

# *The Town of* **Middletown** **Springs** VERMONT



Emmett Francois

This Town Report is dedicated to 96 year old Donna White. Shown here in 2000 receiving the Gold-Headed Cane from former Select Board Chair Henry Gerberding.

## **Annual Report**

*of the Town Officers*

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003**

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**WARNING**  
**Town Meeting - March 2004**

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Firehouse Hall, in said Town, on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on, Tuesday, March 2, 2004. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 2, 2004, at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted.

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 2, 2004 FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to appropriate the sum of \$193,280.00 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$148,280.00 to be raised by taxes on the 2004 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to appropriate the sum of \$184,833.00 for the General Operation of the Town, \$160,933.00 to be raised by taxes on the 2004 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to produce wood and wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation and educational purpose?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve raising \$13,978.00 to offset the deficit for the general government spending for fiscal year 2003?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve an additional expenditure of \$35.00 per month to partially offset the cost of printing and mailing the monthly newsletter, *The Magnet*?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve raising \$25,000.00 to add to the Municipal Facility Fund for Capital Improvements?

9. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to advise the Middletown Springs Listers to engage the services of a professional appraising firm to appraise all properties within Middletown Springs borders on a fair and equitable basis?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to change the Constable one year term to a two year term starting March of 2005?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs transfer the Highway Surplus of \$17,500.00 in 2002 and the Highway Surplus of \$31,859.09 in 2003 to the Highway Reserve Accounts as follows?
  - A. The amount of \$10,000.00 to the Highway Municipal Facilities Account.
  - B. The amount of \$9,359.09 to the Highway Equipment Account
  - C. The amount of \$30,000.00 to the Highway Road Surfacing/Paving Account
12. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Fred Bradley, Chairman  
John Colvin, Vice Chair  
Shirley Moyer, Clerk  
William Reed  
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2004

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# Town of Middletown Springs

## TOWN OFFICERS — 2003

Moderator:	1 Year	2004	Clarence K. Haynes
Town Clerk:	3 Years	2006	Laura Ann Castle
Town & School Treas.:	3 Years	2006	Marilyn A. Parker
Town Agent:	1 Year	2004	Nanette F. Gilmour
First Constable:	1 Year	2004	Susan Miller
Tax Collector:	1 Year	2004	Marilyn A. Parker
School Moderator:	1 Year	2004	Clarence K. Haynes

### Selectmen:

William Reed	3 Years	2006
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	3 Years	2005
Shirley Moyer, Clerk*	2 Years	2005
Frederick Bradley, Chair	2 Years	2004
John Colvin	3 Years	2004

*\*Resigned effective March 2, 2004*

### School Directors:

Patricia Kenyon, Clerk	3 Years	2006
Connie Eaton	3 Years	2005
Deborah Doherty	3 Years	2005
Clarence K. Haynes	3 Years	2004
Pepper Clayton, Chair	2 Years	2004

### Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2006
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### Listers:

Elizabeth Miller*	3 Years	2006
Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2005
Bernhard Bischoff	1 Year (3 Year Term)	2004

*\*Resigned effective March 2, 2004*

### Auditors:

Arthur Oken	3 Years	2006
John Arsenault	3 Years	2005
Vacant	3 Years	2004

### Library Trustees:

Josephine Norton Berger	3 Years	2006
Bernhard W. Bischoff	3 Years	2006
Jane O'Reilly Fisher	3 Years	2005
Martha Heitkamp	3 Years	2005
Carolyn Kenney	3 Years	2004

### Town Grand Juror: Vacant

1 Year 2004

### Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Janice Leffingwell	3 Years	2006
Peter Stevenson	2 Years*	2005
Norman Parker	3 Years	2004

*\*Unexpired 3 Year Term*

Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:		
Nanette F. Gilmour	1 Year	2004
Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:		
Peter Stevenson*	1 Year	2004
*Appointed by Selectboard		
Planning Commission:		
Vacant (remainder of 3 yrs)	4 Years	2007
Rob Ogus	4 Years	2005
Robert Moran	4 Years	2005
Deborah Kniffin	3 Years	2005
Robin Hoydl	3 Years	2004
Justices of the Peace (elected November 5, 2002):		
Jane O'Reilly Fisher	Francine Oken	
Nanette F. Gilmour	David P. Wright	
Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson		

