town history: *Middlesex in the Making* (\$20). The class discussed when Middlesex was settled (1763) and its first residents. They even touched on the (true story) of the man who turned to stone! Then the young students – all of whom were polite and,

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occasionally, hysterical – compared records from the vault to tombstones in the local cemeteries. Very cool.

Speaking of the vault, I am sad to report that we are about to exceed capacity. We are rapidly running out of space for the records that by statute we must store there. Yes, digitizing records since February 2011 has helped somewhat, but the cost of transferring the rest will be more than \$40,000 and will not adequately address our cramped quarters. We need to think about building another vault on top of this vault and moving the Town offices upstairs in Town Hall, a huge project, I know.

But I'm stumped for alternatives. We are open to suggestions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve; it has been a pleasure and an honor. Also, our office has free candy and a little free library. Please come and visit. (And don't forget to license your dogs by April 1st!)

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT

It's hard to recap on construction work from this past summer when, as I write this on January 5, 2018, we prepare to dip into what is forecasted to be the coldest wind-chill record of the year. Possibly -30 -40 below zero! Never a fun thought and it's at a time like this where I give all the praise in the world to hard-working plumbers and heating technicians, not to mention all the fuel oil and propane delivery drivers.

Let's get back to a sunnier and certainly warmer time shall we? This summer started out very busy. Our mud season unfortunately was long and drawn out. Many of our remaining trouble spots for mud mitigation came out with a vengeance. We had to close a small section of Portal Road towards Bolduc Road because the mud became impassable. Fortunately, it fell on a weekend and Monday was a holiday. By the time buses needed to travel, the road was back open. Luckily for us, that spot was on our hit list for mud mitigation. When we excavated the trouble area, we were not surprised to find the typical culprits: clay and water. Through several sections of underdrainage, road fabric, and quality sub-base material, we're anxious to see how it performs this year. It's been a very bad spot for many years and we'll be excited to have it back in shape! We also stripped the overburden from another trouble section towards the middle of Portal Road in preparation for full mitigation this summer. You can find a list of this year's road plan in the next few pages.

We completed removing roadside brush on McCullough Hill Road in the beginning of the summer construction season. We had plans to ditch, replace culverts, and resurface the road, but a very wet and ultimately potent storm stopped us from completing our goal. Damage to several roads in town meant we had to delay finishing McCullough Hill Road until summer of 2018. Along with finishing this road, we're trying to get back to some of our maintenance that has lagged because of larger projects. This year, you'll be seeing work getting done on several roads in town. Minus the small mud mitigation areas, you'll see fast moving ditching projects and shoulder removal projects. These will be relatively low impact regarding traffic delays. But we will be covering a lot of the Town throughout the summer. I'll be diligent about posting where we'll be during the week and it would certainly be beneficial to take an alternate route if possible.

We've also found that trying to keep up with our roadside brush is a losing battle. As most of you know, many of our roads are being encroached with brush and vegetation. This year, we will be doing more mechanized roadside brush cutting where possible. These areas will only stretch back as far as the right of way, no further than in the past. We're hoping to get things back to a manageable point. Also, keeping brush cut down improves driver and pedestrian safety. All while keeping manageable ditches that allow for clean water flow. As always, thanks to the Middlesex Select Board and all the residents of Middlesex for your support in keeping our roads safe in all weather conditions!

Sincerely,

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

FOUR-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN

Summer 2018**May & June – Full Service**

West Hill & Macey Road

July – Mud Mitigation

East Hill Road

August & September – Full Service

North Bear Swamp Road, South Bear Swamp Road

October – Full Service

Notch Road

Summer 2019**May – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

June – Service Work

Center Road

July – Service Work

East Hill Road

August – Service Work

French Road

September – Mud Season Mitigation

To Be Determined

October – Service Work

Culver Hill Road

Summer 2020**May – Service Work**

Lower Sunny Brook Road, Lower Barnett Hill Road

June – Pavement Preparation

Center Road

July – Paving & Finish Work

Center Road

August – Mud Season Mitigation

Center Road

September – Mud Season Mitigation

Portal Road

October – Service Work

Culver Hill Road

Summer 2021**May – Service Work**

East Hill Road

June – Service Work

Daniel's Farm Road

July – Service Work

Norton Road

August – Service Work

3 Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road, Rich Road

September – Service Work

Upper Sunny Brook Road & Davy Road

October – Mud Season Mitigation

To Be Determined

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

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

Mud Season Mitigation = Excavation, drainage, fabric, gravel

Service Work = Shoulder cutting, ditching, culvert replacement

CAPITAL PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Equipment Name	Replacement Schedule	Year of Replacement
2009 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	7Years	Summer 2018
1997 Caterpillar 140H Grader	10 Years	2020
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	7 Years	2021
2008 Kobelco 140 SR Excavator	10 Years	2022
2014 GMC Sierra 2500 Pick-Up	8 Years	2022
2018 International Dump Truck	7 Years	2024
2014 Komatsu WA-270 Loader	12 Years	2026
1968 GMC 6500 Chloride Truck	As needed	No Date
1989 Morbar Chipper	As needed	No Date
2007 Caterpillar 420 E Backhoe	As needed	No Date



The Notch Road looking good! Photo: Maryke Gillis

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Town of Middlesex, Vermont Budget Committee Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2019

Town Proposed Budget for FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2019 is \$ 1,160,515. This equates to a 5.59% increase over the FY 2018 budget of \$ 1,099,071. The Select Board devoted a substantial amount of time considering the proposed budget for FY 2019 and feels that the 5.59% increase is appropriate. The most notable factors of the budget increase are as follows: 1) a 12.6 percent increase in Administration attributable to the Select Board's decision to raise the wage rate for part-time employees (zoning, animal control, recreation, etc) to better reflect an appropriate wage for the critical services performed by these employees, and also to better reflect the actual hours performed by these employees each year; 2) increases in part-time wages in Public Safety, Public Works, and Recreation for the same reason; 3) increased debt service for the Fire Department due to equipment debt service, and 4) an increase for Zoning in its work load.

This budget does not include special articles, which are subject to voters' approval at town meeting. The Budget Committee would like to thank the Select Board for all its hard work and recommends approval of this budget. Please feel free to contact any member of the Select Board with your questions regarding the budget.

Rumney School and U-32 Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

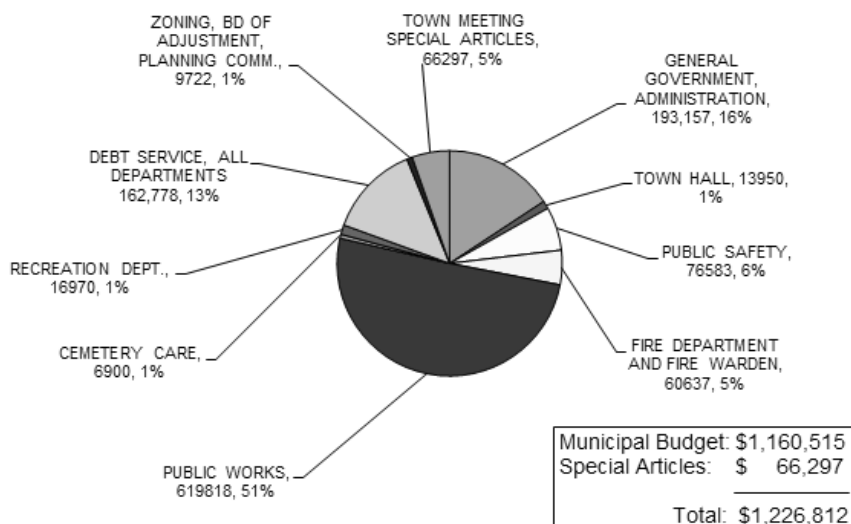
The proposed 2018-2019 Rumney School budget of \$3,266,283 represents an increase of 3.40% over the previous year. The Rumney School Budget includes the addition of a reading position and \$90,000 for the building maintenance fund to meet ongoing maintenance requirements and prevent the need for a bond in the future. The proposed 2018-2019 U-32 budget of \$14,833,943 represents an increase of 3.7% over the previous year. The combined budgets total a projected tax increase of \$39 per \$100k in Homestead property value. Local tax increases are significantly influenced by recent changes to the Common Level of Appraisal and statewide tax impacts to be finalized by the legislature this spring.

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

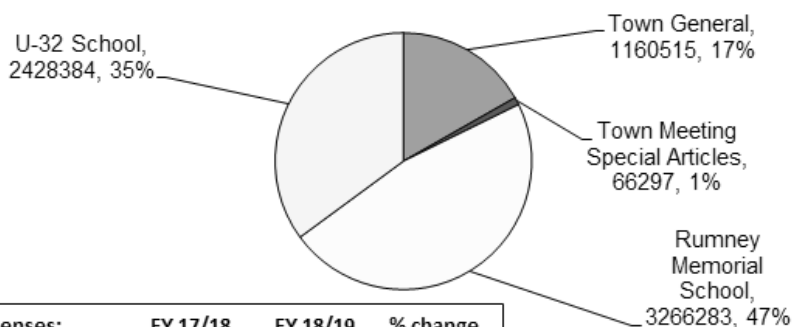
BUDGET REPORT: WHERE THE \$ GOES

Town of Middlesex - Municipal Budget FY JULY 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

See line by line detail on Town Budget Pages



Where it Goes Total Middlesex Expenses FY18/ 19 \$6,921,479



Expenses:	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	% change
Town General	\$1,099,071	\$1,160,515	5.59%
Special Articles	\$63,071	\$66,297	5.11%
Rumney School	\$3,158,817	\$3,266,283	3.40%
U-32 School	\$2,414,200	\$2,428,384	.59%
Total Expense	\$6,735,159	\$6,921,479	2.77%

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX PROJECTED SALARIES

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budgeted Salaries			
Select Board			Position currently held by:
	Chairman	\$ 780.00	Peter Hood
	Vice Chair	\$ 624.00	Mary Just Skinner
	Road Commissioner	\$ 780.00	Steven Martin
	Member	\$ 624.00	Elizabeth Scharf
	Member	\$ 624.00	Philip Hyjek
	SB Assisitant	\$ 20,547.00	Sarah Merriman
Administration			
	Clerk	\$ 19,772.00	Sarah Merriman
	Assistant Clerk	\$ 14,017.00	Maryke Gillis
	Treasurer	\$ 7,623.00	Dorinda Crowell
	Bookeeper	\$ 10,298.00	Patti Lewis
Listers			
	Lister	\$ 3,491.00	Richard Alderman
	Lister	\$ 4,364.00	Eric Young
	Lister	\$ 4,364.00	Amy Whitehorne
Highway			
	Foreman	\$ 58,134.00	Paul Cerminara
	Crew	\$ 47,828.00	Bruce Fitch
	Crew	\$ 47,828.00	Jay Files
	Crew	\$ 44,997.00	Tyler Wells
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 2,509.00	Dorinda Crowell
Zoning Administrator		\$ 6,916.00	Mitch Osiecki
Recreation Director		\$ 5,290.00	Mitch Osiecki
Animal Control Officer		\$ 1,040.00	Erika Holm
Health Officer		\$ 1,040.00	Elizabeth Fortman
TOTAL		\$ 303,490.00	

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Wages: Selectboard	\$ 3,213	\$ 3,366	\$ 3,277	\$ 3,434	4.79%
Wages: Payroll Tax			\$ 246	\$ 262	6.50%
Wages: Selectboard Clerk	\$ 0	\$ 21,962	\$ 20,032	\$ 20,547	2.57%
Wages: Payroll Tax(SS&MED)			\$ 1,533	\$ 1,572	2.53%
Wages: Retirement			\$ 1,102	\$ 1,130	2.54%
Insurance: Health			\$ 7,500	\$ 5,876	-21.65%
Insurance: Property & Casualty			\$ 9,000	\$ 9,825	9.17%
Insurance: Workers Compensation			\$ 400	\$ 386	-3.50%
Insurance: Unemployment Comp			\$ 100	\$ 154	54.00%
Advertising/Printing	\$ 2,300	\$ 831	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%
Selectboard Courses	\$ 0	\$ 240	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Town Property Maintenance	\$ 0	\$ 315	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Welch Park	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	
Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,639	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.00%
Legal Fees	\$ 4,000	\$ 796	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0.00%
Town Report	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,761	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,950	1.72%
VLCT Dues	\$ 2,854	\$ 2,854	\$ 2,953	\$ 3,017	2.17%
County Tax	\$ 16,605	\$ 16,605	\$ 16,924	\$ 17,401	2.82%
CV Solid Waste	\$ 3,514	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,757	0.00%
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,956	2.73%
Conservation Commission	\$ 500	\$ 455	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Elections	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,259	\$ 600	\$ 2,500	316.67%
Misc Expense		\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Tax Abatements	\$ 0	\$ 83	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 43,990	\$ 58,829	\$ 81,228	\$ 84,767	4.36%
TOWN INSURANCES					
Workers Comp	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,067	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Unemployment Comp	\$ 750	\$ 554	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Property & Casualty	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,644	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN INSURANCES	\$ 47,750	\$ 45,265	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Social Security	\$ 16,700	\$ 14,270	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Medicare	\$ 3,906	\$ 3,337	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Retirement	\$ 12,810	\$ 12,825	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Life/ADD Insurance	\$ 3,312	\$ 291	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Health Insurance	\$ 37,300	\$ 38,530	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Long Term Disability		\$ 909	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 74,028	\$ 70,163	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
ADMINISTRATION					
Office: Wages (Clerk, Ass't Clerk, Treas, Bookkeeper)	\$ 74,320	\$ 43,846	\$ 45,000	\$ 51,709	14.91%
O/S: Payroll Tax (SS&MED)			\$ 3,433	\$ 3,956	15.23%
O/S: Retirement			\$ 1,102	\$ 1,087	-1.32%
O/S: Unemployment			\$ 0	\$ 211	
O/S Insurance: Health			\$ 7,500	\$ 5,645	-24.73%
O/S Insurance: Life/LTD/AD&D			\$ 480	\$ 371	-22.71%
O/S Insurance: Workers Comp			\$ 0	\$ 386	368.00%
Listers: Wages	\$ 0	\$ 5,548	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,219	62.92%
Listers Payroll Tax (SS&MED)			\$ 1,050	\$ 935	-10.95%
Delinquent Tax Collector: Wages			\$ 0	\$ 2,510	
Del Tax Collector: Payroll Taxes			\$ 0	\$ 211	
Clerical Mileage	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019	Change
ADMINISTRATION (continued)					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,478	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%
Equipment Repair	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Equipment Purchase	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Telephone	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,467	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	0.00%
Postage	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,738	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%
Auditing	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,950	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	0.00%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$ 300	\$ 245	\$ 300	\$ 300	0.00%
Listing Mapping	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 750	\$ 750	0.00%
Copier Lease	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,931	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	0.00%
Computer Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,038	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.00%
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Sub Total Admin	\$ 99,670	\$ 79,009	\$ 95,215	\$ 108,390	13.84%
Debt Service					
ACS Recording Loan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 960	\$ 0	-100.00%
ACS Recording Interest	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 84	\$ 0	-100.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 99,670	\$ 79,009	\$ 96,259	\$ 108,390	12.60%
TOWN HALL					
Electricity	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,202	\$ 2,226	\$ 2,250	1.08%
Heat	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,569	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Grounds	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,709	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%
Building Repairs	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,781	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%
Street Lights	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,145	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	0.00%
Janitorial		\$ 100	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$ 14,700	\$ 11,505	\$ 13,926	\$ 13,950	0.17%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Wages: Health Officer	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,040	
Wages: Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,040	4.00%
P/S : Payroll Tax (SS & MED)			\$ 114	\$ 159	39.47%
Courses/Seminars	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.00%
Ambulance	\$ 61,810	\$ 62,777	\$ 63,974	\$ 65,894	3.00%
Speed Enforcement	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,640	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0.00%
Dog Pound	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.00%
Emergency Management	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.00%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 72,160	\$ 68,419	\$ 73,538	\$ 76,583	4.14%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
FD-Insurance: Property & Casualty			\$ 8,200	\$ 7,370	-10.12%
FD-Insurance: Workers Compensation			\$ 1,800	\$ 1,280	-28.89%
FD-Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 113	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.00%
FD-Equipment Repair	\$ 7,250	\$ 4,287	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,000	-26.32%
FD-Equipment Purchase	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,531	\$ 6,000	32.42%
FD-Telephone	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,061	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	0.00%
FD-Fast Squad	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,015	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.00%
FD-Electricity	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,218	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	0.00%
FD-Fuel - Heat	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,527	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%
FD-Building Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,893	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	-40.00%
FD-Radio Dispatch	\$ 19,470	\$ 19,996	\$ 19,882	\$ 22,387	12.60%
FD-VSFA/Dues/Accounting/Training	\$ 1,750	\$ 940			
FD-VSFA /Capital Fire Dues			\$ 490	\$ 490	0.00%
FD-501c Legal & Accounting			\$ 450	\$ 450	0.00%
FD-Training (\$100 per member)			\$ 810	\$ 810	0.00%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.00%

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019	Change
FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)					
FD-GAS & Diesel	\$ 2,500	\$ 512	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
FD-Stipends	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%
FD-Communication/Radio	\$ 1,200	\$ 704	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.00%
E911 Signs	\$ 0	\$ (262)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
FD Sub-Total	\$ 50,220	\$ 41,929	\$ 61,513	\$ 60,637	-1.42%
FIRE DEPARTMENT DEBT SERVICE					
Fire Station Bond	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%
Fire Station Interest	\$ 23,357	\$ 22,791	\$ 20,583	\$ 20,583	0.00%
Freightliner Tanker - PRIN	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 10,400	100.00%
Freightliner Tanker - INT	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 2,100	100.00%
1998 Fire Truck	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	-100.00%
1998 Fire Truck Interest	\$ 750	\$ 402	\$ 200	\$ 0	-100.00%
Equipment Note FD	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Equipment Note FD Interest	\$ 285	\$ 512	\$ 115	\$ 75	-34.78%
F/D DEBT SERVICE Sub Total	\$ 73,892	\$ 73,205	\$ 70,398	\$ 75,158	6.76%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 124,112	\$ 115,134	\$ 131,911	\$ 135,795	2.94%
PUBLIC WORKS					
Wages: Highway	\$ 191,810	\$ 165,545	\$ 195,646	\$ 198,789	1.61%
Wages: Payroll Tax (SS & MED)			\$ 15,032	\$ 15,208	1.17%
Wages: Unemployment			\$ 650	\$ 650	0.00%
Wages: Retirement			\$ 10,808	\$ 10,934	1.17%
Insurance: Health			\$ 27,000	\$ 27,923	3.42%
Insurance: Property & Casualty			\$ 11,800	\$ 10,898	-7.64%
Insurance: Workers Compensation			\$ 20,100	\$ 24,957	24.16%
Insurance: Life/LTD/AD+D			\$ 1,470	\$ 1,825	24.15%
Uniforms/Safety Equipment			\$ 4,610	\$ 5,910	28.20%
Winter Maintenance	\$ 69,000	\$ 69,248			
Road Salt			\$ 0	\$ 10,564	
Winter Sand			\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	0.00%
Trucking			\$ 30,000	\$ 32,000	6.67%
Summer Maintenance	\$ 29,575	\$ 18,091			
Supplies: Chloride, Seed, Patch, Fabric,etc			\$ 25,500	\$ 25,900	1.57%
Roadside Mowing			\$ 9,600	\$ 9,800	2.08%
Rental Equipment			\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500	150.00%
Road Gravel			\$ 1,350	\$ 5,000	270.37%
Tree Services			\$ 500	\$ 1,000	100.00%
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 41,300	\$ 62,337			
Tires			\$ 8,500	\$ 12,000	41.18%
Bulk Oil & DEF			\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050	0.00%
Inspections			\$ 300	\$ 300	0.00%
Plow & Sander Equipment			\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	0.00%
Misc. Parts & Repairs			\$ 7,690	\$ 15,000	95.06%
Supplies & Vendors			\$ 11,550	\$ 15,000	29.87%
Courses/Seminars	\$ 300	\$ 125	\$ 300	\$ 300	0.00%
Garage Maintenance	\$ 15,175	\$ 15,133			
Electricity	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%
Heat		\$ 3,460	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,655	41.38%
Phone	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%
Shop Supplies (towels,etc)			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,030	3.00%
Waste Disposal			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.00%
Air Gas Service Contract			\$ 775	\$ 775	0.00%
Vermont State UST Fee			\$ 50	\$ 50	0.00%
Fuel Tank Maintenance			\$ 300	\$ 300	0.00%
Garage DoorMaintenance			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	-33.33%
Office Supplies & Misc			\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Gas/Diesel	\$ 60,000	\$ 32,870	\$ 42,000	\$ 41,500	-1.19%