### APPOINTMENTS

Fire Warden: Charles Parker	5 Years	6/30/08
Fence Viewers: Eric Tarbell & Robin Chesnut-Tangerman		2004
Tree Warden: Terry Redfield		2004
Health Officer: Rita Hansen	3 Years	2006
Service Officer: Ellen Secord		2004
Emergency Management Director: Kathleen Reed		2004
Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (Solid Waste Alliance Communities):		
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	Paul Colletti, <i>alt.</i>	Glen Moyer, <i>alt.</i>
Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:		
Robert Moran	Debbie Kniffin, <i>alt.</i>	
Rutland Regional Transportation Council:		
John Colvin	Shirley Moyer, <i>alt.</i>	
Conservation Commission:		
Paul Colletti	3 Years	2007
Patricia Hemenway	2 Years	2006
Rosanna Tomabene	4 Years	2005
Lisa Thornton	4 Year	2005
Elizabeth Miller	4 Years	2004

# Town of Middletown Springs

## NOTICES

### Meeting Calendar:

Selectboard	2nd and 4th Monday of the month Town Clerk's Office	7:00 p.m.
School Board	2nd Thursday of the month School House	7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month Town Clerk's Office	7:00 p.m.
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Last Tuesday of the month Fire House	7:30 p.m.

### Town Clerk Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday:	9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday:	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday:	9 a.m. to noon
Telephone:	235-2220

**Quarterly Taxes Are Due:** March 15, 2004  
June 15, 2004  
September 15, 2004  
December 15, 2004

### Emergency Numbers:

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

You also may continue to use the emergency 7-digit numbers: Fire Department, 235-2300; Rescue Squad/Ambulance, 287-9510; State Police, 773-9101

### Dog Licenses:

All dogs and wolf hybrids six months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1st each year. Rabies certificates must be signed by a duly licensed veterinarian and delivered to the Town Clerk. The certificate must state that the dog or wolf hybrid has been vaccinated against rabies within 24 months (for dogs two years of age and older), within 12 months (for dogs over one but less than two years, and within the last year (for dogs under one year). *No animal can be licensed without this certificate.*

Fees:	Male \$14.00	Neutered male	\$10.00
	Female \$14.00	Neutered female	\$10.00

\$1 of the fee goes toward the State Rabies Program.

### Transfer Station Hours:

"Fort Dumpster" is open for trash disposal and recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to noon. There is no charge.

Recyclables accepted include: clear, green and brown glass; tin cans; aluminum; #1 plastic; #2 plastic; plastic milk jugs; cardboard; magazines and catalogs; newspaper; junk mail; and boxboard.

### Oversize Trash Collection Days (includes furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition; NO CONTRACTORS, please.)

Saturday, May 8	6 a.m. - noon
Saturday, August 7	6 a.m. - noon
Saturday, October 9	6 a.m. - noon

### Metal Collection Days (includes all metal and white goods):

Saturday, June 5	6 a.m. - noon
Saturday, September 11	6 a.m. - noon

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days:

April 10	Rutland Town	8 a.m. - Noon
	Chittenden	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
April 17	Pawlet	8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	<b>Middletown Springs</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. - Noon</b>
	Fair Haven	1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	West Haven	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
September 11	Shrewsbury	8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	Benson	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	Sudbury	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
September 18	Rutland Town	8 a.m. - Noon
	Tinmouth	1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information please call Tom at 770-1333 or Pam at 518-854-9702.

## RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- \* Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- \* Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- \* Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline  
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health - Health Surveillance Division  
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7740 or 1-800-463-4374

## RABIES CLINIC



Saturday, March 6, 2004  
Middletown Springs Fire Hall  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Scott MacLachlan  
Poultney Veterinary Services

Town Clerk will be on hand  
to give licenses before  
the April 1st deadline.

# Town of Middletown Springs

## REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

This year's town report is written with the outside temperatures ranging from -22 to -6 for the day! Needless to say, there have been some town issues that have been fairly warm. The following are a few to note (in no particular order of importance!):

The first issue is the town deficit of \$13,978.00 for the past fiscal year. The explanation of this deficit will be given at the town informational meeting.