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019	Change
PUBLIC WORKS (continued)					
Culverts	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,920	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	33.33%
Signs	\$ 3,500	\$ 698	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%
Bridge Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	0.00%
Paving Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%
Town Garage Building Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	
Construction & Paving	\$ 64,125	\$ 76,377	\$ 56,200	\$ 20,000	-64.41%
Tool Purchase Budget	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,244	\$ 5,050	\$ 3,500	-30.69%
Grants-Town Match	\$ 0	\$ 37,724	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Green-Up	\$ 0	\$ 832	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Sub Total	\$ 508,285	\$ 516,524	\$ 603,831	\$ 619,818	2.65%
PUBLIC WORKS DEBT SERVICE					
2010 International Dump-PRIN	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	-100.00%
2010 Int Dump - INT	\$ 879	\$ 533	\$ 350	\$ 0	-100.00%
2018 International Dump-PRIN		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	
2018 International Dump-INT		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,400	
2014 Western Star 4700 -PRIN	\$ 29,008	\$ 29,007	\$ 29,008	\$ 29,008	0.00%
2014 West. Star Trk-INTER	\$ 2,435	\$ 2,439	\$ 1,619	\$ 810	-49.97%
2015 GMC TRK-PRIN	\$ 5,870	\$ 5,870	\$ 5,870	\$ 5,870	0.00%
2015 GMC TRK - INT	\$ 520	\$ 514	\$ 347	\$ 174	-49.86%
2014 Komatsu Loader -PRIN	\$ 23,657	\$ 23,658	\$ 23,658	\$ 23,658	0.00%
2014 Komatsu Loader-INT	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,073	\$ 1,396	\$ 700	-49.86%
P/W DEBT SERVICE -Sub Total	\$ 74,463	\$ 74,094	\$ 72,248	\$ 87,620	21.28%
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 582,748	\$ 590,618	\$ 676,079	\$ 707,438	4.64%
CEMETERY					
Labor	\$ 4,300	\$ 5,060	\$ 4,300	\$ 6,900	60.47%
Materials	\$ 1,300	\$ 25	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	-100.00%
Repair to Cemetery	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	-100.00%
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$ 6,900	\$ 5,085	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,900	0.00%
RECREATION					
Wages: Recreation		\$ 2,767	\$ 3,554	\$ 5,291	48.87%
REC: Payroll Tax		\$ 207	\$ 272	\$ 445	63.60%
Dues, Conferences, Travel			\$ 0	\$ 275	
Wrightsville Beach Dues	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,989	0.00%
Town BOR- mowing, brush hog, aerating	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,630	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,520	17.33%
Recreation Supplies (seed, soil, fertilizer)			\$ 0	\$ 480	
Portalet Rental			\$ 0	\$ 1,200	
Learn to Swim Program	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	\$ 700	\$ 500	-28.57%
Recreation Equipment (nets/hardware)			\$ 0	\$ 350	
Bandstand Mowing	\$ 750	\$ 810	\$ 500	\$ 0	-100.00%
Walter Kelly Park-Mowing & Portalet			\$ 0	\$ 2,920	
Shady Rill Park			\$ 5,000	\$ 0	-100.00%
TOTAL RECREATION	\$ 6,650	\$ 10,402	\$ 15,015	\$ 16,970	13.02%
ZONING/BRD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Wages: Zoning		\$ 1,278	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,916	361.07%
Zoning: Payroll Tax			\$ 115	\$ 581	405.22%
Mileage/expenses	\$ 0	\$ 157	\$ 0	\$ 25	100.00%
Advertising	\$ 500	\$ 351	\$ 500	\$ 0	-100.00%
Zoning: Legal/enforcement	\$ 0	\$ 1,018	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%
Courses/Seminars	\$ 0	\$ 180	\$ 100	\$ 200	100.00%
Total Zoning/BRD of Adjustment	\$ 500	\$ 2,983	\$ 2,215	\$ 7,722	248.62%
PLANNING COMMISSION					
Advertising	\$ 500	\$ 27	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Mapping	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	100.00%
Mail Drop/Postage	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Printing & Copying	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Consultation	\$ 0		\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%
Total Planning Commission	\$ 1,500	\$ 27	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,074,708	\$ 1,057,439	\$ 1,099,071	\$ 1,160,515	5.59%

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX ANNUAL AUDIT

In August of 2017, Batchelder Associates, PC of Barre, Vermont, conducted an audit of the Town's finances for the fiscal year running from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and presented their findings to the Middlesex Select Board at a duly warned special meeting on October 24, 2017. The Town's books are in balance and there were no findings.

In an effort to save resources along with printing and postage costs, we no longer print the full Audit Report in the Town Report. However, a copy is available for anyone's review at the Town Clerk's Office, 5 Church Street, Middlesex. In addition, a copy is available online at middlesexvermont.org. - Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
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For the year ending June 30, 2017 a budget was approved for the General Fund of \$1,134,529 including special articles. Actual expenditures for this budget period were \$1,117,260, amounting to \$17,269 under budget. The accounting firm of Batchelder Associates completed a full review of the financial records. There were no material weaknesses or deficiencies found. A full copy of the audit report is available on the Town's website: <http://middlesexvermont.org>.

Based on budgets presented by town departments and committees, along with general expenses for the town, the Select Board is presenting a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$1,160,515 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 5.59% increase over 2017-2018. An overview of the budget an explanation of the increase can be found in the Select Board and Budget Committee reports.

In a continuing effort of bringing transparency to the expenses of each department and where the increases (or in some instances decreases) have been presented, additional line items indicating individual item expenses rather than grouped expenses are included in this years' "Comparative Budget Report".

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

For the year ending, June 30, 2017 delinquent taxes were \$60,893.12 plus an additional \$8,023.88 in penalty and interest. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney for collection each year with the exception of those that have payment agreements in place. The delinquent tax payer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A Section 3258)

I am happy to report, by working with the taxpayers, as of December 31, 2017 this amount was reduced to \$28,944.58 including penalty and interest.

TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT (continued)

As my 1st year comes to a close, I would like to thank Patti Lewis, for her expertise in handling the day-to-day bookkeeping functions, along with Sarah and Maryke for all their help, knowledge and insight. Having spent many hours at the town hall during this past year and witnessing the day to day operations, the community of Middlesex is very fortunate to have such a phenomenal group of employees and boards who represent our town so willingly and professionally.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorinda Crowell

Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds/Collector of Delinquent Taxes

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

	2016 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	\$1,444,620.00	1.8113	\$ 2,616,640.11
Non Residential	\$559,809.11	1.625	\$ 909,689.80
Municipal/Local Agreement	\$2,001,778.00	0.4528	\$ 906,405.08
Total Billed			\$ 4,432,734.99
Add Delinquent Taxes July 1, 2016			\$ 45,740.21
Total to be accounted for			\$ 4,478,475.20
Accounted for as Follows:			
Property Taxes Collected			\$ 4,401,609.69
Discounts Allowed			\$ 16,178.00
Delinquent Taxes Receivable - (Taxes Only) June 30, 2017			\$ 60,893.00
Adjustments/Abatements			\$ (205.49)
Total Accounted For			\$ 4,478,475.20

NOTES PAYABLE

As of June 2017			
Item	Outstanding Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Matures
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	\$ 58,014.40	2.79	2018
2014 Komatsu Loader	\$ 47,315.60	2.95	2019
2015 GMC 2500 Pick-up	\$ 11,740.00	2.95	2019
Repairs for 1995 Fire Truck	\$ 6,000.00	2.85	2020
Fire Station	\$ 520,000.00	3.2	2029
HWY Equipment Note	\$ 17,500.00	2.75	2017
TOTAL	\$ 660,570.00		

2017-2018 TAX EFFORT

2017-2018 General Government			
Expenses			
Budget (less Hwy)	\$ 422,992.00		
Special Articles	\$ 63,071.00		
1% Discounts	\$ 16,500.00		
BCA Adjustments			
Total	\$ 502,563.00		
Receipts			
Interest	\$ 1,000.00		
School Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00		
Licenses,Fees,Fines & Hearings	\$ 20,100.00		
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 5,000.00		
RR Tax	\$ 2,500.00		
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	\$ 56,792.00		
PILOT/ Agy of Natural Resources (2)	\$ 39,344.00		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 10,000.00		
Fund Balance Reduction	\$ -		
Total	\$ 138,736.00	Total General Government	\$ 363,827.00
2017-2018 Highway			
Expenses			
Budget	\$ 676,079.00		
Receipts			
State Aid to Highways	\$ 115,003.00		
Other		Total Highway	\$ 561,076.00
Sub-total			\$ 924,903.00
Total Municipal Tax Effort			\$ 924,903.00
2017 Grand List	\$ 2,217,564.40		
2017 Homestead Tax Rate	1.6613	(State of Vermont)	
2017 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.4794	(State of Vermont)	
2017 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4171		
Local Agreement Rate	0.0025		
Total Town Tax Rate	0.4196		
Total Non- Residential Rate	1.8990		
Total Residential Rate	2.0809		

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 4:30 PM Moderator Susan Clark called the meeting to order and introduces the Select Board. Elliot Burg reminds people of the summer bandstand concert series. Sarah Seidman notes the Middlesex Historical Society still doesn't have a home and that the fate of the train station off Route 2 remains undecided. John Puleio announces the pie breakfast. Jeff Koonz recommends that homeowners label the end of their driveways so they can be found in an emergency. Vermont State Rep. for Middlesex and Berlin Kim Jessup updates the meeting on what's going on at the Statehouse. U-32 High School Senior Savannah Yates sings a stirring acapella rendition of These Green Mountains, the Vermont state song, and relatively new US citizen Sven Coenye delivers the convocation.

The meeting is called to order at 4:305 PM.

ARTICLE 1: *To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.* Jeff Koonz nominates Susan Clark. Anita Krauth seconds. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 2: *To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.* Elijah Hawkes nominates Todd Daloz. Mary Just Skinner seconds. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 3: *To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.* (411 voters cast ballots)

Town Clerk	3-year term	Sarah Merriman
Treasurer	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Select Board	3-year term	Philip Hyjek
Select Board	2-year term	Steven Martin
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term	Gary Lamell
Lister	3-year term	Vacant
Planning Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term	Barry A. Bolio
Planning Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term	Troy Sumner
Planning Commissioner	3-year term	Steven Martin

ARTICLE 4: *To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.* Dorinda Crowell moves and Ron Krauth seconds. Susan reminds the meeting that this is a good time to ask questions. Planning Commission Chair John Krezinski announces that the Commission will be revising the Town Plan in preparation for a vote at the 2018 Town Meeting and welcomes input and involvement. Wendy Freundlich thanks Road Commissioner Steve Martin, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara and the Road Crew for all their work. Applause. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 5: *To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)* Jeff Koonz moves; Anita Krauth seconds. Charlie Merriman speaks in opposition of the discount because it benefits banks while others who can't pay an early lump sum don't get the benefit of the discount. Select Board Chair Peter Hood says the practice was instituted so the Town would have money at the beginning of its fiscal year even though it costs the Town roughly \$16,000 per year. Otherwise, the Select Board would

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2017 (continued)

have to borrow money to operate. Dave Shepard asks how many taxpayers take advantage of the discount. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell says she hasn't explored that issue, having just come on board in February to take over from Cindy Carlson who retired at the beginning of the year. However, she notes that there are 78 tax payers who are currently delinquent, most of whom are financially strapped. This \$16,000 goes back into the budget so they have to bear the burden. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 6: *Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 20th and February 20th, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 20th and February 20th? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)* Jennifer Murray moves, Jeff Koonz seconds. Lauri Scharf asks if this is a change. Sarah Merriman notes that it is and that it was recommended by Cindy Carlson because the State uploads late state payments on the current due date of September 15th which creates an accounting snafu. Alison Cornwall asks if maybe the Town should consider four payments instead of two. Dorinda says that might help. The article is approved as is.

ARTICLE 8: *To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.* (This article is taken up at 5:15 PM as warned, and, therefore, out of numerical order.) Anita Krauth moves to approve a Town budget of \$1,099,071 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Jeff Koonz seconds. Peter notes the budget represents a 2.27% increase over the prior year. Budget Committee Member George Longenecker confirms that the Select Board worked hard to reduce costs and keep the budget increase low without cutting salaries and benefits. The article is approved as is.

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)* Elliot Burg moves and John Puleio seconds. The article is approved as is.

ARTICLE 9: *Shall the Town change the term of Town Treasurer from one year to three years, effective March 6, 2018? (17 VSA § 2646(3))* Julie Moore moves; Scott Carbee seconds. Sarah Seidman speaks in opposition. While she's delighted to have Dorinda on board, the only way to hold Town Treasurers accountable is to elect them in or out annually. Michael Levine speaks in opposition and wonders why this question is on the Warning when voters shot it down in 2016 after a long discussion. Peter explains that he brought this to the Select Board when it was drafting the Warning and four out of five members approved. The argument for a three-year term rests on the fact that being a Treasurer takes quite a bit of knowledge and experience. A year is not long enough. Moreover, the Town has excellent checks and balances with an excellent professional bookkeeper, Patti Lewis. The Treasurer oversees the bookkeeper and the Town is professionally audited annually. No faults have ever been found in the Town's finances. Jeff Koonz asks if the Town would pay for Treasurer training. Peter says that depends on the experience of the incoming Treasurer. Dorinda is an accountant and former Select Board member so she has lots of experience and knowledge. Charlie says Vermont state statutes contain monumental controls over the Treasurer, that a Town could demand a weekly audit if it wanted. Sandy Levine opposes the change and adds that running for elected office in Middlesex is not an onerous task. Plus, the annual term

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2017 (continued)

provides an added level of accountability. Lynne Walther says this is different from when the voters approved changing the Clerk term from one to three years in 2016 because the Clerk is not responsible for the Town's finances. John Krezinski asks if Middlesex has ever had an embezzlement problem. Peter says no, largely because the Town has had professional audits and the Select Board signs the orders which was not happening in towns that ended up with problems. Select Board Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner says she is opposed to the change and voted against it on the Select Board. She sees no problem with the system as it now stands and three years is a long time to go unchecked. Chris McVeigh asks about statutory constraints. Charlie says towns can increase a Treasurer's bond but there is no provision to oust a Treasurer unless he or she has committed a crime. Peter says it's a challenge to find good people and no matter how good their intentions are, if they are inexperienced, they are going to need a lot of training. Charles Green speaks in opposition. The article is defeated.

ARTICLE 10: *Shall the Town change the term of Collector of Delinquent Taxes from one year to three years, effective March 6, 2018? (17 VSA §2646 (9))* Mary moves to pass over this issue; Anita Krauth seconds. Susan notes this is an "objection to consideration" motion and needs a two-thirds voice vote. The article is passed over.

ARTICLE 11: *Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)* Bennett Shapiro moves; John Austin seconds. Mary Just Skinner notes that much of the money in the fund was spent last year on purchasing land to expand the Town Forest. Sarah Seidman asks how much money is in the fund now. Sarah Merriman says it is depleted, though Dave Shepard, a member of the Conservation Committee, says there is roughly \$4,000. The articles is approved.

ARTICLE 12: *Shall the Town voters authorize the purchase of a refurbished tanker for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department in the fiscal year 2017-2018 for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and authorize the Select Board to borrow up to this sum for a period of 10 years?* (By Select Board) Anita Krauth moves; Laura Lyle seconds. Jeff Koonz, who is president of the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, says the current tanker chassis was purchased as a two-year stopgap and is now going on five years. The one the department would like to buy is refurbished and costs about \$117,000 though the price might change once the MVFD goes to purchase. John Krezinski asks how long the new refurbished tanker will last. Jeff says the current chassis was built in 1983. Hopefully, it will 25 years. Paul Cerminara asks if there's a trade-in value. Jeff says the chassis is not worth anything, that the maximum speed it can go leaving the driveway from Welch Park is 18 m.p.h. Mary Just Skinner says the Select Board put this out for voter consideration instead of approving it as another line item in the budget because voters need to know how a purchase of this size will impact the Town's debt service. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 13: *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?* (By Petition) Elliot Burg moves and Lauri Scharf seconds. The article is approved.

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

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Moore seconds. Peter speaks in favor as someone who is on the CVEDC Board, as is Middlesex resident Lindsay Kurrle. He says they do a lot of good for business, Red Hen Bakery being one such beneficiary. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 15: *Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?* (By Petition) Amy Harris moves; John Krezinski seconds. John Puleio speaks in support after CVHHH helped with his elderly mother-in-law. Wendy Freundlich says it's a little known fact that they will help with a new baby. Mary Neville Hood speaks in favor. The article passes.

ARTICLE 16: *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections?* (By Petition) Joe Loga moves; Scott Carbee seconds. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 17: *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring?* (By Petition) Maribeth Domanski moves; Julie Moore seconds. Maribeth speaks in favor, noting she has been participating as a mentor during her retirement. She considers the program very valuable and that mentees stay on board for a long time. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 18: *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library?* (By Petition) Ron Sweet moves; Mary Neville Hood seconds. John Puleio who is a trustee on the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Board speaks in favor and notes that 33% of people in town hold library cards. He also asks for a round of applause for Michael Katzenberg who is stepping down from the Board after a long tenure. Applause. He says it is the second-busiest library in the state. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 19: *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?* (By Petition) Anita Krauth moves; Jeff Koonz seconds. Mary Hood asks what do Middlesex residents have to pay to join. Mary Just Skinner says \$30. Wendy Freundlich reads from the annual report. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 20: *Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,500 to help support services provided by the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier?* (By Petition) Susan Sussman moves; John Puleio seconds. The article is approved.