The second issue is the town's boundaries. Presently we are in agreement with Ira, Poultney, and Tinmouth. Hopefully, we are in the final stages of negotiations with Wells.

The third issue is the Hazardous Identification Survey, done by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, which included the town clerk's office, highway garage, transfer station, and the library. We are in the process of resolving the issues that were found by the survey.

Another issue is the constant reminder that the town does not have land or adequate facilities to properly serve our town. Any thoughts or suggestions will be helpful to address this major concern.

Middletown Springs has received a generous gift from Frank and Annie Ruth Sullivan. Their gift of 14.2 acres of land off Fitzgerald Road will be designated Sullivan Educational Woods.

The Agricultural Study is on its way to completion under the supervision of the grant administrator, Bob Moran.

The Select board recently received a letter from Shirley Moyer in which she stated that as of March 2, she will no longer be sitting on the Select Board. She will be greatly missed for her meticulous work and tireless energy.

The Select board also received a letter from Beth Miller stating that she would be resigning as Lister effective March 2, 2004. Beth's experience, knowledge, and convictions about the Lister's duties will be missed.

John Colvin has stated that he will not be running again for a position on the Select Board. John will be missed for his knowledge of law enforcement and his commitment to fiscal responsibility.

The Board would like to thank Ron Dufour for his expertise and assistance on the North Street Highway project.

By the time that you are reading this town report you will be seeing a new town truck on the roads. This addition should substantially improve the efficiency of snow removal for our town.

The Select board voted to join the Rutland County Animal Control Program starting this next fiscal year.

Joe King was voted to represent the town on the Community Advisory Board under the direction of Lieutenant Donald Patch of the Vermont State Police.

As always the Select board welcomes your input. You are always welcome to come to the scheduled Select board meetings or to call any member of the board to express your views and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fred Bradley*  
Chairman of the Select Board

# Town of Middletown Springs

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

We, the Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the general fund and various special funds of the Town as of and for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2003. We are charged with the duty of auditing these funds and accounts in order to express an opinion on them. We have also examined the outside auditor's reports on the Middletown Springs School District and the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Our audit included examining the bank statements and the Selectboard's orders, verifying, on a test basis, the invoices related to the disbursements and tracing the payments to canceled checks to determine accuracy. We also confirmed various receipts, including those from the State of Vermont, made inquiries of Town Officers and performed various analytical functions on the accounts.

Based on our audit and review, it is our opinion that the financial statements present adequately and fairly the financial position of the Town and School District as of June 30, 2003.

The Middletown Springs School Board and the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union hire an outside auditor, William Yacavoni, CPA of Montpelier, to audit the School District and Supervisory Union financial statements. In his reports, dated September, 2003, he states that, except for the omission of a general fixed asset statement required by generally accepted accounting principles, the general purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Town of Middletown Springs School District and the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union at June 30, 2003 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The full audit report is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs,  
January 31, 2004

*John E. Arsenault, Chairman*  
*Arthur Oken*

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAY**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

**ASSETS**

Cash - unrestricted	\$ 35,602
Cash - restricted	142,638
Delinquent taxes receivable	<u>42,112</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$220,352**

**LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

Accounts payable	\$ 9,007
Payroll taxes payable	2,654

Total Liabilities	11,661
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Fund Balance – unrestricted	75,060
Fund Balance – restricted	133,631

Total fund balance	\$ <u>208,691</u>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

**\$220,352**

**Middletown Springs Elementary School's  
 Living History Project 2003**



*The year is 1863. Laura Brown, Faith Stone, and Annie Pigeon, a.k.a. the A.W. Gray family show off the flag they hand stitched to accompany the local regiment into the Civil War.*

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAY**  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