ARTICLE 21: *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program?* (By Petition) Lauri Scharf moves and Eric Benedict seconds. Mary Hood speaks in favor and asks if it's okay for the Waterbury Senior Center Director, Karol Smith, to speak since she's from Waterbury. Lisa Parrish asks Karol why the Center asks roughly \$5,000 from Moretown and Duxbury but twice that from Middlesex. Karol says residents from those towns tend to come to the Center to eat instead of having the Center deliver meals to them in their homes, like in Middlesex. There is some confusion over how many meals, per se, are served in Middlesex versus clients, of which there are 15, according to Karol. The Center pays \$6,209 just in mileage alone for Meals on Wheels drivers going Middlesex. She says this is a savings to the townspeople since these people are not in nursing homes costing the system \$9,000 per day

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and they're in their homes contributing to the Town's taxes. Celest DiPietropaolo expresses frustration that every year the voters at Middlesex Town Meeting ask for an accounting of how many meals are delivered in Town and every year the Center doesn't have an answer. Bekah Mandell speaks in favor, noting that these programs are essential. Celest says he doesn't know anyone in Middlesex who is against the Meals on Wheels program, but he would like to know why Middlesex pays more while other towns pay less. There are so many unknowns. Bennett says there are no unknowns; just do the math. Out of \$10,000, \$6,200 goes to mileage, that leaves the remainder for meals. Hope Crifo speaks in favor, says Meals on Wheels is much more than about delivering food, it's about checking in on sick and/or elderly people. Debbie Goodwin also speaks in favor, relating stories of when her mother drove for Meals on Wheels. Karol says other towns have spending caps. Moretown, for example, caps all requests at \$4,999. There is no cap in Middlesex. John Krezinski says he's tired of people making him out as a bad guy simply because he wants to know where the money goes. What he wants is a responsible accounting. Applause. Karol complains that she has to fill out a six-page questionnaire when she makes a request. Michael Levine asks what happens to those questionnaires. Sarah Merriman says the questionnaire was developed by the Town Meeting Solutions Committee in 2010 and that she condenses the responses to 250-500 words per organization for the Town Report. Wendy Freundlich says maybe the procedure for asking for money should change. In other towns, organizations submit their requests to a board that then makes a recommendation to the Select Board about whether to place an article on the ballot. Eric Benedict suggests that instead of the questionnaire, the Town ask each organization to write 250 words on what services they provide, etc. and put that in the Town Report as is. Lisa Carlson defends Karol and says she's given a lot of information. Just because someone runs an organization that does good work, doesn't mean they are great at public speaking. Moreover, an organization serving the needy without a big budget can't afford to bring in a lawyer to make a pitch. Tim Kasten says the issue is equity with other towns. Maybe the Select Board here should ask the Select Boards in other towns to raise their caps. Alison Cornwall asks to call the question. The article is approved as is.

ARTICLE 22: *To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,561 to support organizations requesting \$250 or less.* Jeff Koonz moves; Amy Harris seconds. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 23: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.* Elliot Burg moves and Bennett Shapiro seconds consideration of the following non-binding RESOLUTION ON FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: "The citizens of Middlesex, Vermont, support the efforts of our state and federal legislators to require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidential candidate's name can be placed on the Vermont primary and general election ballots, and we request that our town officials convey this message to the appropriate officials." Elliot says this means that, if approved, the voters will be asking the Select Board to write this letter, though the Select Board is under no obligation to do so. Mary Hood asks who will be the recipient. Elliot says the letter can be emailed to state officials and congressional delegates. He said 12 towns are considering the measure and to some degree it is symbolic, but it's also important and bipartisan. Barb Whitchurch says that while she may agree with the sentiment behind the measure, the Town risks alienating voters who already stay away from Town Meeting

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because of issues like this, that they will feel bulldozed and unwelcome. She also worries that it will be less effective than calling state and congressional representatives directly. And that, instead, people will feel as if they've taken action when they really haven't. Bennett Shapiro speaks in favor, as does Larry Becker who says this practice of non-binding resolutions has become a Town Meeting custom. Gordon Grunder asks if it's legal to force an individual to turn over his tax returns. As the law stands now, Charlie Merriman doesn't think it is. He says he was moved by Barb's speech and agrees that Town Meeting should be about Town issues. John Demeter agrees and wonders where this will end. Will state officials be forced to make their tax returns public? Will local candidates? Emma Hempstead disagrees and says that, also as a lawyer, she thinks it might be legal. Elliot says the difference between a presidential and other candidate is that the a US President determines how much federal money important institutions like schools and the EPA receive. August Burns says the anti-nuclear movement started in town meetings. There is discussion about whether to table which is rejected. Paul Trapani calls the question and John Puleio seconds; the motion to call the question passes. The non-binding resolution is approved.

Susan adjourns the meeting at 7 PM.

Approved and signed by the following:

Peter O. Hood, Select Board Chair
March 28, 2017

Susan Clark, Moderator of the 2016 Middlesex Town Meeting
March 28, 2017

I attest that the above Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Middlesex Town Meeting were recorded in the Town records on March 28, 2017.

Sarah Merriman
TownClerk/Select Board Assistant

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. **Regional Commissioner and Transportation Advisory Committee**, Ron Krauth

CVRPC Projects & Programs

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

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

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

Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director

Ron Krauth, Regional Commissioner and Transportation Advisory Commission

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Anita Krauth represents Middlesex on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY17, CVSWMD provided \$7,363 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$4,534 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

After 14 years, CVSWMD is no longer in the business of hauling food scraps from schools and businesses in central VT. Our efforts, and those of our partners, kept 12,112 tons of food scraps out of the landfill! In 2017, CVSWMD successfully transitioned all organics hauling routes to Grow Compost of Moretown. CVSWMD will continue to provide resources and technical assistance to businesses to reduce and divert food waste from the landfill to comply with state law.

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

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 27 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY17, we taught lessons in classrooms at Rumney and U-32 and led a waste audit with students at Rumney Elementary. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In 2017, 9 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
 - A household hazardous waste collection event in Montpelier served 108 households.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.
 - In FY17, 171 residents from Middlesex recycled at the ARCC.

Web Site: CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an “A to Z Guide” listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District
137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 | cvswmd.org | 229-9383

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Summary of 2017 Activities:

Middlesex Town Forest – In the spring of 2017, the MCC led a group of volunteers in cleanup and minor repairs of a rustic cabin located within a newly acquired portion of the Town Forest. Strategies for long-term management of the cabin are being considered. MCC members and volunteers began construction of a 2.2-mile long hiking trail in the Town Forest, which features a scenic viewpoint along the ridgeline of Chase Mountain and culminates on the summit of Chase Mountain with opportunity for views towards White Rocks and Hunger Mountain. Construction of the trail will continue in 2018, with MCC evaluating trail construction grant opportunities.

The MCC is interested in hosting natural history walks in the Town Forest. If you have knowledge of the natural world that can be shared please contact the MCC for scheduling an event for 2018. The Stewardship Committee is in the process of revising the Town Forest Management Plan and expects to finalize that document in 2018.

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

Spring Salamander Migration – This past spring the MCC coordinated an effort to assist salamanders and other amphibians with crossing Molly Supple Hill Road near the intersection with East Hill Road. Salamanders and other amphibians journey from the wooded uplands, where they spend most of the year, to their spring breeding habitat. Volunteers were on hand during several rainy April evenings at this significant crossing to help the amphibians across the road unscathed and to collect data on numbers of amphibians for the North Branch Nature Center. This effort supplemented the actions of Middlesex

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residents who have been offering similar assistance to our resident amphibians. Thanks to the motorists who slowed down for the little critters and people alike!

Shady Rill Picnic Area – The MCC drafted a letter of support for a riparian restoration project of Martin’s Brook as it passes the Shady Rill picnic area. The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District has successfully secured grant funding for the project and MCC will continue to support the project as needed.

Hunger Mountain Headwaters Conservation Project – The Trust for Public Land has entered into an agreement with Timbervest to purchase 1,766 acres of land in Middlesex and Worcester to add to the C.C. Putnam State Forest. The land has significant forest resources, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreational value, including over one mile of the trail that ascends White Rock and Hunger Mountains. The MCC is considering providing financial support to the Trust for Public Land through the Conservation Fund to cover costs associated with the acquisition of the property.

Additions and Departures -

During 2017 members Seth Coffey and Charlie Merriman stepped down from the MCC. We thank Seth and Charlie for their service to the town. Seth has been instrumental in layout and construction of the Town Forest hiking trail. Charlie served on the MCC for several years, bringing his legal expertise and good humor. The MCC recently welcomed Sorsha Anderson to the commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Dick Alderman, Larry Becker, George Longenecker, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard,
Heather Katz and Sorsha Anderson*

MIDDLESEX EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In 1986 Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), (42 USC Chapter 116). The Middlesex Emergency Management Committee (MEMC) is a product of this federal legislation and defined as a local emergency planning committee (LEPC).

The Select Board established the MEMC, appointed members, and tasked those members to fulfill the requirements of the legislation. Under this legislation, the Town is responsible for the integration of hazardous materials planning and response within its jurisdiction. This includes conducting a hazard analysis, planning for hazardous materials incidents, assessing local capabilities and developing incident response capabilities using local resources, mutual aid and private contractors. In support of these functions, the town bears a responsibility to train responders and to exercise the plan. The MEMC serves as a contact point in the community for information about hazardous substances, the associated health and environmental risks, and response planning. The current 2017 plan is on file and available to view at the Town Clerk's office. This committee is made up of town officials and citizen volunteers and meets on a regular basis to make adjustments to the Local Emergency Plan and to review the plan annually. Anyone who is interested in joining the Middlesex Emergency Management Committee can submit their contact information to the Town Clerk.

The Committee's goals for the calendar year 2018 are; 1) to identify and secure an agreement for an emergency shelter location for our residents to be evacuated to in the event of an emergency; 2) to expand and update our emergency plan; and 3) to encourage more community involvement in expanding the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Otenti and the Middlesex Emergency Management Committee

MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

Middlesex supports an Emergency Medical System they should be very proud of. Middlesex EMS consists of a local “Fast Squad” and transporting ambulance from Montpelier.

The Fast Squad in 2017 celebrated the EMS service of Fire Chief Doug Hanson. Doug joined the Fast squad in 1992. Doug was active within the local ambulance district as the Middlesex Representative and always lending a hand for EMT classes and practical exams. He is a recipient of the Virginia Caffin award for service to EMS. Doug was the director of the Fast Squad for decades, having to give it up to become Fire Chief in 2012. Doug consistently was a leader in number of calls he responded to. Doug chose to not renew his EMT license. Doug remains the Middlesex Fire Chief and graciously still occasionally responds to EMS calls in a supportive Chief role.

Your Middlesex Fast Squad has four members.- Jeff Koonz EMT of Middlesex, Bob Bower AEMT & Marge Bower EMT of Moretown, and one soon to be EMT, Eric Metevier of Middlesex. 168 times the pager rattled, buzzed or hissed asking us to stop what we were doing and help a neighbor. Nine times the call was cancelled before we got far, and 128 times at least one Fast Squad member was able to respond. Of those we assisted with 100 transports to the hospital, 23 lift assists, and a variety of evaluations and having the patient decide not to be transported. Of the requests for services, 15 were for car crashes, 22 for some other traumatic emergency, 70 were medical emergencies. The fast squad responded 11 times to their service area on the River Road area of Moretown.

We value our partnership with Montpelier Fire and Ambulance, who provides EMS coverage and transport to all calls in Middlesex. The ambulance in Montpelier is always staffed, ready to respond with advanced EMT's and often paramedics.

Thanks to the JD Picard/ R.Krauth Community EMS Fund, the Fire Department and Fast Squad began offering CPR to the community. Our upgraded equipment was utilized for 3 Basic Life support classes to Local EMS, Fire and community health professionals and we had our first 2 community Friends and Family CPR classes. Classes are primarily advertised on Front Porch Forum, contact Marge Bower (see below) to find out more or to get on an email notification list.

Responding to emergencies in Middlesex is getting easier. We are selling E-911 compliant reflective red or green driveway markers for \$10. You can see at least one on most of the main roads in Middlesex. Orders can be made by contacting Marge Bower (as below) or by visiting the town clerk or town meeting and completing an order form.

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

For more information about joining the fast squad, or general EMS, e911 signs or CPR email or call: Marge Bower, Director of the Fast Squad. margebower@comcast.net

MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This was an exciting year for your fire department. On November 17th we took delivery of our new, to us, tanker. Working with Vermont Fire Technologies (VTEC) in Williamstown we were able to get a used chassis to put a new 2000 gallon water tank on. This mix of used and new allowed us to purchase a very sound piece of much needed fire equipment at a great savings to the town. We originally requested \$120,000 for the tanker and we were able to complete the purchase from VTEC for \$112,554, saving the town \$7446. Had we been forced to go with a new chassis/tank combination it would have cost the town between \$182,000 and \$184,000. You may have seen the “Made In Vermont” piece on WCAX talking about our tanker. Having sound and serviceable equipment is one of the keys to providing emergency services to the residents of Middlesex and people who travel our roads. With that being said we are starting the process of replacing our 1985 Rescue vehicle, hopefully in about two years.

We did receive fewer calls than normal this year, responding to 60. The number and type of calls are as follows: fire-building 2, fire-car(interstate) 3, (non-interstate) 2, vehicle incident(interstate) 18, (non-interstate) 10, mutual aid 3, false alarms 10, Hazards 11, Medical 1. Responding to these calls resulted in 261.8 hours of service to the community. In addition to the time spent on calls, members logged more than 115 hours of non-call service in the Department as well as to the town including visits to Rumney School showing students and parents some of our firefighting equipment and teaching about fire prevention.

As we said above, having sound equipment is one of the keys to providing emergency services; the other key and even more important is having members on the fire department. We are asking every resident of Middlesex to consider joining the fire department in some capacity, be it a fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or helping with maintenance of vehicles and station. You don’t need any experience; we will train you and send you to training outside of the department if needed. Many hands make light work. Join the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department and help your neighbors when they are in need. We have monthly training on the first Tuesday of every month, our monthly business meeting is the on the third Tuesday of every month, and Department work night on the fourth Tuesday, all start at 7:00 PM. Stop by and see what we do, if you have questions you can call 522-4222 or 223-5525.

Doug Hanson, Chief

Jeff Koonz, President

MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The highlights of 2017 included a report on Dave Newhall's research into the Newhall family history and our bi-annual visit to Rumney school to talk about Middlesex history with the third and fourth graders. The railroad station will have its 100th birthday in 2018, but its future remains uncertain.

We have fewer than 20 copies left of the first complete history of our community, Middlesex in the Making, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman. Designed by resident Kate Alberghini, the book includes over 200 photographs as well as over 70 interviews with the town's oldest residents. It traces the history of the town from its earliest Abenaki roots to the changes of the 1950s and 60s. Copies can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office, at the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting or through Bear Pond books in Montpelier. The group has begun discussing whether and how to do an expanded third edition with additions and corrections to the original text.

It is time to ask Middlesex residents as a community to spearhead an effort to find and maintain a space for the Society's collection of valuable documents, artifacts and memorabilia. These items document our community's history and belong to all of us; they deserve and will reward public viewing. We welcome the creativity of all our neighbors in helping us find the Society a home in 2018.

We offer a 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic places on the Middlesex website, and a small traveling exhibit about Middlesex past and present is available for educational uses by any resident.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Middlesex history and costs one dollar (\$1) per person per year, \$15 for businesses. New members are needed! We hope our efforts will help citizens increase their sense of pride in our town's traditions and their sense of responsibility in planning for the future. Please help us preserve our town's history by renewing your membership at the Middlesex Historical Society table in the Town Hall **on Town Meeting Day** or by sending dues or donations to Dick Alderman, Treasurer, 422 Center Rd, Middlesex, VT 05602. Book orders may also be sent to this address.

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

MIDDLESEX LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

A town-wide, two-year reappraisal was successfully completed in June 2017. As a result, the Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), as calculated by the state, increased from 93.67% to 101.24%, 100 percent being the optimum. Also, the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) which measures the consistency of the reappraised properties, was reduced from about 10% to 3.91%, a nearly ideal figure. The reappraisal was conducted by Contractor Richard Lewis Associates, Inc. and has been officially approved by the state.

A total of 20 property owners filed grievances regarding their reappraisal before the Board of Listers. Sixteen were agreeably resolved at this level and the other four via adjudication of the Middlesex Board of Civil Authority.

One hundred properties in town are enrolled in the State's Current Use Program, about the same as the previous year, and the number of Veteran Property Exemptions remain at eleven. Each exemption provides a \$40,000 deduction in an eligible property owner's assessment.

Middlesex has decided to participate in the Vermont Statewide Property Parcel Mapping Project & Program in 2018. The project is being funded by the VT Dept. of Transportation, with the purpose of bringing all 251 Vermont towns to the state standard for property compilation maps. Middlesex property maps were last updated to the state standard in April 2013. Over the last 4 years, many properties have changed hands or been subdivided. Participation in the project will be at no cost to the Town. The contractor assigned to the Middlesex project is VHB, Inc. of Bedford, NH with offices in Colchester, Vermont.

Eleven residential sales were recorded in Middlesex for the year ending March 31, 2017. This was seven fewer than the previous year. Residential sales ranged from \$100,000 (house and 2.2 acres on US Route 2) to \$635,000 (house and 12.3 acres on Macey Road). Lot sales ranged from \$52,500 (10.15 acres on Dolan Road) to \$97,500 (16.24 acres on Zdon Road). Also, a camp and 17.8 acres on Guilmette Road went for \$93,500.

The Listers hold regular office hours in the Town Clerk's Office from 9 a.m. to noon on most Wednesdays. Please call ahead at 802-223-5915 to find out if we are in the office or out in the field inspecting properties.

Dick Alderman, Amy Whitehorne, and Eric Young
Middlesex Listers

MIDDLESEX PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Middlesex Planning Commission (MPC) has worked hard this past year in preparation for an update to our town plan, which was last updated in 2013. The MPC met with members of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission in January to review the 2013 Town Plan, which included an analysis of specific statutory changes to consider for the planned update. It was decided early in the year that a town wide survey would need to be developed, seeking input for the scheduled Town Plan update. The MPC spent many months reviewing both the questions and results from the previous town questionnaire, in doing the MPC has crafted a questionnaire that will be mailed to each Middlesex voter in early 2018. The results secured from the forthcoming questionnaire will provide valuable information and will allow for appropriate changes and adjustments to the Middlesex Town Plan.

The MPC would like to thank John Krezinski for his many dedicated years of service on the MPC, his strong commitment and dedication to the commission will be missed. We also want to welcome Mitch Osiecki who was elected to the position of Zoning Administrator for the town of Middlesex (3-year term) and most recently was appointed by the Middlesex Select Board to serve the remainder of John Krezinski's term with the MPC.

Respectfully,

Middlesex Planning Commission

Steve Martin, Chair; Barry Bolio, Vice-Chair; Dick Alderman, Secretary; Mitch Osiecki, Troy Sumner

MIDDLESEX RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2017, the fledgling Middlesex Recreation Department continued work on several infrastructure projects that were begun in 2016. In particular:

- Progress continued in the development of a maintenance program to improve the quality of the baseball/soccer field turf.
- Remedial work has been completed to slow degradation of the playing surface of the town basketball and tennis courts.
- The storage shed next to the town basketball and tennis courts has been cleaned up and painted.
- The riding mower has been cleaned up and resuscitated – turns out the old workhorse still has some get up and go left.
- Many thanks to the town road crew for grading the grounds at the Walter Kelley Park

The Recreation Department has taken on administration of the Middlesex Learn To Swim Program. The program partnered with the Montpelier Pool in 2017 and feedback from participating families was largely positive. A plus with regards to the Montpelier Pool affiliation is access to their Tiny Tots program, which serves children under age 6, and was quite popular with residents. Thanks to the Select Board for its continued enthusiastic support of this program. There continue to be logistical challenges with any swim program. Lessons tend to be available only weekday mornings or early afternoons, which presents an obstacle for some families. The Recreation Department will continue to try to find ways to make this program available to as many families as possible.

Because of the late change to the Montpelier Pool as our swim lesson partner, as well as the usual growing pains associated with taking on a new program, promotion of the Learn to Swim program was less than perfect – next year will be better! Also, because of the late start, some families signed up directly through the Montpelier Recreation Department, so exact enrollment is uncertain. Roughly 15-18 families and about 24 youngsters took advantage of the program.

Plans for 2018 include:

- Further enhancement of the facilities at the Walter Kelley Park. Watch for news in the spring.
- Incremental improvements will continue to the shared baseball/soccer field.
- I'm actively searching for funding sources for a project to resurface the town basketball and tennis courts, an expensive but overdue undertaking.
- Community outreach will begin in an effort to identify recreation opportunities that can be developed affordably.

In the coming year, the Recreation Department will increase efforts to promote hiking, biking, running and other recreation opportunities available to the community. We've got parks, hiking and biking trails, swimming, snowshoeing and cross country skiing spots all waiting to be discovered.

If you're curious about how you can get involved, I'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted, *Mitch Osiecki* , Recreation Director

Email: MiddlesexRec@gmail.com Phone: 760-9674

MIDDLESEX ZONING REPORT

Permitting activity was a bit below average in 2017, with 26 applications submitted. In recent years applications for zoning permits have tended to fluctuate considerably from year to year. Over the past several years permit applications have ranged from a low of 29 in 2014 to a high of 49 in 2009.

Two new building lots and 4 new homes (2 single-family dwellings and 2 mobile homes) were approved. The remaining projects were mostly minor residential permits (garages, sheds, decks, additions, etc.). Two applications were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. One of those was for a setback waiver for a home industry and was approved. The second was to appeal the denial of a permit to site a mobile home on an undersized lot. The ZBA denied that appeal.

Zoning Applications Submitted in 2017

- 5 New & Replacement Dwellings (including mobile homes)
- 21 Residential alteration, addition, garage, accessory structure, etc.
- 3 Subdivision or Boundary Line Adjustment
- 1 Commercial, Public Facility
- 26 Total Permits Received (some permits included multiple projects)

In addition to issuing zoning permits, the responsibilities of the Zoning Administrator include assisting applicants in navigating town zoning regulations as well as providing guidance with state regulations that applicants may also need to be aware of. The Zoning Administrator also provides support to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission and communicates regularly with the town listers to make sure zoning regulations are interpreted and applied consistently.

And a couple of reminders. First, our town website (middlesexvermont.org) contains a wealth of information: the town plan, zoning regulations, interactive maps, zoning applications, and much more. Also, Vermont's Building Energy Codes – the Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (VT-RBES) are now in effect. In order for the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for any new construction project including residential dwellings, garages and additions or alterations, the owner must first obtain an RBES Certificate and record a copy in the Middlesex Land Records. (30 V.S.A. §51)

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Osiecki, Zoning Administrator

TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee is an ad hoc group with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. We've been serving Middlesex since 2001; we generally meet once a month (except in the summer), get a lot accomplished, and there are cookies at every meeting. We welcome your participation! Please drop in anytime.

Town Meeting: Participating from Home or Afar

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

No technological expertise is necessary (and we can set you up with a computer if you need it). Via phone and internet, participants are able to see and be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, and hear and speak to the assembly. Our goal is to allow participation for these citizens while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room. We've been offering this service since 2008, and have heard from both town meeting attendees and remote participants that the experience has been very positive. To learn more about this free service, please contact Janette Shaffer, rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-989-2477 (by Friday, 2/23).

Community Communication

- **Front Porch Forum:** Middlesex's use of Front Porch Forum (FPF), our free online "bulletin board," has continued to grow every year--we added about 44 new members this year. As of January, 2017, Middlesex's FPF had 1,192 members out of an estimated 690 households. You and your neighbors posted approximately 2,602 messages covering ongoing animal sagas, items for sale, road conditions, education issues, informative and often comical postings from our town clerk, and more. Since Middlesex launched our FPF in June, 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee, Middlesex has shared approximately 18,430 messages. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum. It's free! Go to www.FrontPorchForum.com.

Front Porch Forum staff note that while FPF is a great place to air ideas and begin conversations, it is not designed for controversial discourse or debate – that is better accomplished at face-to-face facilitated meetings. The Solutions Committee is committed to creating additional venues for discussion of key issues (for example, the round-table discussions we have hosted in the past) and we welcome your ideas for improving communication in Middlesex.

- The Solutions Committee encourages all residents to check in regularly with the **Middlesex Website**, www.middlesexvermont.org, ably maintained by our Town Clerk's

TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

office. You'll always find fresh news and community announcements here, as well as meeting minutes, contact information, and more.

And more...

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

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

Have a suggestion about Middlesex's democracy? We want to hear it! Please stop by one of our meetings, share your ideas, get involved in specific projects, or just have a cookie. Contact Susan Clark, 223-5824, sclark@sover.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Clark, Chair

MIDDLESEX BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES

Last summer the Martha Pellerin-Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand celebrated its 12th annual season with—as always—a lineup of top-notch concerts, great food by Mediterranean Mix and Chill, and super-enthusiastic audiences of adults and kids.



Tammy Fletcher

The opening performance was a double-bill featuring vocal diva Tammy Fletcher with Dakota Foley, and Keith Murphy & Becky Tracy, as we unveiled a plaque memorializing the iconic musical careers of Martha Pellerin and Andy Shapiro. In the weeks that followed, Middlesex rocked and danced to the sounds of The Dave Keller Band, Colleen Kattau & Dos XX, Chad Hollister, Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing, and Roger Street Friedman—a kaleidoscope of blues, bluegrass, roots, rock, folk, Latin, Quebecois and country music.

Generous support for the series was provided by Gold Sponsors Align to Health Chiropractic & Functional Neurology, Bear Creek Environmental, Bear Swamp Veterinary Service, Bliss Healing Japanese and Orthopedic Acupuncture, Chill Vermont Gelato, Creative Carpentry and Construction, EnergySmart of Vermont, Freelance Automotive, Green Light Real Estate, Merriman Smart, Attorneys, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Montpelier Construction, Noyle W. Johnson Insurance Co., and Red Hen Bakery and Café; by In-Kind Gold Sponsors Brian P. Graphic Arts, Capitol Copy, Hartigan, Highland Gardens, Mad Tech Sound and Lovetown Recording, Sticks & Stuff, and Weathering Heights; and by Concert Sponsors Bolduc Metal Recycling, Flywheel Communications, Pease Farm Stable, and Ziemke Glass Blowing Studio.

Mark your calendars for more incredible music this coming summer on six successive Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting the first Wednesday after July 4. And watch for updates on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and middlesexbandstand.com.

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

Middlesex Bandstand Committee

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

MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF

This year the Middlesex Food Shelf (MFS) is co-directed by Ethan Scharf and Cricket Liebermann, two seniors at U-32 High School. The MFS offers a range of boxed and canned food, meats, prepared foods, bread, beverages, toiletries, and pet food to residents of Middlesex and neighboring towns. Housed in the Middlesex United Methodist Church, it is open Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. On arrival, clients identify their town of residence and the number of people in their household. No further identification is required.

In 2017 the food shelf had an average of six households per week and an average of 17 people per week being served. A high of 12 households were served in one week while a high of 43 people were served in one week. For Thanksgiving, the food shelf gave out 16 free turkeys. The MFS is open to anyone and primarily serves the people of Middlesex, Montpelier, Barre, Waterbury, Plainfield, and Berlin.

As a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, the MFS benefits from Foodbank training sessions and acquires food every week from the South Barre distribution center, some items at no cost, others at discounted prices. The MFS derives most of its revenue from the Middlesex Community Fall Harvest Dinner at Rumney School and the Town Meeting Spaghetti Dinner, supplemented by generous individual monetary donations throughout the year. To make a tax-deductible donation, look for the jar on the Town Clerk's desk, or send a check payable to "Middlesex Food Shelf" to the Middlesex Food Shelf, c/o David Carkeet, 418 Macey Road, North Middlesex, VT 05682. Food donations are always welcome, especially canned foods and toiletries. A food donation box is in the lobby of Rumney School.

If you would like to consider volunteering at the MFS, contact Ethan Scharf or Cricket Liebermann at escharf18@gmail.com or cliebermann18@wcsu32.org, respectively, for more information.

Ethan Scharf and Cricket Liebermann,
Co-Directors of the Middlesex Food Shelf

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARMENT

The Town of Middlesex has contracted with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for many years. The Sheriff's Department is glad to be able to assist with public safety within your community. Although the Department's main functions in statute are to transport prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles, who are in custody of the State of Vermont, and serve civil process, we take great pride in being able to be a part of keeping the citizens and visitors within the County safe.

We continue to work to enhance safety within the County from searching out wanted persons, to patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, offering hunter safety classes and assisting with snowmobile safety classes. We once again handed out over 2000 candy canes over the Christmas Holiday Season, reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2017 generated 2,513 incidents reports, 726 Traffic Citations, 1,543 Traffic Warnings and 53 Civil violations. In the course of our patrol efforts in Middlesex, many vehicles were stopped and at times warnings were given.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

The following Vermont Traffic Complaints and Warnings were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town, as well as incidents generated:

Violation	Description	Total Traffic Tickets
CEL	Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation	3
FYE	Operation On Approach of Emergency Vehicles	1
FYY	Stop Sign	4
IS	21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	4
IS	31 Or More MPH Over Speed Limit	1
ISL	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
ISL	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	4
NR	Persons Required to Register	1
OSC	Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal - 2nd Offense	1
SL2	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	13
SL3	21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
VNI	Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days of VT Registration	3

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARMENT (continued)

Violation	Description	Total Warning Tickets
DEF	Condition of Vehicle	21
DP	Failed to Display Front Registration Plate	3
DPT	Rear Number Plate of Trailer or Semi-Trailer	1
FYY	Stop Sign	6
IRV	Interstate Highway Regulations	1
ISL	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	2
ISL	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
LK	Lights	1
NL	Operating Without a License	1
NR	Persons Required to Register	1
OWS	Obstructing Windshields	2
SL1	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	3
SL2	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	22
VNI	Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days of VT Registration	17
VO	Regulations in Municipalities	1

Other Incidents	Total
Agency Assist	1
Animal Problem	1
Arrest on Warrant	1
Motorist Assist	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stops	111
VIN Verification	3

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT



The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District (WBRD) was formed in 1985 and is made up of the four member towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the district and Beach Manager Collin O'Neil has responsibility for all operations and staffing. In 2017 the WBRD had a total budget of \$72,100 20%, or \$14,702 came from a per diem charge from each of the member towns. The remainder comes mostly from user fees and an annual payment from Washington Electric Coop.

The summer of 2017 was one of the rainiest we have seen out at the Beach, with two Beach closings during the summer due to high water. A late season warm-up boosted attendance and helped to end the season on a high note.

This year the WBRD Manager presented at the annual Vermont Recreation Symposium. He joined two other recreation departments organized as Municipal Districts. This model is increasingly being considered by towns across Vermont as a way to increase and improve recreational facilities by pooling resources from multiple towns. Wrightsville is viewed as a successful example from which others can learn.

Management added a School Group Package to our 2017 season offerings and we immediately saw a great increase in the number of area schools interested in bringing groups to the Beach. The following schools brought at least one group: Doty, Rumney, Berlin Elementary, Calais, East Montpelier, River Rock, Spaulding, Chelsea, Williamstown, Northfield, New School Montpelier, Maple Hill Plainfield, and a number of Washington County Mental Health groups. Not only is it great to see all these children playing at the beach with their classmates, but these outings introduce all of those kids and school staff to the park. Because many of the groups were large, scheduling them all at the end of the school year proved challenging.

2017 also saw the introduction of more health and fitness promotion at the Beach. These offerings were very popular and will return for the 2018 season. They included: Automatic sunscreen dispenser (free & safe for all ages), Beach Yoga, Disc Golf Tournaments and Hiking and Biking events.

The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach. Thanks to the member communities for your continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair
Jon Copans, Montpelier

Kim Kendall, East Montpelier
Jane Dudley, Middlesex

ARTICLE 8: MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION FUND

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

ARTICLE 9: CENTRAL VERMONT INTERNET

Last fall, I represented the Town of Middlesex at a meeting of representatives from several central Vermont towns to discuss the feasibility of creating a Communications Union District that would (eventually) provide high speed Internet access to residents in the member towns.

Much of central Vermont has been ignored by the telecommunications companies. They offer Internet solutions that are unstable, slow and generally frustrating. These offerings will not be upgraded by the carriers because they cannot develop a business case for doing so that will benefit their stockholders. And, in this climate of deregulation, we cannot rely on government agencies to intervene. So, either we build it, or it isn't going to happen! Fortunately, in Vermont we have statutory language that allows towns to join together to form a Communications Union District for exactly this purpose.

This initiative, known as Central Vermont Internet (CVI), proposes to develop a fiber-to-the-home community-owned Internet service provider. So far, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Marshfield, Middlesex, Plainfield, Roxbury, Williamstown, and Worcester have agreed to help us get started by putting language on their Town Meeting ballot to create the Communications Union District structure that allows us to do this.

Communications Union Districts are not allowed to be funded by tax dollars, so voting "Yes" on this article won't increase your taxes! CVI will be funded through subscriber fees. So you're wondering how we can afford to make this happen when the big telcos can't do it. Good question. Because CVI will be a governmental agency. It doesn't have stockholders who want a profit... It won't have employees... It can issue tax exempt bonds which are highly desirable for investors!

We have an excellent model on which to base our initiative. EC Fiber (<http://www.ecfiber.net>) has been developing their network since 2008 and now serves over 2000 subscribers in 24 Vermont towns. Check out this highly successful project and follow the Central Vermont Internet initiative on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CentralVermontInternet/>).

We really need fast, stable Internet for economic and community development...or just to get high definition streaming from Netflix!

Phil Hyjek
Middlesex Select Board/CVI

ARTICLE 10: CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

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

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

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

Last year, CVEDC, held its 8th Annual Central Vermont Job Fair at the Barre Auditorium attended by over 800 job seekers and 60 businesses. This year's job fair is scheduled for April 4, 2018. This year CVEDC began a Revolving Loan Fund for small business owners.

Middlesex Select Board Chair Peter Hood is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Resident Lindsay Kurrle is also a member of the Board.

The CVEDC is grateful for the support from Middlesex and we look forward to continuing this productive relationship.

Contact:

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Website: www.cvedc.org

Funding request: \$600

ARTICLE 11: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

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

It is expected that forty-eight (48) Middlesex residents will receive 1,912 home visits in calendar year 2017, for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. Of those total visits, CVHHH expects the breakdown to be as follows: 1,125 home health care, 217 hospice care, 552 long-term care and 17 maternal child health. The total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefited from health promotion activities such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings. These are preliminary figures that have been prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017 and are not expected to vary significantly.

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

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

Contacts:

Daniel Pudvah, Development Director
dpudvah@cvhhh.org 802.224.2235 or

Kim Farnum Manager of Community Relations & Development; kfarnum@cvhhh.org
802.224.2234

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE
600 Granger Road, Barre, VT 05641

Funding request: \$3,750

ARTICLE 12: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (RUMNEY)

Community Connections, a non-profit organization that has been running before and after school care and programs for 15 years within the WCSU and Montpelier school districts, including Rumney Memorial Elementary School, is seeking funding for the **2017/18** School year, and is asking Middlesex residents to approve funding of \$3,000 at this year's town meeting. This has been the amount asked for and approved in previous years.

- How Many Middlesex residents were served by your organization last year and in what ways? 109 Elementary Students in before and after school care, representing roughly 70% of the Rumney Elementary population.
- On what basis is your request for funds made (e.g. population, # of people served, matching/local funding, or some other clear formula)? Community Connections has been an important part of Rumney for many years, and this funding is very important to the continuation of this program.
- From what sources does your organization receive its funding? Mostly, Community Connections relies on fee-based funding, but smaller amounts of funding such as this are vital. Some grant funding is something that is hoped for; grants are sought after and applied for on a continuing basis.
- Please describe concrete ways that your program benefits from Middlesex support: Funding support from Middlesex goes directly in helping pay for program employees (4 part-time and one full time coordinator) and for program healthy snacks and activity supplies.
- In what ways are Middlesex residents actively involved in your organization (e.g. as volunteers, board members or employees). The current Site Coordinator is a Rumney resident. One other CC employee is a part-time provider. Volunteers are often a part of the CC activity schedule and programs. The construction of a school garden shed/schicken coop is a good example of the community coming together to donate materials, time and \$ to a specific project.

Thank you!

Contact:

Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator for Rumney Elementary
Community Connections
P.O. Box 155, Montpelier, VT 05602
(802)223-5429 x1302
Contact Person:
Email: pdayton@u32.org
Website: www.communityconnections.us

Funding request: \$3,000

ARTICLE 13: CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION

We are building the keystone piece of the statewide Cross Vermont Trail – 2.75 miles of universally accessible trails, and a bridge over the Winooski River, adjacent to the U-32 school. This project greatly expands the trail network at U-32, connects the school with the growing region wide trail network, and provides convenient access to natural areas along the river for everyone to enjoy. Middlesex residents served will be students at U-32 and community members who use the school property for recreation.

Montpelier will contribute \$1 per resident if U-32 towns plus Plainfield contribute as much. The other towns did in 2017, and if now Middlesex also agrees, then the project will receive the matching contribution from Montpelier, all of which will be further matched 4 to 1 by federal grants.

The total cost of the project is 1.6 million dollars, of which 1.3 million is committed from federal grants, and most of the remainder has been raised from local donations, from over 200 individuals, businesses and organizations.

This is a one-time request. Our goal is to bring new resources into towns, rather than relying on any regular funding from towns. In time, we believe the statewide trail network, including in Middlesex, will be completed in a moderate, incremental way. However, we currently face a challenge to complete this keystone piece of the trail by making an investment on a much larger scale.

Contact:

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Cross Vermont Trail
29 Main St., Ste. #4
Montpelier, VT 05602
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Email: greg@crossvermont.org

Funding request: \$1,731

ARTICLE 14: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING

Youth who have mentors are more likely to graduate high school, get along better with their siblings and parents and avoid risky behaviors like alcohol and drugs. Girls/Boyz First Mentoring serves youth 8-18 in WCSU and Montpelier who would like to have a mentor. All youth benefit from an extra healthy adult relationship in their lives to promote good decision making skills and healthy choices as they move through adolescence.

According to our 2017 surveys:

17 out of 40 GBF mentors (42.5 %) are returning mentors who have already mentored at least once in GBF

89% of mentees think that having a mentor has made a difference in their life

74% of mentees believe they will go to college or beyond college

100% of mentees are hopeful about their future

89% of mentees care about how they do in school

89% of mentees feel important when they are with their mentor

85% of mentors feel they have introduced their mentee to people that they would not otherwise have met

90% of mentors have noticed positive changes in their mentees since they have been meeting

100% of parents have noticed positive changes in their child since they have had a mentor

Girls/Boyz First's annual budget is \$55,000.

In 2017, Girls/Boyz First served 14 Middlesex youth and had 4 Middlesex mentors. Middlesex's \$1,500 contribution will go towards general operating expenses.

Contact:

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring

Contact: Wendy Freundlich,

802-224-6500,

73 Main St, #33 Montpelier, VT 05602

wendy.freedom51@gmail.com

Funding request: \$1,500

ARTICLE 15: HOME SHARE NOW

Home Share Now works in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties plus nine adjacent towns through offices in Barre and Morrisville to develop successful home shares, an affordable housing option with positive community and environmental impacts. Last year we served 777 individuals, supporting 115 of them in home sharing matches. In Middlesex we secured housing for 9 people for over 1,000 cumulative nights. We are the *only* organization offering this service in central Vermont.