REVENUES	2002-2003	2002-2003	VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>Taxes</b>			
Current taxes	1,187,130	1,187,130	-
School Assessment	(915,341)	(915,341)	-
Abatements & Adjustments	-	(18)	(18)
<b>Net Taxes</b>	<u>271,789</u>	<u>271,771</u>	<u>(18)</u>
<b>Other Revenues</b>			
State of Vermont - Highway	44,076	46,107	2,031
State of Vermont - Current Use	11,430	11,430	-
State of Vermont - Other	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	11,476	11,476
Interest on Delinquent taxes	-	3,315	3,315
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	-	2,034	2,034
Recycling receipts	-	2,844	2,844
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	2,500	6,618	4,118
Cramton Fund - receipts	3,500	2,120	(1,380)
Interest	-	1,455	1,455
Reimbursements, fees, etc.	-	333	333
Reappraisal	-	567	567
Municipal Planning Grant	-	4080	4080
Other revenue	8,000	158	(7,842)
<b>Total other revenues</b>	<u>69,506</u>	<u>92,537</u>	<u>23,031</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>341,295</u>	<u>364,308</u>	<u>23,013</u>

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAY**  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

EXPENDITURES	2002-2003	2002-2003	VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>General Government</b>			
Salary - Auditors (\$10/hour)	1,000	257	743
Salary - Town Clerk	12,000	12,000	-
Salary - Town Treasurer	9,000	9,000	-
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,000	3,000	-
Salary - Selectboard	2,200	2,200	-
Salary - Constable	250	-	250
Salary - Animal Control Officer	250	253	(3)
Salary - Listers	4,750	4,652	98
Salary - Law Enforcement	-	1,317	(1,317)
Payroll Taxes	3,200	3,357	(157)
Clerical	500	200	300
Computer Technology	1,500	2,910	(1,410)
Elections	3,000	3,132	(132)

	2002-2003	2002-2003	VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Planning Commission	1,000	-	1,000
Street Lights	4,500	5,725	(1,225)
Telephone	1,350	1,658	(308)
Office Rent	3,000	3,000	-
Office Supplies	2,000	3,079	(1,079)
Copier Expense	2,400	2,346	54
Town Report	1,650	1,311	339
Solid Waste	30,000	39,745	(9,745)
State Solid Waste Plan	3,000	143	2,857
Insurance - Property & Casualty	4,951	4,472	479
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	3,623	5,152	(1,529)
Insurance - Liability	-	-	-
Legal	2,000	6,534	(4,534)
Postage	1,500	1,517	(17)
Interest on Short-term Borrowing	500	-	500
VLCT - Dues	535	535	-
Planning Commission Dues	500	500	-
Record Preservation	3,000	107	2,893
Rutland County Tax	6,300	5,523	777
Old Cemetery	2,000	1,967	33
Public Notices	1,500	925	575
Bank Charges	300	176	124
Education/Conferences	600	572	28
Mileage	250	425	(175)
Tax Map Updates	-	1,520	(1,520)
Municipal Planning Grant Expense	-	2,566	(2,566)
Reappraisal & Grand List Maintenance	-	775	(775)
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,154	(154)
<b>Dues/Organizations</b>			
Library	6,000	6,000	-
Poultney Rescue Squad	1,500	1,500	-
First Response	1,250	1,250	-
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	-
Rutland Mental Health	500	500	-
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	500	500	-
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	-
Center for Independent Living	50	50	-
Aiken Resource Area	50	50	-
Poultney Little League	200	200	-
Regional Ambulance Service	400	400	-
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	26,000	26,000	-
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	50	50	-
R.S.V.P.	50	50	-
<i>Middletown Magnet</i>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b><u>157,559</u></b>	<b><u>173,055</u></b>	<b><u>(15,496)</u></b>
<b>Highway</b>			
Payroll Class II	3,000	1,378	1,622
Payroll Class III	23,000	18,783	4,217
Payroll Maintenance	3,000	2,813	187