Home Share Now does not charge the full cost of our services, making home sharing accessible to everyone. Our process requires 10 hours of staff time to complete an interview, personal references, and background check--this process is to protect our participants and to make a good match. Home Share Now must raise \$250/person to enroll a household.

Home Share Now facilitates exchange of services (transportation, meal preparation, pet care, companionship) for housing at a reduced cost. While the majority of Home Share Now's participants are seniors and/or financially insecure, we have no qualifiers; therefore, every person in Middlesex has the ability to use our services to age safely at home, to save money, to maintain independence, to shorten a commute, to share meals, or to lessen their home energy needs.

In addition to facilitated home sharing, we host a community volunteer program and provide conflict resolution services to our housing partners working with aging and/or low income tenants.

Contact:

Christina Goodwin, Executive Director
cgoodwin@homesharenow.org 802-479-8549
Home Share Now
105 North Main Street Suite 103; Barre, Vermont 05641
www.homesharenow.org

Funding request: \$500

ARTICLE 16: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is an independent nonprofit organization that serves as a public library for Middlesex and five other communities. Five hundred sixty-seven (567) Middlesex residents have active library cards, and last year they borrowed 16,311 items, plus e-books, which are not tracked by community.

In addition to very actively using their library cards to borrow books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and e-books, many Middlesex residents attend the numerous programs offered by the library. Last year the library offered 546 programs, with attendance totaling 9,466. We offer dozens of services, including public computers, wi-fi, help on how to download e-books, Outreach services to daycares, occasional story times in our towns, and several free book exchanges, including one at Red Hen Bakery.

We have a strong Board of Trustees, and John Puleio is the Middlesex representative.

Although the amounts vary slightly each year, we generally receive 50% of our income from the member communities (Middlesex, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Worcester and Montpelier—which pays a higher rate); 25% from earnings on our endowment; 20% from fundraising and donations; and 5% from miscellaneous income. For the first time since Town Meeting Day 2014, we are asking our five member towns for an increase.

The library budget is \$909,327, and we are asking Middlesex for \$29,801. The \$1.00 per capita increase from last year (from \$16.00 to \$17.00) will cost Middlesex \$2,041. Our request is much less than the statewide average of taxpayer support for libraries, which is over \$30.00 per capita.

We are asking Middlesex resident to pay 3.3% of the cost of running the library, and for that they receive full access to one of Vermont's premier public libraries.

Contact:

Tom McKone, Executive Director
Kellogg-Hubbard Library
135 Main St.
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 223-3338
Email: tmckone@kellogghubbard.org
Website: www.kellogghubbard.org

Funding request: \$29,801

ARTICLE 17: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) is a 50-year-old organization located at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. Everyone 50+ is welcome to MSAC, your home for healthy aging and lifelong learning. Vibrant, diverse programming promotes lifelong learning, healthy aging, socialization, enhanced nutrition, and access to aging resources.

Our core program is our diverse set of nearly 70 weekly classes, including movement classes, humanities classes, and arts classes that encourage mental and physical well-being. Classes are very affordable, many activities are free, and financial aid is available to all. This year, we have added programs at the Middlesex Town Hall to better serve Middlesex residents.

Our welcoming center offers a gathering space for games, computer use, a book and DVD library, and more Community meals, called FEAST Together, are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays for a low suggested donation. Additionally, MSAC serves to connect older adults to vital services that can help them stay healthy and independent, such as a free tax clinic and inexpensive foot care clinics.

99% of participants would recommend the Senior Activity Center to a friend, and 94% of participants tell us that the Center has had a positive effect on their life.

In the past year, at least 76 residents from Middlesex participated in our programs – a 43% increase over the previous year (53), which has led us to increase our funding request to \$5,500 from \$4,500. As a supporting town, Middlesex members have reduced annual dues and can register for classes at the start of registration.

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center receives funding from diverse funding streams including tax appropriations in six supporting towns, investment income, fees for service, and other fundraising. Your contribution allows us to offer affordable programs that keep older adults healthier in their community.

Contacts:

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Montpelier Senior Activity Center
58 Barre Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602
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Email: jclar@montpelier-vt.org
Website: www.montpelier-vt.org/msac

Funding request: \$5,500

ARTICLE 18: WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER

In 2017 the Waterbury Area Senior Center served 17 different clients Meals on Wheels in Middlesex. The Center delivered over 3,400 meals to recipients in Middlesex. This year we are again asking for \$10,000 from Middlesex for support of our Meals on Wheels program. This money will cover the cost of delivering Meals to 6.5 residents of Middlesex for a year. We currently deliver 5 days a week driving more than 45 miles each day. Our drivers are volunteers and get reimbursed at \$.55 per mile or \$6,500 for Middlesex a year.

Meals on Wheels not only provides a nutritious meal, but also a friendly visit, and a safety check that helps keep seniors living independently in their homes, this helps save billions of tax dollars in avoided hospital, health care and nursing home costs. For every dollar invested in Meals on Wheels we can save taxpayers up to \$50 in Medicaid spending. The Waterbury Area Senior Center is free and open to all. We do not charge a membership fee. We do ask for a \$4.50 donation for meals if you are 60 and older, but we cannot charge due to the receiving Title III of the Older Americans Act. Currently it costs \$8 to \$10 to cover all our costs for each meal delivered.

Last year, Middlesex clients donated about \$1.34 per meal.

Annual Budget \$199,000 FY18 \$63,720.00 in Title III Federal Reimbursement for 18,000 meals for FY 2018

Contacts:

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Waterbury Area Senior Center
14 Stowe Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
(802) 244-1234
Email: director@wasca.org
Website: www.wasca.org

Funding request: \$10,000

ARTICLE 19: FUNDING REQUESTS \$250 AND UNDER

To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not not exceed \$4,915 to support the following organizations:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$250.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$250.00
Good Samaritan Haven	\$250.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$199.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$200.00
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$249.00
Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$199.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00
Total	\$ 4,915.00

Descriptions of these organizations and their services follow on pages 75 - 96.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF VERMONT

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

In the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 fiscal year, the American Red Cross responded to 7 disaster incidents, assisting 14 residents of Washington County. The organization hosted 138 blood drives and collected 4,286 pints of blood. It supported 11 members of the Armed Forces through the Red Cross's Service to the Armed Forces program in Washington County and even installed 32 free smoke alarms.

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

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

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(802) 660-9130
Website: www.redcross.org/nhvt

Funding request: \$250

CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

Capstone Community Action, formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council, helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. We work to alleviate the effects of poverty, help people move out of poverty, and advocate for economic justice.

Each year Capstone serves over 14,000 Vermonters, the majority of whom live in the 56 central Vermont communities that comprise our primary service area. Our staff often works with families in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. In recent years, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance have continued to grow.

Capstone seeks funding (\$249) for all of its services and programs, which include emergency food, heat and utility assistance, housing counseling and homelessness intervention, transportation assistance, workforce development, tax preparation, savings and credit coaching, micro-business development, healthcare navigation, home weatherization, and child and family development programs in Early Head Start/Head Start.

Capstone served 43 Middlesex households representing 59 individuals.

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(802) 479-1053

Funding request: \$249

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided free basic education and literacy instruction to adults and teens in Middlesex for 50 years. On average, CVABE serves 6 Middlesex residents annually, though in 2017, four residents enrolled in the program. CVABE's free instructional services included: basic reading, writing, math and computer literacy; high school diploma and GED preparation and credentialing; career and college readiness; and English Language Learning and preparation for US citizenship.

Based on the average of 6 Middlesex residents served annually, CVABE's projected budget for serving Middlesex residents during our 2018 fiscal year is \$18,870. Your vital town support helps pay for student instruction, educational books and supplies, training of community volunteers who help teach students, and outreach to Middlesex residents who require our education services. Each student has a personalized plan.

There are six CVABE learning centers, including one in Waterbury and another in Montpelier. We also offer instruction in libraries, workplaces, and other assessable locations.

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Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
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Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588
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Email: info@cvabe.org

Funding request: \$250

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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

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

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

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

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

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www.cvcoa.org

Funding request: \$250

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Children's Room deeply appreciates the annual support from the Town of Middlesex, and looks forward to the continued support in 2018 in the amount of \$250.

We are a 34-year-old, non-profit, volunteer-run, organization, serving families and caregivers with children ages birth to six. Our drop-in center is a support facility and hub of area parenting and care-giving resources, programming, and educational opportunities.

Our annual budget is under \$25,000. We receive no federal or state funding, instead relying on local resources and volunteers. The funds raised allow us to offer free programs to those who may not otherwise have access. We have experienced an increased demand for our free learning and enrichment programs as the higher-cost of private offerings increase, and become out of the economic reach for many families in our community. Our organization strives to be inclusive, allowing open access to all community members in Central Vermont, regardless of income.

Our sign-in sheets indicate we served over 350 families last year, consisting of 2,645 child visits and 1,984 adult visits. These visits include eighteen Middlesex families that utilized our services during the year, on numerous occasions.

It has been a pleasure providing such a valuable resource to Middlesex families, and we look forward to continued service. We deeply appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

Contact:

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childrensroom@wwsu.org

Funding request: \$250

CIRCLE

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

During the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) Circle provided the following services to Middlesex residents. (Due to confidential reasons, details are non-specific.):

- Advocates responded to 13 hotline calls and 33 in-person meetings with people who identified themselves as Middlesex residents.
- 1 Middlesex resident received support with child-related services.
- Circle helped 2 meet their housing needs.
- 2 received help with civil legal issues.
- Advocates helped 4 Middlesex resident file temporary protection orders.
- 1 woman and 1 child from Middlesex resided in Circle’s shelter

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 6,081 hotline calls, an increase of 1,095 calls over the previous year. Shelter services were provided to 19 women and 15 children for a total of 2,623 bed nights.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 103 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 132 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

Contact:

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

Funding request: \$199

FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Family Center of Washington County provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. The Family Center's array of services includes: early care and education, children's integrated services-early interventions, family support, home visiting, family supportive housing services, specialized child care supports, transportation, Reach Up and job development, among other programs.

Among the 27 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 were:

- 2 families who consulted the center's child care and resource referral services
- 5 families who received assistance paying for child care
- 11 children who participated in the center's playgroups which are free, open to all families with children ages birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements
- 2 individuals who received food and household items from the newly created Food Pantry to help supplement their families' nutritional and basic needs
- 7 individuals served by the center's specialized Home Visiting services

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

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Family Center of Washington County
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Email: joannj@fcwcvt.org

Funding request: \$250

GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

We are a small local nonprofit with an annual budget of around \$100,000. Our mission is to bring community to families with new babies. We do this through our in-home and community-based programs that are available at no charge to any local family with a new baby.

Our largest program, the Postpartum Angel Family Support Program, matches families with a trained volunteer for up to 12 weeks of in-home postpartum support and respite. Volunteers also provide in-arms cuddling to newborns boarding at CVHC for health reasons. Our Birthing Year workshop series covers a range of early parenting topics, and our Nest parent drop-in space hosts formal and informal gatherings for parents with infants and toddlers, in a welcoming and developmentally-appropriate space. Families are also eligible for assistance through our Emergency Fund and Free Carrier Programs.

Two Middlesex families accessed our services during the most recent fiscal year. Funding from the Town of Middlesex supports our Postpartum Angel program by helping cover expenses related to recruiting and training volunteers, maintaining strong relationships with referral sources, and matching families with a volunteer. Town funding also covers expenses associated with our Nest drop-in space and free early parenting workshops.

Contact:

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
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Montpelier, VT 05602
Tel: (802) 595-7953
www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org

Funding Request: \$250

GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

Good Samaritan Haven would like to request \$250 in funding from the Town of Middlesex to support its Emergency Shelter Program. Good Samaritan Haven is Central Vermont's only homeless shelter, providing housing and support services for people experiencing homelessness in our community. Good Samaritan Haven's Emergency Shelter Program serves approximately 250 of our homeless neighbors each year. It is the only homeless shelter in Washington, Lamoille, and Orange counties. The shelter has a thirty-bed capacity with 19 male and 11 female beds.

The Emergency Shelter Program provides basic needs such as food, clothing, toiletries, and laundry for all guests free of charge through generous community donations. A wide range of case management services are also provided to help guests gain employment, apply for benefits, engage in treatment, and find stable housing.

Thank you so much for considering this request.

Contact:

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Barre, VT 05641
(802) 522-4493

Funding request: \$250

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY (GMTA)

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

In FY17, GMT provided ongoing individual special transportation services to Middlesex residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled transportation totaling 97 trips.

The ability to maintain our role as a trusted public transportation provider within the region would not be possible without our partnerships. Since 2003, GMT has relied on relationships with area organizations, state and federal agencies, local municipalities and private citizens to keep us strong. Without these partnerships and support we would be unable to provide the services that we do.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a request of level funding for FY19 from the Town of Middlesex. **We respectfully request \$199 for FY19 to be placed before the Middlesex voters for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMT's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMT serves.

To better understand what this request supports, I have included our annual report for the previous fiscal year along with a completed questionnaire for your town. This summary should not only demonstrate where GMT travels and what need is fulfilled, but more importantly the number of people who rely on GMT for their daily transportation needs.

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in continuing this mutually beneficial partnership.

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Funding request: \$199

GREEN UP VERMONT

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

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

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

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2018, the first Saturday in May.

Contact:

Green Up Vermont
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Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802) 229-4586
Website: www.greenupvermont.org
Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org

Funding request: \$100

MONTPELIER VETERANS COUNCIL

The Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council has been placing flags and markers at local cemeteries for the past several years. Each year, the organization places over 2,500 flags in Central Vermont cemeteries. The cost of these flags and markers has been covered by personal contributions and funds from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 792, American Legion Post #3 in Montpelier and the Montpelier Elks. Due to the escalating costs of flags and markers, the Montpelier Veterans Council needs to ask towns to assist in these costs.

The Montpelier Veterans Council placed 267 flags and 2 markers in Middlesex this year. The flags cost \$1.35 apiece and the markers cost \$9.00 apiece. The individuals who place these flags and markers each Memorial Day are unpaid volunteers so none of the money donated is used for payment or salaries to individuals. The council is asking for a donation of \$200.

We will continue to place the flags and markers as we consider it a privilege to be able to honor our veterans.

Contact:

Carole Baker, Secretary/Treasurer
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council
1 Pioneer Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 229-9028

Funding request: \$200

OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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

In FY16, OUR House handled 153 cases. Of those, 75 were sexual abuse, 36 were physical abuse and 42 were at risk of harm or neglect or witnesses to violence.

While it is difficult to monetarily quantify a child-abuse investigation, national statistics show tht on a per-case basis, traditional investigations were more expensive than investigations conducted by agencies like OUR House.

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Funding request: \$250

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The People's Health & Wellness Clinic has been providing primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services since 1994. Our services include primary medical care, mental health, oral health, body work and other complementary health, diet and nutrition, and vision care. We are the regional contact for Ladies First, providing screening for breast and cervical cancer, as well as lifestyle coaching and memberships in weight loss programs for cardiovascular health for eligible women. Even if you are insured, Ladies First can fill gaps in coverage or provide complementary services. Tobacco cessation counseling and nicotine replacement therapies are also provided, as well as screenings for alcohol and drug use.

We also continue to provide navigation services for patients needing to sign up for health insurance through Vermont Health Connect, whether it's for Medicaid or commercial health insurance.

Nine separate Middlesex residents sought our services in 2017, 4 of whom were new to the Clinic. They required 26 separate patient interactions. They came for 5 full medical visits and 1 mental health visit. We provided 5 case management interactions, 4 medical consults, performed or arranged for 8 diagnostic tests (labs, x-rays, etc.) . We had 2 dental visits, resulting in 2 cleanings (prophylaxis). Our navigation services helped individuals successfully enroll into health insurance and assistance programs 5 times, as well as numerous renewals and other changes to their plans.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus the Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 48 Vermont towns. People must have household income of less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level to be eligible for our services, but 90% were under 250% - basically the "working poor."

As a federally-deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants and donations, including from our patients. For more information on our services, to make a donation, or to volunteer, please visit our website at phwcvt.org. Patients are seen by appointment only – call 802-479-1229, Monday through Thursday.

We are grateful to the voters of Middlesex for many years of support for the Clinic, and are very pleased to be able to provide these services to the community. Thank you.

Contact:

Peter Youngbaer, Executive Director
The People's Health & Wellness Clinic
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Barre, Vermont 05641
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Email: phwc@sover.net

Funding request: \$250

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is requesting level funding of \$245 from the Middlesex town voters. SACT is currently unable to provide a community specific breakdown of requests for services. Identification of residency is not a requirement to receive services, thus, approximately 31% of requests have not included disclosure of the town of residency of the person requesting services.

Services provided by SACT have included:

- Shelter services for victims of sexual violence
- Shelter services for male victims of domestic violence
- 24/7 hotline
- Medical advocacy including support during rape exams
- Legal systems advocacy.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, SACT received 1361 requests for services from 227 residents of Washington County resulting in 741 units of service being provided. These callers, most often, were victims of sexual violence. Sexual violence includes sexual assault, incest, dating violence, trafficking, sexual harassment, and stalking. Calls from Middlesex residents can include requests for information, one on one support and emergency assistance, assistance and support during the rape exam, access to the shelter program, and court support. In the case of male callers, when requesting access to the SACT shelter, both sexual and domestic violence male victims were brought into shelter.

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Bobbi Gagne, Executive director
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The Sexual Assault Crisis Team
4 Cottage Street
Barre, Vermont 05641

24-Hour Hotline: (802) 479-5577

Funding request: \$245

T.W. WOOD GALLERY

The T.W. Wood Gallery, located at 46 Barre Street, Montpelier in the Center for Arts & Learning. We serve Central Vermonter's (including many Middlesex residents) and beyond in art educational activities. The Gallery holds many free events including changing art exhibits, tours, Art Walks & Talks, poetry readings and more.

The Gallery started in 1896 and is a small nonprofit organization. We are unique in being a historical Museum with a large permanent art collection that also exhibits contemporary Vermont artwork. We regularly exhibit Middlesex artists work.

There is no admission fee to the Gallery to avoid any financial barriers of visitors to view the art. We raise funds from memberships, donations, art sales & camps, grants, town support etc.

The Gallery is requesting \$250 to support our free art exhibits and educational programs for Middlesex residents. The \$250 support costs for 100 residents to visit the Gallery and participate in free events. If the Gallery charged a \$5.00 fee the cost for 100 residents would be \$500. We are requesting half of that. Our annual budget is \$166,816.00.

Over 80 Middlesex residents/families are on our mailing list. Two Gallery Board members are Middlesex residents, Cindy Griffith and Theo Kennedy. All Board members volunteer many hours at the Gallery. We benefit from additional volunteers that fill vital roles. The Gallery offers scholarships and a Middlesex family has benefited in the past.

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Web: twwoodgallery.org

Funding request: \$250

VT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), a non-profit organization founded in 1926, we are the *only* private non-profit organization in the state to provide comprehensive support services to all Vermont residents with a visual impairment. VABVI provided these services to 1,731 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 100 adults and 9 students in Washington County.

Each year we serve over 1,500 clients from birth through end of life. Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. VABVI empowers our adult clients to make the living and care choices that work best for them individually including the option to continue living independently. For every dollar we spend 91 cents goes directly to our client services.

The number of adult clients we serve has increased by 65% in the last 12 years. In fiscal year 2017, we served over 1,250 adults. There are an estimated 13,000 Vermonters who 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 estimate that by 2020 we will be serving a minimum of 1,550 adult clients. People are living longer and longer so the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future.