	2002-2003	2002-2003	VARIANCE
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Payroll Winter II	2,000	1,785	215
Payroll Winter III	9,000	10,688	(1,688)
Payroll Winter Maintenance	2,500	4,990	(2,490)
Payroll Tax	3,700	3,929	(229)
Road Commissioner/Foreman	1,000	1,153	(153)
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,000	-
Garage - Electric	300	279	21
Garage - Heat	500	588	(88)
Garage - Phone	650	761	(111)
Salt Shed - Electric	600	595	5
Gravel - Bank run	12,000	3,426	8,574
Gravel - Processed	10,000	9,333	667
Riprap	3,000	233	2,767
Road Fabric	2,500	-	2,500
Culverts	5,000	1,181	3,819
Repairs/Parts - Grader	4,200	1,160	3,040
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Truck	2,500	5,396	(2,896)
Repairs/Parts - International Truck	3,500	10,019	(6,519)
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,500	5,949	(1,449)
Repairs/Parts - Rake	200	50	150
Repairs/Parts - Other	-	31	(31)
Repairs/Parts/Purchase -Small Eqmnt	3,200	711	2,489
Sander/Plow - International Truck	1,000	449	551
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck	1,000	1,607	(607)
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	3,500	4,190	(690)
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	1,000	770	230
Bridge Repairs	12,000	12,000	-
Mowing	3,000	2,600	400
Contract Labor - Hauling	12,500	9,740	2,760
Contract Labor - Rental	12,500	1,875	10,625
Contract Labor - Plowing	1,000	280	720
Contract Labor - Other	2,000	1,045	955
Sand	8,000	8,078	(78)
Salt	7,000	6,550	450
Calcium	1,500	258	1,242
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,318	682
Capital Improvements	<u>12,000</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>11,100</u>
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b><u>182,850</u></b>	<b><u>139,891</u></b>	<b><u>42,959</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$340,409</u></b>	<b><u>\$312,946</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,463</u></b>
<b>EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 886</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 51,362</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50,476</u></b>

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2002	\$108,346	\$48,983	\$157,329
Transfer from unrestricted funds to restricted fund	24,000	(24,000)	0
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>1,285</u>	<u>50,077</u>	<u>51,362</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2003	<u>\$133,631</u>	<u>75,060</u>	<u>\$208,691</u>

**Living History Project 2003**



*Sarah Brown, Adam Merrow, Justin Morris, Erick Erickson, and James Reed, a.k.a. the Coy family are living the life of a farm family in 1863. Sarah is churning butter, the boys are making tools to use on the farm or trade at the general store.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Capital</u> <u>Improvements</u>	Reserve for <u>Reappraisal</u>	Reserve for Municipal <u>Facilities</u>	Reserve for Municipal <u>Planning</u>	<u>Act.200</u>	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Balance, July 1, 2002</b>	<b>\$83,745</b>	<b>\$14,168</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	-	<b>\$2,579</b>	<b>\$13,861</b>	<b>\$129,353</b>
<u>Receipts</u>							
Interest	589	-	137	-	28	125	879
State of Vermont	-	567	-	4,080	-	-	4,647
From Unrestricted Funds	12,000	-	-	-	-	12,000	24,000
Total Receipts	12,589	567	137	4,080	28	12,125	29,526
<u>Expenditures</u>							
Bridge Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
Municipal Planning	-	-	-	2,566	-	-	2,566
Reappraisal Printing/Mailing	-	775	-	-	-	-	775
Rock Rake	900	-	-	-	-	-	900
Total Expenditures	900	775	-	2,566	-	12,000	16,241
<b>Balance, June 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$95,434</b>	<b>\$13,960</b>	<b>\$15,137</b>	<b>\$1,514</b>	<b>\$2,607</b>	<b>\$13,986</b>	<b>\$142,638</b>

# Town of Middletown Springs

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Auditors believe that the financial statements for the General Fund of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

*Reporting Entity* - The General Fund of the Town of Middletown Springs is the reporting fund for all general and highway department receipts and expenditures. The Town operates under the selectboard form of management, with the current Board consisting of five elected or appointed Selectmen.

*Fund Accounting* - The Town uses fund and account groups to report on financial position and results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is used by the Town for reporting all general governmental activities.

*Basis of Accounting* - The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the General Fund. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when measurable and available for use within the current year.

*Budget* - Budgets for the General Fund are typically adopted on an annual basis. Tax revenues required to support general governmental and highway activities are budgeted net of other types of budgeted receipts, including state highway revenue, interest income and net fund balance. Net fund balance is the actual General Fund balance less an estimated portion of prior year delinquent taxes expected to be outstanding at year-end.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* - Cash includes demand bank accounts and short-term investment accounts with a maturity date of three months or less.