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Funding request: \$249

VERMONT CARES

Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters with HIV/AIDS and their family members since 1986 with the help of the Town of Middlesex. Though confidentiality precludes Vermont CARES from identifying which municipalities have been served, according to the organization's statistics, 155 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and 425 additional family members have directly benefited from the services Vermont CARES provides.

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

Vermont Cares's funding request from Middlesex represents 5% of the organization's total municipal funding request for 2018.

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

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

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Funding request: \$250

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

For fiscal year 2017(October 2016 to September 2017), VCIL responded to over 3,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 358 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 165 households with information on technical assistance and 534 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

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Website: www.vcil.org

Funding request: \$199

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program – formally called the Dry Hydrant Program – helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire-suppression resources.

For the past 19 years, the Vermont Dry Hydrant Program has issued 1,054 grants totaling \$2.32 million to Vermont towns for installation of dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair.

In 2017, the program increased the maximum grant award from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation and upgrades of existing systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has a budget of \$190,000 per year of which \$110,000 is awarded in grants to Vermont communities to cover construction costs. Since last year's appropriation request, the program has received \$10,000 in appropriations from almost 100 towns and 214 Vermont communities have benefitted.

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VACD Rural Fire Protection Program
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Randolph, VT 05060
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Website: www.vacd.org
Email: dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Funding request: \$100

WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

The Washington County Diversion Program (WCDP) is a voluntary, confidential restorative justice program that provides an opportunity for pa. is to provide an alternative to formal court adjudication for certain offenders from Washington County. Diversion is a voluntary and confidential alternative to the formal court process for certain juvenile and adult offenders over age ten. Cases are referred to Diversion by the State's Attorney on an individual basis.

Last year, seven Middlesex residents were served by WCDP. WCDP runs five separate programs: Court Diversion, Pretrial Services, the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Program, and the Driving with License Suspended Program. Due to a heavy caseload, the financial and volunteer support of our local communities is critical to our success. Thank you for providing the support of our work that you have in the past and for taking the time to consider this request.

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Barre, VT 05641
(802) 479-1922
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Funding request: \$250

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

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

The Bureau's mission is "to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont." We accomplish this through a variety of services including: youth & family counseling; emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; support for pregnant/parenting teens; adolescent substance abuse treatment; a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; a teen center; a regional substance abuse prevention program; support for youth involved in foster care; a new monitoring program for youth ages 11-17 and a 24 hour crisis service. Last year, **13 Middlesex** residents were served by the Bureau through one or more of the services identified above.

The Bureau has been providing services to Middlesex residents for 44 years. This year's funding request represents a cost of approximately \$13.46/person served. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most services provided to Middlesex residents have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. For example, one night of emergency shelter if needed is \$30; and round-trip transportation for services provided from our main office directly in Middlesex are approximately \$16/trip. The Bureau's annual operating budget is \$2,742,101. Middlesex funds will be applied to general support for services delivered to Middlesex residents.

Contact:

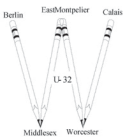
Kreig Pinkham
Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club
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Montpelier, Vermont 05601
(802) 229-9151 (Crisis Hotline)
Website: www.wcysb.org
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Funding request: \$175

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT



**WASHINGTON CENTRAL
SUPERVISORY UNION**



MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The 2017-2018 Audit was conducted by RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The audit report has raised no concerns of form or substance. A complete copy of the audit reports for Rumney (Middlesex) Elementary, U-32 and Washington Central Supervisory Union is available at both the Town Clerk's Office and the Rumney (Middlesex) Elementary School.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 WARNING

MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 7 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

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

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Middlesex Town School District approve the school board to expend \$3,266,283 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,287 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.52% higher than spending for the current year.


ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

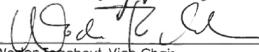
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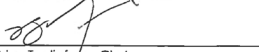
Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00 A.M. at the Red Hen and the other on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

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

SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Carolyn Kirby-Rodgers, Chair


Wenden Teachout, Vice-Chair


Brian Tagliaferro, Clerk


Karoline May


Christopher McVeigh

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT: MARCH 7, 2017

<div>OFFICIAL BALLOT</div> <div>TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT</div> <div>SCHOOL MEETING</div> <div>MARCH 6, 2018</div>		B
ARTICLES		
ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:		
<div>SCHOOL DIRECTOR</div> <div>2-year term</div> <div>Chris McVeigh</div> <div>Kevin Stephani</div> <div></div> <div>(Write-in)</div> <div>Vote for not more than ONE</div>		<div>SCHOOL DIRECTOR</div> <div>3-year term</div> <div>Alison Cornwall</div> <div>Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge</div> <div></div> <div>(Write-in)</div> <div>Vote for not more than ONE</div>
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ARTICLE 4. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?		YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<div>VOTE BOTH SIDES</div>		

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The past year has been one of transitions for Rumney Memorial School, and I am proud to have joined this learning community in July. I want to extend my gratitude to the larger learning community as we learn and grow in new ways, while maintaining traditions that make Rumney a very special place. Traditions such as the Annual All School Hike, All School Meetings, SLI's, Spelling Bee, Primary Sing, Winter Wellness, Artist in Residency, and the Sugar House, all have been maintained. To this we added several new ways for families to engage in their local school. From Ice Cream Socials and Class Meeting Nights, to a student-led fundraising dance for Puerto Rico, positive things are happening at RMS. In November, parents and students enjoyed the film, *Wonder*, as we kicked off a school-wide Unit on Kindness. Monthly Parent Coffee Talks and Student Cocoa Talks with the principal increase communication within our learning community. In addition, students have selected a new feature that will enrich the playground that they and many Middlesex residents enjoy. There are many things to celebrate this year!

We continue our work as a supervisory union (SU) on our mission and theory of action. As we shared with you last year at this time, we are working together on our Implementation Plan, which builds on the three focal areas: *Clear Learning Targets, A Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System, and Providing High Quality Instruction and Interventions.*

This year, Rumney Memorial has worked closely with our colleagues around the SU on important aspects of the Implementation Plan, specifically in the area of scoring and reporting student work. During our August in-service, we participated in professional development on our Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Performance Indicators (PI's). We also began our work with the tool we will be using to eventually share this information with families called Infinite Campus. Later we gathered together to refine our work by developing parent-friendly language for our report cards, which were rolled-out for the first time in January.

As the diversity of student needs continues to grow, we developed our professional capacity in addressing these challenges together. In our January in-service, we were fortunate to have one of the foremost regional experts in the area of childhood adversity, David Melnick, provide us with additional information as we work together to support students. We look forward to additional opportunities to work with colleagues on the important goal of serving the students and families of Washington Central.

*Aimee Toth, Principal
Rumney Memorial School*

RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Middlesex School Board built the Middlesex 2018-2019 School Budget in collaboration with the principal and supervisory union staff. The Board recommends that Middlesex fund a budget of \$3,266,283. This represents a 3.40% increase over the previous year and cost per equalized pupil as 9.52% higher than the current year. The increase in cost per equalized pupil is primarily due to a reduction in revenue and declining enrollment that can specifically be attributed to the graduation of last year's sixth grade class of 33. The reduction in revenues creates a net impact on the taxes of 3.45%. The salaries and benefits which are fixed, are projected to increase by 2.02%. The non-salary items are projected to increase by \$663 or .60%.

We have many wonderful programs where students gain a rich engaging learning experience and we have a staff who care deeply about their work. Like many schools, we have identified some areas where growth is needed. Our principal and staff have been focusing on improving our school-wide systems and parent communications. As a result of their hard work an area of need has been identified, therefore a part time reading position has been increased to a full time position.

In the current fiscal year, the state used \$26.4 million in one-time funds to reduce taxes. Because these funds are no longer available, the Tax Commissioner is projecting an average increase of 9-9.5 cents throughout the state. The statewide tax impacts changes to the Common Level of Appraisal are the major contributor to the local increase in taxes. The legislature will finalize this information in the spring of 2018. Our adopted budget will have 3.9 cent per \$100 or \$ 39 for a \$100k of assessed value tax impact. (-.015 cents from Rumney budget, 5.4 cents from U-32 budget) Non-residential properties are projected to decrease taxes by -.03 cents or -\$30 for a \$100k property. Both tax rates are decreasing due to the change in the Common Level of Appraisal.

Respectfully submitted by THE RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carolyn Kiniry-Roberge, Chair, Woden Teachout, Vice Chair, Brian Tagliaferro, Karoline May, Clerk, Chris McVeigh and Brian Tagliaferro

RUMNEY SCHOOL PROJECTED SALARIES

Rumney Memorial School District

Salary Projection

As of December 1, 2017

	Projected Salaries
Babcock Christine	\$51,567
Barracks Alissa	\$37,814
Bean Barrett Honi	\$13,796
Breidenstein Joanne	\$26,081
Bristol Julie-Marie	\$22,059
Campbell Jennifer	\$50,246
Caswell Lauren	\$45,861
Comtess Peter	\$22,713
Costello Diana	\$65,515
Danyew Christa	\$25,072
Davis April	\$16,965
Diddlemeyer Daniel	\$52,570
Donovan Jennifer	\$31,869
Elliot Barbara	\$10,491
Emmons Linda	\$65,515
Grossi Sharon	\$39,309
Hedler Chip	\$65,515
Israel Martha	\$53,812
Joslyn Tamara	\$25,453
Kirkorian Kara	\$29,042
Leach Rosemary	\$20,547
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$29,540
Pelkey Matthew	\$65,515
Malone Christopher	\$34,008
Morgan Caitlin	\$48,301
Morse Sabrina	\$26,094
Murray Deanna	\$41,983
Robitaille Heather	\$67,770
Sheldon Megan	\$51,098
Toth Aimee	\$85,000
Trapani Paul	\$36,582
Weiss Benjamin	\$67,415
White Tamara	\$21,623
Woodard Lynne	\$39,309
Total	\$1,386,050

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

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2018-2019**

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROJECTED 2018	Final BUDGET 2019
REVENUES				
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$46,933	\$41,259	\$42,958	\$44,000
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$2,581	\$800	\$0	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$4,335	\$1,841	\$1,841	\$1,841
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$7,290	\$0	\$800	\$2,059
FUND BALANCE-EDUC JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STAT	\$2,764,216	\$2,977,219	\$2,960,448	\$3,086,159
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$38,685	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPED-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$59,888	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$318,119	\$137,698	\$128,105	\$132,224
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EEE GRANT	\$20,118	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,262,165	\$3,158,817	\$3,134,152	\$3,266,283

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$743,024	\$754,699	\$741,188	\$770,982
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$37,092	\$31,867	\$56,067	\$57,825
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$29,730	\$22,579	\$22,579	\$23,233
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$165,325	\$164,313	\$157,606	\$157,845
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$58,397	\$59,803	\$62,719	\$63,095
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$1,755	\$0	\$2,506	\$2,506
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,489	\$1,275	\$2,243	\$2,313
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$1,125	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,270
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$5,499	\$5,692	\$5,692	\$5,980
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$477	\$480	\$480	\$405
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$20,095	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$7,493	\$7,507	\$7,783	\$7,783
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$2,364	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,401
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$3,635	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
NEW POSITION(NET OF REDUCTION)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,000
OTHER PROF SVCS-ENVIRONMENTAL ED	\$1,870	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
TRAVEL	\$181	\$400	\$400	\$400
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$17,730	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$1,423	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$227	\$400	\$400	\$400
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$4,440	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
EQUIPMENT	\$2,154	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC	\$1,105,525	\$1,122,265	\$1,132,913	\$1,220,288

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$35,188	\$35,718	\$38,614	\$39,734
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$22,306	\$19,578	\$21,232	\$21,975
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$12,786	\$11,970	\$11,917	\$11,916
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,226	\$4,075	\$4,578	\$4,564
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$1,097	\$0	\$1,027	\$1,027
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$286	\$242	\$299	\$308
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$130	\$161	\$161	\$168
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$357	\$365	\$365	\$407
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$33	\$33	\$33	\$30
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,590	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$651	\$580	\$618	\$618
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$137	\$288	\$288	\$321
TUITION/OTHER PROF SVCS	\$41,931	\$58,211	\$58,211	\$62,048
TRAVEL	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$195	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM	\$120,913	\$133,771	\$139,893	\$145,666

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2018-2019**

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROJECTED 2018	Final BUDGET 2019
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GUIDANCE SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$39,583	\$39,315	\$39,309	\$40,449
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$12,090	\$12,205	\$12,750	\$13,022
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,007	\$2,849	\$3,007	\$2,936
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$246	\$259	\$259	\$267
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$23	\$24	\$24	\$19
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$614	\$500	\$500	\$500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$331	\$331	\$331	\$331
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$124	\$204	\$204	\$210
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$66	\$200	\$200	\$200
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$37	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$55,186	\$56,057	\$56,754	\$58,104

HEALTH SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$66,009	\$65,349	\$66,333	\$67,212
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$6,127	\$6,176	\$10,380	\$11,398
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,865	\$4,919	\$6,197	\$4,999
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$1,097	\$210	\$251	\$251
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$267	\$431	\$431	\$444
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$39	\$39	\$32
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,150	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$442	\$442	\$442	\$442
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$161	\$280	\$280	\$288
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOME	\$92	\$350	\$350	\$350
TRAVEL	\$177	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$850	\$700	\$700	\$700
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$81,327	\$80,116	\$86,623	\$87,336

CURRICULUM SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$18,477	\$21,654	\$21,654	\$22,521
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	\$18,477	\$21,654	\$21,654	\$22,521

LIBRARY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$38,734	\$39,315	\$39,309	\$40,449
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,334	\$9,105	\$4,495	\$4,481
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,801	\$2,889	\$3,007	\$3,037
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$253	\$259	\$259	\$267
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$19
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$312	\$600	\$600	\$600
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$331	\$0	\$331	\$0
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$118	\$204	\$204	\$210
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$522	\$300	\$300	\$300
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$2,575	\$3,285	\$3,285	\$3,285
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$160	\$500	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$51,229	\$57,201	\$53,034	\$53,868

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$12,911	\$13,105	\$13,103	\$13,483
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,036	\$4,068	\$3,850	\$3,861

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019 (continued)

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2018-2019**

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROJECTED 2018	Final BUDGET 2019
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$932	\$950	\$1,002	\$979
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$84	\$86	\$86	\$89
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$6
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$38	\$68	\$68	\$70
OTH PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$43,897	\$82,250	\$82,250	\$75,656
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$531	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$4,931	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$4,395	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$3,627	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$15,735	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$91,235	\$118,245	\$118,077	\$111,854

BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$1,664	\$614	\$614	\$636
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$127	\$120	\$120	\$122
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$175	\$400	\$400	\$400
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
LEGAL & OTH PROF SERVICES	\$13,145	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
ADVERTISING	\$365	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,896	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,437	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.	\$21,809	\$12,434	\$12,434	\$12,458

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$51,304	\$77,881	\$77,881	\$81,630
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TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.	\$52,304	\$77,881	\$77,881	\$81,630

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$115,522	\$95,493	\$85,000	\$87,550
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$45,301	\$44,490	\$45,535	\$47,129
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$1,911	\$2,741	\$2,741	\$2,836
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$36,586	\$34,164	\$39,148	\$39,342
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$11,572	\$10,475	\$10,196	\$9,998
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,812	\$1,780	\$1,821	\$1,885
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$159	\$168	\$168	\$168
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$891	\$942	\$942	\$908
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$84	\$86	\$86	\$66
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$702	\$1,500	\$1,265	\$1,500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,232	\$1,270	\$1,270	\$1,270
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$742	\$728	\$728	\$700
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$6,844	\$750	\$6,750	\$750
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$1,207	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TRAVEL	\$430	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$1,949	\$2,000	\$2,383	\$2,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$105	\$600	\$217	\$600
DUES AND FEES	\$440	\$800	\$1,035	\$800
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$227,489	\$200,387	\$201,685	\$199,902

FISCAL SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$40,522	\$41,842	\$41,842	\$39,097
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$40,522	\$41,842	\$41,842	\$39,097

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019 (continued)

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2018-2019**

PROJECTED **Final**
ACTUAL 2017 **BUDGET 2018** **2018** **BUDGET 2019**

INTEREST EXPENSE

INTEREST EXPENSE	\$39,316	\$40,000	\$41,699	\$44,000
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$39,316	\$40,000	\$41,699	\$44,000

AUDITING SERVICES

SHARED SU AUDIT SERVICES	\$4,150	\$4,575	\$4,575	\$0
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$4,150	\$4,575	\$4,575	\$0

OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT

SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$63,238	\$60,418	\$60,310	\$65,619
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$20,226	\$20,342	\$19,250	\$19,304
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,492	\$4,358	\$4,614	\$4,756
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,473	\$2,417	\$2,412	\$2,625
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$384	\$399	\$399	\$433
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$31
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$552	\$552	\$552	\$552
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$192	\$193	\$193	\$214
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$8,842	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$7,700
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$13,160	\$30,000	\$20,935	\$20,935
WATER & SEWER	\$5,210	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,300
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,193	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180
SNOW REMOVAL	\$4,890	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$4,360	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,300
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROU	\$4,376	\$5,000	\$10,150	\$10,150
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$2,364	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$2,400
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$8,895	\$9,360	\$9,360	\$10,296
TRAVEL	\$25	\$300	\$300	\$300
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$9,631	\$9,000	\$11,615	\$10,079
ELECTRICITY	\$23,204	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$1,998	\$11,560	\$11,560	\$6,560
WOOD PELLETS	\$8,541	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$12,000
EQUIPMENT	\$954	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT	\$190,301	\$230,985	\$230,036	\$225,804

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV

WCSU ASSESSMENT-STUDENT TRANSP.	\$90,575	\$73,638	\$73,638	\$106,421
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$2,493	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV	\$93,068	\$77,638	\$77,638	\$110,421

DEBT SERVICE

UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WATER PROJECT-INTEREST	\$1,473	\$1,538	\$1,335	\$1,335
WATER PROJECT-PRINCIPAL	\$2,255	\$2,190	\$2,393	\$2,393
DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST	\$89,038	\$84,225	\$84,225	\$79,413
DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$267,766	\$262,953	\$262,953	\$258,141

FUND TRANSFERS

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$12,720	\$24,000	\$17,600	\$19,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$90,000
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$36,244	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$108,964	\$184,000	\$177,600	\$149,000

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019 (continued)

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2018-2019**

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROJECTED 2018	Final BUDGET 2019
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INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$139,966	\$157,136	\$152,684	\$159,702
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$4,495	\$3,045	\$3,045	\$3,152
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$36,287	\$62,295	\$50,544	\$50,661
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$10,781	\$11,446	\$11,913	\$11,770
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5,027	\$5,854	\$5,461	\$5,652
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$494	\$462	\$462	\$371
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$969	\$1,057	\$1,057	\$1,029
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$91	\$96	\$96	\$75
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$2,546	\$3,687	\$3,687	\$2,915
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$466	\$811	\$811	\$788
OTHER PROF SVCS /TUITION TO OTHERS	\$1,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED	\$202,722	\$245,889	\$229,760	\$236,115

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SU SHARED SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

SU ASSESSMENTS

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$485,785	\$163,374	\$172,422	\$184,249
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$8,890	\$10,634	\$10,634	\$8,236
TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS	\$494,675	\$174,008	\$183,056	\$192,485

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$70	\$0	\$0	\$0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$0
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SU SHARED SERVICES-ELL	\$15,939	\$16,416	\$16,916	\$17,593
TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	\$16,016	\$16,916	\$16,916	\$17,593