*Cash and Fund Balance - Restricted* - The Bridge, Capital Improvement, Act 200, Town-wide Reappraisal and Municipal Facilities cash accounts include amounts set aside during the current period and prior years and interest earned. These cash funds have the restricted use of bridge repair and replacement, other large fixed-asset acquisitions, expenses related to Act 200, expenses related to reappraisal of real property and acquisition of facilities for municipal use. During the fiscal year one reserve account was established for Municipal Planning Grants.

*Taxes Receivable* - The amount receivable for delinquent taxes was \$42,112 at the end of the period. A separate schedule of delinquent taxes received during the fiscal year and the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2003 is presented in the Town Report.

The Town Selectboard and other Town officers responsible for property tax collection believe all delinquent taxes are collectible. Based on the minimal prior year abatements and adjustments of property taxes, no current

provision has been made for uncollectible taxes. Because receivables are in the nature of current and delinquent property taxes and the attachment of an enforceable lien on property when taxes are assessed, tax receivables are subject to minimal credit risk.

Property taxes for the Town of Middletown Springs are levied and assessed on an annual basis and are due and payable quarterly on the fifteenth day of September, December, March and June. Assessed property of \$46,012,800 was available for taxation during the tax year 2003.

*Fixed Assets and Long-Term Debt* - The Town Selectboard and financial managers have elected not to maintain records of assets owned by the Town and the respective debt to purchase such assets. The cost of anticipated asset replacement is budgeted on an annual basis. The principal and interest on long-term debt to acquire these assets is also budgeted on an annual basis. No records have been maintained of the historical costs of assets purchased by the Town. The cost of normal maintenance and repair of assets is budgeted as a separate item for current year expenditures.

#### Note 2 - Copeland and Cramton Funds

The Town receives revenue from two trust funds as an income beneficiary. These receipts are used to cover general governmental expenditures as permitted by the terms of the trust instruments and therefore reduce the amount of property tax assessment required for General Fund activities.

*Copeland Milk Fund* - The Copeland Fund, as established by Henry C. Copeland, provides for the Town to receive one-half of the first \$12,000 of net income generated by trust assets and 100% of the net income over \$12,000, annually. During the twelve month period ended June 30, 2003, the Town received \$6,618 from the Copeland Fund. The Trustees of the Copeland Fund for the year ended June 30, 2003 were John Moyer, Rodney Tarbell and Byron Moyer, as appointed by the Selectboard.

*Arthur W. & Daisy C. Cramton Trust* - This trust established by Daisy C. Cramton provides for the Town to receive one-half of the net income generated by trust assets. Chittenden Bank is the sole Trustee. During the twelve month period ended June 30, 2003, the Town received \$2,120 from the Cramton Trust.

#### Note 3 – Other Items

*Accounts Payable* – As of July 1, 2001 the Town owed a balance of \$36,007 to the State of Vermont for the rebuilding of Bridge 7M. It was agreed with the State that the Town would pay this debt over a three year period. \$15,000 was paid toward this obligation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. \$12,000 was paid toward this obligation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

*Highway Funds* – Title 19 V.S.A., Section 312 requires that funds raised from town highway taxes shall not be used for any other purpose and, if not so expended during the year raised, shall be expended for the same purpose in the following year. At the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 the amount of \$49,359 of highway funds remained unexpended. This amount is required to be expended for highway purposes in the subsequent year.