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,282,994	\$3,158,817	\$3,167,023	\$3,266,283
EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE	-\$20,829	\$0	-\$32,871	\$0

3.40%

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019 (continued)

MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL Summary of Changes Budget 2019 vs. 2018

	<u>Final</u> Amount of Increase(Decrease)	Entire Budget % Increase	BUDGET FY2017-2018	BUDGET FY2018-2019
Staffing Changes:				
Negotiated Items				
Salary Increases - Estimate	\$56,653	1.79%		
Health Insurance Increase @10.1% With Current Enrollment	\$18,613	0.59%		
Other Benefit Changes	-\$11,525	-0.36%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$63,741	2.02%		

Position Changes:

School-wide Projected Salary/Benefits FY17-18	-\$10,938	-0.35%
Instructional Staff-1.0 FTE Reading(Net of MTSS Reduction .3 fte)	\$54,000	1.71%
Subtotal Position Changes	\$43,062	1.36%

Total Salary and Benefit Changes **\$106,803** 3.38% \$1,886,796 \$1,993,599

Nonsalary changes:

Preschool Program changes-Per State Law Act 166	\$3,837	0.12%		
WCSU Assessments-Operations	-\$12,960	-0.41%		
WCSU Assessments-SPED	\$22,815	0.72%		
WCSU-Assessment-Student Transportation Svcs	\$32,783	1.04%		
Interest Expense	\$4,000	0.13%		
Operation of Plant-Utilities	-\$10,000	-0.32%		
Fund Transfer-Food Services	-\$5,000	-0.16%		
Fund Transfer-Capital	-\$30,000	-0.95%		
Debt Service-Bond Savings	-\$4,812	-0.15%		
Total Nonsalary Items	\$663	0.02%	\$1,272,021	\$1,272,684

Offset 100% by Revenues

Total Expense Budget Change(A) **\$107,466** 3.40% **\$3,158,817** **\$3,266,283**

Revenue Changes

Projected Change Special Educ. Reimbursement	-\$5,474	-0.17%
Interest Income	\$4,000	0.13%
Subtotal Revenue Changes(B)	-\$1,474	-0.05%

Net Impact on Taxes(A-B) **\$108,940** 3.45%

RUMNEY/WCSU 3-YEAR COMPARISON

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES
ONLY

District: Middlesex County: Washington		T124 Washington Central		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending (per equalized pupil)
				9.842	1.00
				11,862	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559	\$3,158,817	\$3,266,283
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559	\$3,158,817	\$3,266,283
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559	\$3,158,817	\$3,266,283
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$441,105	\$429,343	\$181,598	\$180,124
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$441,105	\$429,343	\$181,598	\$180,124
14.	Education Spending	\$2,591,565	\$2,764,216	\$2,977,219	\$3,086,159
15.	Equalized Pupils	156.61	164.49	169.06	160.01
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,547.89	\$16,804.77	\$17,610.43	\$19,287.29
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,984.20	\$1,627.86	\$1,555.38	\$1,613
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	\$37.68	-	\$24.68	-
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	\$35.76	\$42.56	\$1.24	\$31
25.	Excess spending threshold	Threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$16,805.82	Threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	Threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,548	\$16,805	\$17,610	\$19,287.29
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	174.943% based on \$9,280	173.227% based on \$9,761	173.331% based on yield \$10,160	195.969% based on yield \$9,842
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$19,287.29 + (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1,7319 based on \$9.99	\$1,7323 based on \$1.00	\$1,7333 based on \$1.00	\$1,9597 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Middlesex equalized pupils not in a union school district	56.21%	57.25%	57.66%	54.33%
31.	Portion of district eq equalized rate to be assessed by town (54.33% x \$1.96)	\$0.9735	\$0.9917	\$0.9994	\$1.0647
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.39%	94.46%	103.76%	101.24%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0647 / 101.24%)	\$0.9996 based on \$9.99	\$1.0499 based on \$1.00	\$0.9632 based on \$1.00	\$1.0517 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [\$19,287.29 + \$11,862] x 2.00%	3.15% based on 1.80%	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.94% based on 2.00%	3.25% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (54.33% x 3.25%)	1.77% based on 1.80%	1.77% based on 2.00%	1.70% based on 2.00%	1.77% based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at U32 High School (UHSD #32)	43.79%	42.75%	42.34%	45.67%
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 WARNING

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

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

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

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

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

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

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 128/131 at 6:00 PM on March 5, 2018 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,833,943 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,056 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.90% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year?


Mary Orfsey, Clerk

SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Adrienne Magida, Chair (Middlesex)


Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester)


Nathan Goddard (Berlin)


C. Scott Thompson (Calais)


Kari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)


Karen Bradley, (East Montpelier)


George Gross (Berlin)

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 BALLOT

Union High School District No. 32

**OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 6, 2018**

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

ARTICLE 1

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

Mary Ormsby.....☐
Write-in:.....☐

ARTICLE 2

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

Mary Ormsby.....☐
Write-in:.....☐

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district
officers as follows:

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

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 4

Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,833,943, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,056 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.90% higher than spending for the current year.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 5

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 6

Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year?

YES ☐ NO ☐

U-32 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Directors’ Report on the Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Budget

Adrienne Magida, Chair, U-32 School Board, Scott Thompson and Kari Bradley, U-32 Finance Committee

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

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

For the 2018-2019 budget, three major expense items, WCSU-Operations, Special Education and Transportation, were affected by an accounting change for WCSU assessments. The WCSU Board changed the basis for budget allocations to equalized pupils instead of average daily membership and direct billing. The formula change will result in more consistent budgeting for WCSU schools as a two year student average is used versus a single year. The new formula is consistent with the tax formula, which is also based on equalized pupils, and there is little difference for each town overall. However, this year U-32's budget increased by nearly 1% due to the formula change.

The proposed U-32 expense budget for the 2018-2019 school year is \$14,833,943, an increase of \$528,112 or 3.69% over last year’s budget. After taking into account changes in revenues, the total tax impact of the budget passed in January is 3.21%. At the Board's direction, the budget was reduced by \$121,429 primarily due to savings in contracted services, books and supplies. We do plan to add three para-educator positions to meet our obligation to our students with special needs. We have made no reductions in personnel or academic programs although fewer sessions of some classes may be offered. Our Board is confident that student learning outcomes will not be negatively affected by our work to reduce expenses.

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

Common Level of Appraisal

Town	FY 2018 (this year)	FY 2019
Berlin	105.84 %	102.45 %
Calais	98.48 %	98.51 %
East Montpelier	94.94 %	95.83%
Middlesex	93.67 %	101.24%
Worcester	101.06 %	99.40%

U-32 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Total School Tax with CLA as of January 8, 2018 (Both Elementary and Secondary)

Town	FY 2018 (this year)	FY 2019	Change in Tax Rate
Berlin	1.622	1.732	\$ 0.110
Calais	1.690	1.758	\$ 0.068
East Montpelier	1.902	1.996	\$ 0.094
Middlesex	1.840	1.879	\$ 0.039
Worcester	1.642	1.805	\$ 0.163

Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil by School as of January 8, 2018

Town	FY 2018(this year)	FY 2019	Percent Change
Berlin	\$ 17,507	\$ 16,892	-3.51 %
Calais	\$ 16,368	\$ 15,912	-2.79%
East Montpelier	\$ 19,438	\$ 19,645	1.06%
Rumney	\$ 17,610	\$ 19,287	9.52 %
Doty	\$ 16,368	\$ 17,255	5.42 %
U-32	\$ 17,379	\$ 18,056	3.90 %

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

We will host a U-32 budget informational meeting at U-32 on Monday, March 5th at 6 p.m. Please come with your questions and feedback. We are happy to share the work we have done in preparing this budget and supporting the education of our students.

U-32 PROJECTED SALARIES

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

Projected Salaries			
Abbene Laura	\$63,737	Falby Meaghan	\$65,515
Abbiati Judy	\$67,415	Fair Patricia	\$34,305
Albee Brian	\$60,345	Fisher Brian	\$60,030
Allison Megan	\$59,404	Fitch Lesley	\$54,080
Arsenault Peter	\$57,096	Fournier Dennis	\$50,922
Barrows Stephen	\$26,206	Duprey Jenniffer	\$41,966
Baz David	\$56,485	Dy Krista	\$61,378
Bennett Eric	\$48,694	Emerson Jody	\$83,736
Bird Alden	\$58,687	Emery Paula	\$52,412
Blackburn Christopher	\$69,165	Falby Meaghan	\$65,515
Blakely Xiomara	\$35,914	Fair Patricia	\$34,305
Boulanger Chantal	\$36,624	Fisher Brian	\$60,030
Bove Mary	\$55,544	Fitch Lesley	\$54,080
Brophy Abigail	\$45,952	Fournier Dennis	\$50,922
Butts Molly	\$51,142	French Adam	\$69,165
Buttura Holly	\$39,111	Gadapee Bonnie	\$65,515
Carpenter Kelly	\$22,100	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$33,892
Chaloux Sandra	\$60,345	Garand Laura	\$25,677
Chambers Michelle	\$19,631	Gauthier Allison	\$49,701
Chaplin Mark	\$71,120	George Christiana	\$26,226
Cheeseman Pauline	\$60,324	Gilman Tina	\$23,461
Christiana Kendra	\$45,714	Gonzalez Zachary	\$47,090
Clark-Warner Heather	\$28,219	Gora Peter	\$27,403
Cook George	\$74,757	Grace Caroline	\$80,382
Cook Vicki	\$25,402	Grow Roger	\$52,457
Cooke Ellen	\$67,415	Guiffre Catherine	\$65,515
Crossett Paula	\$56,485	Gunther Grant	\$53,030
Cruikshank Donald	\$24,284	Hannigan David	\$45,581
Cueto Linda	\$27,255	Harris Stephen	\$60,453
Dalmasse Denise	\$27,748	Heintz Benjamin	\$65,516
David Beatrice	\$56,485	Hilferty John	\$72,153
Davis Elizabeth	\$25,901	Hill MaryEllen	\$26,613
Decker Anne	\$65,129	Hoermann Tammy	\$32,751
Deguzzman Jodi	\$873	Holquist Nicholas	\$68,039
Deiss Williams	\$40,365	Houston Glenn	\$56,485
Desch Marguerite	\$69,368	Ingersoll Jennifer	\$59,976
Devries Aanika	\$71,575	Jarvis Lucas	\$19,441
Divelbliss Brian	\$78,938	Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$56,485
Duquette Samantha	\$19,631	Junkins Drew	\$45,905
Dunn Colleen	\$43,938	Keefe Brianne	\$49,755
Dunn William	\$45,526	Keese Cairsten	\$52,570
Duprey Jenniffer	\$41,966	Keys Margaret	\$63,737
Dy Krista	\$61,378	Kiefer Julie	\$75,204
Emerson Jody	\$83,736	Koenigbauer Amy	\$57,094
Emery Paula	\$52,412	Kolva Matt	\$71,135
		Koretz Debra	\$53,932
		Lakey John	\$44,667
		Lakey Sam	\$38,879
		Lang Roderick	\$20,779
		LaPlante Lisa	\$96,166
		LaBonte Jessica	\$51,143
		Leiberman Karen	\$31,274
		Lewton Sherry	\$41,625
		Lovitz Nathan	\$47,090
		Magoon Heather	\$29,460
		Martin Christiana	\$45,763
		Martin Tracy	\$45,816
		McCann Katherine	\$71,120
		McGinnis Devan	\$33,178
		McKellar Kimberly	\$27,805
		McMahon William	\$36,624
		McNaulty William	\$38,106
		Molina Amanda	\$87,583
		Monti Amanda	\$23,395
		Mooney Erin	\$67,487
		Occaso Carla	\$21,607
		Orellana Riena	\$32,531
		Pagel Heather	\$47,534
		Papineau Amy	\$29,968
		Pate Stephen	\$115,515
		Powelson David	\$51,034
		Rackliff Matthew	\$26,235
		Randall Nanci	\$29,072
		Rice Lisa	\$46,061
		Richardson Mindi	\$19,779
		Rimmer Paula	\$27,715
		Roberts Caitlin	\$39,329
		Rosenberg Kara	\$61,076
		Roy Georgia	\$46,990
		Saunders Kathryn	\$19,631
		Scarzello Dylan	\$63,231
		Schaeffer Nicolle	\$64,249
		Sheeler Stephen	\$52,570
		Slade Jodie	\$22,041
		St. Peter Hollis	\$60,345
		Stevens Debra	\$23,395
		Thomas Gillian	\$69,370
		Towne Stephen	\$65,515
		VanDeren Lauren	\$44,624
		Van Orman Henry III	\$67,059
		Verchereau Suzanne	\$43,263
		Wade-Keeney Adrian	\$49,701
		Walker Katherine	\$74,980
		Weinstein Robert	\$45,566
		Wiese Kathy	\$71,120
		Williams Christopher	\$68,751
		Willis James	\$26,877
		Wilson Carolyn	\$65,515
		Wolf Sara	\$26,580
		Wysolmeski Erin	\$47,191
		Yun Kathleen	-
		TOTAL	\$6,660,712

As of December 1, 2017

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019
REVENUES				
TUITION	1,102,013	911,960	1,080,474	914,900
INVESTMENT INCOME	140,496	150,000	136,833	140,000
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	12,327,044	12,786,230	12,721,915	13,245,698
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	258,265	123,771	151,773	146,771
STATE REVENUES-MISC	279,661	7,500	7,500	7,500
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	269,473	0	0	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	1,286,264	326,371	346,424	379,074
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	\$15,663,216	\$14,305,831	\$14,444,919	\$14,833,943
EXPENSES				
BUSINESS ED.	168,831	173,752	172,489	174,598
DRIVER ED.	67,359	69,334	68,535	69,413
ENGLISH	797,619	791,099	821,940	831,244
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	333,963	254,806	296,262	300,426
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	415,256	430,022	445,683	453,595
TECHNOLOGY ED .	195,504	115,285	104,709	113,846
LIVING ARTS	75,948	86,236	43,140	42,313
MUSIC	261,915	236,321	236,134	236,170
PHYSICAL ED.	387,259	391,563	475,340	481,770
MATHEMATICS	911,173	936,016	836,344	867,582
SCIENCE	915,327	869,410	815,498	832,244
SOCIAL STUDIES	600,337	611,352	628,687	647,279
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	366,333	417,650	445,376	408,196
OTHER INSTRUCTION-504	3,225	11,800	11,800	11,000
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	364,323	434,127	504,994	562,395
MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS	15,751	17,480	17,480	15,480
GUIDANCE SERVICES	605,305	631,965	634,214	651,422
HEALTH SERVICES	124,186	126,711	135,084	137,102
CURRICULUM SERVICES	104,273	116,251	120,525	141,919
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	227,327	236,238	237,529	243,759
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	522,359	591,431	591,431	639,797
BOARD OF EDUCATION	34,001	49,853	49,854	37,215
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	193,376	288,578	288,578	370,923
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	931,853	939,003	920,637	925,590
FISCAL SERVICES	151,158	150,281	150,281	177,658
INTEREST EXPENSE	136,929	142,280	129,113	132,280
AUDITING SERVICES	6,950	7,575	7,575	0
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,392,905	1,406,990	1,459,644	1,482,591
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	682,874	574,483	574,483	504,602
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	1,153,325	1,088,625	1,084,373	1,088,625
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	461,867	582,805	618,614	676,916
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	2,062,967	812,384	756,635	834,563
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	33	0	0	0
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	761,291	714,126	743,941	741,430
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,433,102	\$14,305,831	\$14,426,922	\$14,833,943

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent's Office Report

January 16, 2018

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

As a supervisory union, our mission is:

Washington Central Supervisory Union exists to nurture and inspire in all students the passion, creativity, and power to contribute to their local and global communities.

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

Budget Impacts of Assessment Allocation Change

For the 2018-2019 school year, three significant line items: WCSU-Operations, Special Education, and Transportation were affected by an accounting change for WCSU assessments. This year, the Washington Central Supervisory Union budget allocation changed to use equalized pupils (weight count of pupils based on their characteristics) instead of average daily membership and direct billing for Special Education and Transportation. The formula change will result in more consistent budgeting for WCSU schools as a two-year student average is used versus a single year. The new formula is consistent with the tax formula used, and by town, there is little change.

Board Goals, Student Learning Outcomes, and Implementation Plan

As many of you know, in May of 2016, the boards created the WCSU Mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) to define what we wanted all children to know and be able to do when they receive a U-32 diploma. The Washington Central Full Board tasked the Leadership Team of the supervisory union to develop an Implementation Plan to support each student in obtaining all the Student Learning Outcomes. The Leadership Team's Theory of Action for this plan is:

If we provide high-quality instruction and interventions that are responsive to learners' needs and interests, based on clear learning targets, and measured by a comprehensive and balanced assessment system, then we will close achievement gaps and ensure that all students achieve proficiency in our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes.

This past October, the six boards of Washington Central used their unified mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for our PreK – 12 school system to set a baseline for student performance in a student monitoring report. We are starting to see some improvement in student achievement in some schools and grade levels that are focusing on providing a multi-tier system of supports for students. In these grade levels and classes we are seeing a closing of the achievement gap between students at risk and the overall population of children. The board has asked us to ensure that all students are meeting our SLO.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide ongoing professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-Graduation. This work is mainly robust as we transition to a proficiency-based learning system.

As you may know, Vermont's new Education Quality Standards went into effect in 2014. They call for all students to graduate under a proficiency-based system starting with this year's tenth graders. Local school boards determine the proficiency-based graduation requirements. Our school boards responded by adopting our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes in May 2016. All of the work that Ms. Miller-Arsenault facilitates regarding the five components of a proficiency-based system (curriculum, instruction, assessment, scoring, and reporting) is aligned to our Student Learning Outcomes and is a reflection of our community's values.

Our teachers play an integral role in articulating our expectations for students. To ensure that teachers across the school system have the opportunity to engage in professional learning that is aligned to our Student Learning Outcomes and is coherent PreK-Graduation, Ms. Miller-Arsenault has established what we in WCSU have fondly dubbed "Curriculum Camp" for teachers. Shortly after our students' school year ends in June, teachers are invited to participate in Curriculum Camp. Teachers deepen their learning about aspects of proficiency-based learning systems and create frameworks for curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. This work is supported primarily with grant funds.

Special Services

Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services, works closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for approximately 230 students with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with state and federal laws. This work includes managing contracted services for state placed students as well as out of district placements.

Throughout this current school year, Ms. Bushey and Ms. Miller-Arsenault have been collaborating to provide professional development to the special educators across the supervisory union. The special educators meet about one time per month for a half day. The focus of this professional development has been around aligning Individualized Education Plans (IEP) to the Proficiency Based Graduation Requirement System (PBGR) as well as aligning this work to the new report card system.

You may notice that the overall number of students that are eligible for special education has increased over the past several years. Ms. Bushey has spent a significant amount of time analyzing this increase and has been collaborating with our other agency partners to purpose ways to provide supports and services to students and schools in a more efficient way. Ms. Bushey is currently leading a group of her colleagues through the development of a WCSU alternative program on the U-32 campus. The overall goal of this is to keep our students in the supervisory union, rather than sending them to alternative programs throughout Washington County.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an essential step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has pre-kindergarten program that serves 3 and four year olds from their towns for 10 hours per week. All of the programs have met high STARS accreditation scores. WCSU currently serves 100 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

Additionally, we are fully implementing Act 166, Vermont's universal pre-kindergarten law. Act 166 is designed to provide access to high-quality pre-kindergarten for all students. Across our five towns, 40 students are enrolled in private, pre-qualified programs.

WCSU continues to provide programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities and our youngest students who are at risk of school failure across our five towns. We also partner with organizations who support children from birth-3 years who have disabilities in order to ensure a smooth transition to our school system.

Technology

This year was another excellent year for the WCSU Technology Department. We continue to support student learning through the use of a one-to-one computer-to-student project from grades 4 through 12. By using Google Chromebooks, we have been able to dedicate a computing device to each student and teachers have been able to increase the integration of technology in their classes. To support the use of the Google Chromebooks we have completed our transition to a fully Google based education system. All of our e-mail, calendars and online classroom document system are managed through Google-based technology. The convergence of all of these systems into the Google domain has made it easier for the teachers and students to use technology to support the learning.

Fiscal Services

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$46.3 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. When looking at the total tax rate impacts for all of our towns, our changes this year increase the rate between 3.9 cents to 16.3 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value. To see the amount for your town, please see your town report. In the current fiscal year, the state used \$26.4 million in one-time funds to reduce taxes. Because these funds are no longer available, the Tax Commissioner is projecting an average increase of 9-9.5 cents throughout the state. The state-wide tax impacts, along with changes to the Common Level of Appraisal, are the major contributors to the local increase in taxes. The legislature will finalize this information in the spring of 2018. In developing budgets for FY19, each school board looked closely at their per pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High-Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
William Kimball
Superintendent of Schools

WCSU PROJECTED SALARIES

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Salary & Benefit Projection
As of December 1, 2017

	Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
			Meacham Michelle	\$22,948	\$31,147
			Metivier Krista	\$48,254	\$74,533
			McLeod Sarah	\$33,674	\$55,682
			McGlynn Margrith	\$67,415	\$78,147
			McLane Megan	\$54,952	\$67,866
Banks Mark	\$13,884	\$15,050	Miller-Arsenault Jennifer	\$100,136	\$120,534
Bibeau Lori	\$116,016	\$150,851	Morse Amanda	\$62,436	\$76,064
Blondin Patricia	\$57,566	\$81,603	Nathanson Theodore	\$52,570	\$72,311
Bohn Jamie	\$51,088	\$61,631	Newberry Holly	\$69,371	\$99,756
Breer Virginia	\$58,923	\$87,963	Nicholas-Fleming James	\$69,370	\$95,369
Brett Michelle	\$49,136	\$57,076	O'Brien Michael	\$57,208	\$70,471
Brigitte Kalat	\$67,770	\$93,628	Ognibene Susan	\$52,457	\$78,215
Bushey Kelly	\$100,189	\$124,345	Paris Maria	\$67,415	\$81,483
Carter Anne	\$55,496	\$76,274	Pauley William	\$55,544	\$75,547
Carter Robert	\$46,324	\$57,972	Perry Brittany	\$72,250	\$83,374
Carr Ann	\$49,444	\$65,505	Paterson Sheila	\$65,515	\$91,174
Caswell Jane	\$41,622	\$48,193	Powers Bess	\$67,415	\$98,457
Chevalier Candy	\$78,180	\$110,750	Pryce Susan	\$56,485	\$69,587
Chouinard Bonnie	\$34,905	\$59,954	Rhodes Sonya	\$33,708	\$46,656
Conforti Andrew	\$62,140	\$88,754	Richardson Sarah	\$63,873	\$77,292
Dawkins Margaret	\$69,370	\$95,369	Smart Stephanie	\$54,226	\$67,046
Deiss William	\$40,365	\$53,866	Taffel Patricia	\$55,496	\$64,234
Dentith Susan	\$69,370	\$83,610	Toffel-Murray Michele	\$35,077	\$40,323
Dorsey Ellen	\$46,950	\$62,987	Vanderlip Elizabeth	\$67,415	\$93,241
Doyle Shawn	\$7,976	\$9,320			
Easterbrooks Brian	\$24,965	\$34,225			
Fair Renee	\$48,650	\$76,629	Total	\$3,307,054	\$4,367,808
Feeser Gretchen	\$49,861	\$63,631			
Gauthier Emily	\$44,570	\$57,621			
Griggs Janine	\$43,316	\$56,508			
Hodgson Lisa	\$42,092	\$51,840			
Holden Kerra	\$63,488	\$91,543			
Howe Dana	\$21,121	\$22,893			
Kimball William	\$123,81	\$139,931			
Kittredge Matthew	\$48,003	\$62,861			
Ksepka Michelle	\$57,149	\$85,891			
Lamberti Sheryl	\$40,486	\$68,962			
Mankoff Joanne	\$69,371	\$97,878			
Marineau Craig	\$58,871	\$73,625			
Mayette Sue Anne	\$69,370	\$90,560			

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

NOTE: This information is not comparable from year to year as several positions listed above are paid by grants and other funding sources. These funding sources vary in amount on an annual basis.

WCSU REPORT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2017, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$7,068,933. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2017 with a \$450,069 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$213,018 operations, \$0 special education, \$143,097 office equipment and technology, \$84,370 building capital fund and \$9,584 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2018, the supervisory union budgets total \$8,452,586 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2019, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$8,914,555 which consists of \$2,615,143 for operations and \$6,299,412 for special education and transportation services.

William Kimball
Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

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

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

WCSU CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET AND RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL SHARE

WCSU Central Office Budget and Rumney Memorial School Share

The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its equalized pupils. Using the equalized pupils, the allocation for Rumney Memorial School is 11.0% for FY 2018-2019. The total assessment for Rumney Memorial is \$252,036 which is an decrease of \$12,960 over 2017-2018. The decrease of \$12,960 represents a 0.41% decrease to the Rumney budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office.

Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office:

Function & Services (not an exclusive list)

Administration Services- SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation; new required accounting & software standards. Rumney share is \$81,630

Curriculum Services- Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; job-embedded professional development across the SU; grant writing. Rumney share is \$22,521

Technology Services- Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; network administration and support; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; and integration of technology into SU operations are included in this total. Rumney share is \$75,656

Fiscal Services- Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. Rumney share is \$39,097

Student Special Services- Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschoolers, private school students and homeless students, special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. Rumney share is \$24,897

Preschool Administration- Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. Rumney share is \$8,236

Special Education – All Special Education costs are included in the WCSU Budget (except paraeducators.) Rumney share is \$159,352

Student Transportation – All student transportation costs to/from school are included in the WCSU Budget. Rumney share is \$106,421

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget Summary

Final

	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Projected	FY 2019 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Assessments	\$1,761,616	\$2,054,485	\$2,054,485	\$2,255,842	\$201,357
Earnings on Investments	\$10,928	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$0
Shared Services Assessments & Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$62,710	\$62,710	\$62,710	\$0
SPED Reimbursements	\$74,903	\$262,388	\$262,388	\$288,991	\$26,603
State Reimbursements	\$720,539	\$1,000,000	\$1,010,905	\$1,105,100	\$105,100
School SPED Programs-(No Paraeducators)	\$3,541,763	\$3,686,396	\$3,668,981	\$3,789,482	\$103,086
Student Transportation Services	\$1,124,225	\$1,364,007	\$1,364,007	\$1,404,830	\$40,823
Subtotal	\$7,233,974	\$8,437,586	\$8,431,076	\$8,914,555	\$476,969
Fund Balance Usage	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	-\$15,000
Total Revenues	\$7,248,974	\$8,452,586	\$8,446,076	\$8,914,555	\$461,969

Expenditures:

Instruction Develop. Services	\$146,502	\$177,220	\$156,398	\$218,924	\$41,704
Technology Services	\$358,932	\$651,399	\$665,241	\$690,000	\$38,601
Superintendent's Office, Board & Audit Services	\$385,556	\$518,411	\$554,746	\$585,689	\$87,278
Preschool Administration	\$6,624	\$11,335	\$0	\$0	-\$11,335
Fiscal Services	\$315,694	\$390,270	\$389,162	\$415,471	\$25,201
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$14,662	\$25,036	\$25,036	\$25,210	\$174
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers-Capital, Building & Financial Software	\$35,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$145,000	\$10,000
Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students & Case Mgm	\$778,926	\$1,000,000	\$1,010,905	\$1,105,100	\$105,100
Special Education Summer Program & Eval Team	\$287,434	\$303,130	\$288,890	\$330,157	\$27,027
Special Area Admin. Services	\$188,019	\$190,382	\$195,295	\$204,692	\$14,310
School SPED Programs-(No Paraeducators)	\$3,541,763	\$3,686,396	\$3,668,981	\$3,789,482	\$103,086
Student Transportation Services	\$1,124,225	\$1,364,007	\$1,364,007	\$1,404,830	\$40,823
Total Expenditures	\$7,183,337	\$8,452,586	\$8,453,661	\$8,914,555	\$461,969
Fund Balance Increase(Decrease)	\$65,637	\$0	-\$7,585	\$0	\$0

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

Assessment Summary for Special Education and Student Transportation Services

Final Budget Allocated Using Equalized Pupils

Special Education Budget FY1819 Summary by School:

	Local Budgets Paraeducators	WCSU Budget	Total Expenses	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
Berlin	\$244,430	\$507,790	\$752,220	\$450,551	\$301,669
Calais	\$106,535	\$291,790	\$398,325	\$239,903	\$158,422
E Montpeller	\$188,056	\$500,212	\$688,268	\$414,300	\$273,968
Middlesex	\$236,115	\$416,843	\$652,958	\$389,715	\$263,243
Worcester	\$66,438	\$185,684	\$252,122	\$151,905	\$100,217
U32	\$676,917	\$1,887,163	\$2,564,080	\$1,544,804	\$1,019,275
Total	\$1,518,491	\$3,789,482	\$5,307,973	\$3,191,178	\$2,116,794

Special Education Budget FY1819 Summary by School(WCSU ONLY):

	Local Budgets Paraeducators	WCSU Budget	Total Expenses	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
Berlin	\$0	\$507,790	\$507,790	\$313,670	\$194,120
Calais	\$0	\$291,790	\$291,790	\$180,243	\$111,547
E Montpeller	\$0	\$500,212	\$500,212	\$308,989	\$191,223
Middlesex	\$0	\$416,843	\$416,843	\$257,491	\$159,352
Worcester	\$0	\$185,684	\$185,684	\$114,700	\$70,984
U32	\$0	\$1,887,163	\$1,887,163	\$1,165,731	\$721,432
Total	\$0	\$3,789,482	\$3,789,482	\$2,340,824	\$1,448,658

Equalized Pupils

With New Bus Contract

Student Transportation Budget FY1819 Summary by School:

	WCSU Budget	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
Berlin	\$188,247	\$58,607	\$129,640
Calais	\$108,172	\$33,677	\$74,495
E Montpeller	\$185,438	\$57,733	\$127,705
Middlesex	\$154,531	\$48,110	\$106,421
Worcester	\$68,837	\$21,431	\$47,406
U32	\$699,605	\$217,807	\$481,798
Total	\$1,404,830	\$437,365	\$967,465

Equalized Pupils

MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

Town of Middlesex
Estimated Tax Calculations
As of January 2, 2018

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

					\$1.00		TAX RATES:		\$1.629	
					Equalized	Actual	Equalized	Actual	Equalized	Actual
Education Spending Per Eq Pupil					Homestead	Homestead	Nonresidential	Nonresidential	Nonresidential	Nonresidential
Town										
Projected Budget 18-19										
Budget 17-18										
	\$18,725	\$9,842	190.26%	294.50	\$1,903	\$1,879	\$1,629	\$1,609		
	\$16,597	\$10,160	163.36%	287.32	\$1,711	\$1,811	\$1,535	\$1,625		
	12.82%	-3.13%		2.50%						

Common Level			Actual	
Appraisal			Homestead	
FY11-12	97.32%		\$1,391	
FY12-13	96.86%		\$1,422	
FY13-14	96.06%		\$1,507	
FY14-15	95.61%		\$1,633	
FY15-16	97.39%		\$1,757	
FY16-17	94.46%		\$1,811	
FY17-18	93.67%		\$1,840	
FY18-19	101.24%		\$1,879	
Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)			\$0.039	
Impact on a \$100,000 property			\$39	
			Actual	
			Nonresidential	
			\$1,398	
			\$1,425	
			\$1,499	
			\$1,585	
			\$1,576	
			\$1,625	
			\$1,639	
			\$1,609	
			-\$0.030	
			-\$30	

Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil					Amount Per Town Elementary U32				
	\$18,725								
	\$19,287								
	\$18,056								
***Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:									
TAX RATES:					Current Common Appraised at 100%				
					Level of Appraisal				
FY18-19					Equalized				
Elementary Tax Rate					Total Tax Rate				
U32 Tax Rate					\$1,065				
TOTAL Tax Rate					\$0.838				
					\$1,903				

2017 DOG REPORT

Total Number of Dogs Registered 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017: 211

Total Fees Collected: \$2,570.00

Total Fees to State: \$1,051.00

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

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

By Vermont law, all dogs must be licensed by April 1st.
Please call the Town Clerk at 223-5915 for more information.

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

VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.



1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



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VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:
www.vtvets.org 802-878-6888

2017 MARRIAGES

Spouse	Spouse	Date
Beverly Anne Bouffard	Phillip Charles Drake	April 14
Margaret Yvone Roper	Christopher Michael Allard	April 30
Thomas Lionel Bolduc	Tiffany Lynn Miller	June 10
Sorsha S. Anderson	Christopher J. McVeigh	June 15
Stacey Ellen Kight	Travis Allan Skadberg	June 24
Thomas Edwin Matusiak	Anna Louise Mayhew Merriman	July 13
Julia Martin Longenecker	Timothy Austin Allen	August 5
Steven Kenneth Martin	Debra Elizabeth Smith	September 9
Sabrina Marie Wescott	Albert Michael Borne	September 16
Vinicius Rico Vacanti	Katherine Beatrice Powell Prescott	September 16
Amy Anne Miller	Sean James McVeigh	November 4
Nichole Ryan Roux	Lucas Dwayne Braman	December 16
Anna Marie Chase	Mark Neil Chase	December 24

2017 DEATHS

Name	Date	Age
Nina Marie Sullivan	January 30	88
Robert Owen Doolen, Jr.	February 24	68
Penelope Margaret Chartier	April 11	71
Gary Francis Field	April 22	75
Joanna N. Ryan	May 27	71
Marion Ilene Frink	June 13	96
Warren Patrick Yaeger	July 4	82
Cindy R. Cook	July	59
Rita M. Mandigo	July 15	80
Thomas George Ryan	August 2	71
Mary Eva Brown	August 19	87
Gertrude Madeline Howieson	October 23	98
Mary LaCount	November 13	77
Timothy Lindsay Kasten	November 27	65
Robert William Taylor	November 28	73
Jacob Jonathan Davis	December 3	33

2017 BIRTHS

Parents	Gender	Month
Emily MacIntosh Bixby Adam Dale Braman	Boy: Emmitt Bradley James Braman	January 17
Ashley Marie Demers Joshua Randall Demers	Girl: Alexis Rae Demers	January 31
Mikaela Ann Pearson Ryan Christopher Pearson	Boy: Henry George Pearson	March 13
Justice Olivia Donald Gabriel Timothy Murphy	Boy: Liam Krishjan Hernandez	March 31
Rebekah Andres Mandell Patrick Joseph Wood	Girl: Calla Laika Mandell Wood	April 21
Nicole Dawn Crum Branden Donald Pecor	Girl: Annabelle Dawn Pecor	June 12
Jennesta Elizabeth Garrett Richard Joseph Dopp	Boy: Cameren Joseph Dopp	June 29
Emily Margaret Palmer John Joseph Demeter	Girl: Kaia Mae Demeter	October 7
Sara Ann White Mark Alan White	Boy: Tanner Alan White	October 17
Coral Bailey Doolen Dustin James Doolen	Girl: Charlie Antonette Doolen	October 21
Alyssa Jan Johnston David Arthur Johnston	Girl: Janet Elaine Johnston	October 27
Monica Dawn Cerminara Paul Angelo Cerminara	Girl: Alessandra Elena Cerminara	November 8
Cassandra Jean Blondin Hayden Thomas Mann	Boy: Maverick Wyatt Mann	December 9

MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Milford Leonard Scholarship is awarded annually by a representative from the Select Board and the Rumney School Board. No scholarship was awarded in 2017.

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

If you know a child who might qualify for the above, please send a letter outlining why you are recommending the child, which camp and the cost of the camp to the Town Clerk's Office by June 1st, 2018. The committee will review candidates and make its recommendation to the Select Board for final approval and release of funds. Scholarships may cover the entire cost of the camp or partial costs depending on requests and need.

Elizabeth Scharf

Middlesex Select Board representative for the Milford Leonard Scholarship.

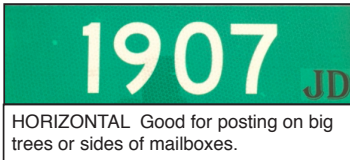
SPREAD SOME JD!



E-911 DRIVEWAY SIGNS

To honor JD Picard's Memory

After JD's tragic death in 2008, the Picards generously donated funds to the Fast Squad help keep JD's memory alive, be sustainable, and serve Middlesex and the Fast Squad. We have come up with a lot of ideas, but they did not fill the Departments 3 criteria: To be lasting, emulate JD's spirit and support his memory.



To Honor JD's memory we are going to add JD to reflective E 911 signs and encourage home and business owners to mark their driveway. In an emergency, you want it to be easy for EMS or Fire personnel to be able to identify where they need to turn. We are asking \$10 per sign. Our goal is to have a sign at every driveway in our service area and welcome other towns to spread a little JD around!



If you are in the Middlesex Fire service area, (All of Middlesex and River Rd area of Moretown) and would like a marker, but cannot afford the \$10, please let us know and the JD fund will pay for your sign.

The Fire Department can provide installation if requested, and has galvanized 6 ft metal posts for \$15.

TO ORDER: indicate

- #1 Color (Red or Green)
- #2 Sign Layout (horizontal or vertical)
- #3 How many signs your want (and posts if desired)
- #4 House # (print carefully!!)
- #5 Your name and address for delivery & preferred contact information (phone# or email)
- #6 Payment, \$10 for sign and \$15 for posts (if needed)

Send order (and payment) or ?'s to:
Middlesex Fire Dept E-911 Signs/CPR
3 Church St
Middlesex, VT 05602

OR email to
margebower@comcast.net
OR complete order form & pay at
Middlesex Town Clerk office

Free delivery to Middlesex Fire service area, other add \$2 for USPS

VT Guidelines Displaying Address Numbers 30 V.S.A. § 7053
http://e911.vermont.gov/sites/e911/files/pdf/E911-Addressing_Standards.pdf Page 10



JD PICARD/ R. KRAUTH COMMUNITY EMS EDUCATION FUND

A Generous Donation was made by Anita and Ron Krauth to the Fast Squad to recognize the importance of supporting first responders and neighbors in Middlesex. Combined with money from the JD donation, we have bought some teaching supplies and plan to buy more. We have offered 2 AHA The **Family & Friends CPR** Courses and 3 Basic Life support classes to train first responders.

We plan on offering at least 4 classes in 2018. Contact Marge Bower as above for info or to sign up!

CPR Classes are held at the Fire Station at 55 Welch Park Drive. The course is free, but donations are accepted to keep the fund going. Announcements of classes are made on Front Porch Forum.

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TOWN OF MIDDLESEX VERMONT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Current reports of the Town Officers and Town School
District for the year ended June 30, 2017

**Town Meeting is at the Rumney School and
starts at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

Please bring this book with you!