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 GENERAL BUDGET**

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>General Government</b>				
Salary - Auditors	1,000	257	1,000	1,000
Salary - Town Clerk	12,000	12,000	13,200	15,000
Salary - Town Treasurer	9,000	9,000	9,000	10,000
Salary - Delinquent Tax Coll.	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Salary - Selectboard	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Salary - Constable	250	-	250	250
Law Enforcement	-	1,317	2,600	2,600
Salary - Listers	4,750	4,652	5,200	4,700
Tax Map Updates	-	1,520	-	1,500
Salary - Animal Control Off.	250	253	300	1,600
Payroll Taxes	3,200	3,357	3,400	4,000
Clerical	500	200	500	300
Computer Technology	1,500	2,910	1,500	1,000
Elections	3,000	3,132	3,000	3,200
Planning Commission	1,000	-	1,000	500
Street Lights	4,500	5,725	5,200	5,500
Telephone	1,350	1,658	1,450	2,100
Office Rent	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Town Office Security	-	-	300	300
Office Supplies	2,000	3,079	4,000	4,000
Copier Expense	2,400	2,346	2,400	2,520
Town Report	1,650	1,311	1,650	1,650
Solid Waste	30,000	39,745	33,000	40,000
State Solid Waste Plan	3,000	143	-	-
Insurance - Prop. & Liability	4,951	4,472	4,472	4,898
Insur: Unemployment	-	-	-	450
Insur: Workmen's Comp.	3,623	5,152	4,227	4,287
Legal	2,000	6,534	3,000	3,000
Postage	1,500	1,517	1,500	1,500
Int. on Short-term Borrowing	500	-	500	500
VLCT - Dues	535	535	801	840
Planning Commission Dues	500	500	500	500
Rutland County Tax	6,300	5,523	5,800	7,018
Old Cemetery	2,000	1,967	2,500	2,500
Record Preservation	3,000	107	3,000	3,000
Public Notices	1,500	925	1,500	1,500
Bank Charges	300	176	200	200
Education/Conferences	600	572	600	600
Mileage	250	425	250	250
Municipal Planning Grant Expense	-	2,566	-	-
Reappraisal & Grand List Maint.	-	775	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,154	1,000	1,000
<b>Dues/Organizations</b>				
Library	6,000	6,000	6,500	7,000
Poultney Rescue Squad	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
First Response	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Rut. Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Rutland Mental Health	500	500	838	838
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	500	500	750	750
BROC	200	200	200	200
Center for Independent Living	50	50	100	100
Aiken Resource Area	50	50	50	50
Poultney Little League	200	200	300	400
Regional Ambulance Service	400	400	412	412
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
Green Up	-	-	50	50
Rutland Cty Women's Network	50	50	100	200
Rutland County Humane Society	-	-	50	50
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	-	-	100	100
R.S.V.P.	50	50	50	200
ARC / Assn for Retard Citizens	-	-	-	250
Rutland West	-	-	-	400
<i>Middletown Magnet</i>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,620</u>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b><u>\$157,559</u></b>	<b><u>\$173,055</u></b>	<b><u>\$167,950</u></b>	<b><u>\$184,833</u></b>
<b>Income General</b>				
State of Vermont - Current Use		11,430		
State of Vermont - Other				
Dog License Surcharge				1,200
Licenses & Permits		11,476	6,000	6,000
Interest on Delinquent taxes		3,315	2,000	2,000
Penalties on Delinquent taxes		2,034	2,000	2,000
Recycling receipts		2,844		
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	2,500	6,618	1,200	6,500
Cramton Fund - receipts	3,500	2,120	1,700	1,200
Interest		1,455		
Reimbursements, fees, etc.		333		
Available Surplus				
Reappraisal		567		
Municipal Planning Grant		4,080		
Other revenue	<u>6,000</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total Income General</b>	<b><u>\$12,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$46,430</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,900</u></b>
<b>Total to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b><u>\$145,559</u></b>		<b><u>\$150,050</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,933</u></b>

### PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 HIGHWAY BUDGET

#### Highway

Payroll Class II	3,000	1,378	2,000	2,000
Payroll Class III	23,000	18,783	24,000	29,000
Payroll Maintenance	3,000	2,813	3,000	6,000
Payroll Winter II	2,000	1,785	2,000	2,000
Payroll Winter III	9,000	10,688	10,000	12,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	2,500	4,990	3,000	5,000
Road Commissioner/Foreman	1,000	1,153	1,500	2,000

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
Computer Technology	-	-	1,000	500
Computer Data Entry	-	-	-	1,500
Health Insurance	-	-	2,080	-
Payroll Tax	3,700	3,929	4,000	5,200
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Garage - Electric	300	279	300	330
Garage - Heat	500	588	500	600
Garage - Phone	650	761	725	1,000
Street Signage	-	-	750	750
Salt Shed - Electric	600	595	700	800
Gravel - Bank Run	12,000	3,426	10,000	8,000
Gravel - Processed	10,000	9,333	12,000	14,000
Rip Rap	3,000	233	3,000	3,000
Road Fabric	2,500	-	2,500	3,000
Culverts	5,000	1,181	5,000	8,000
Repairs/Parts - Grader	4,200	1,160	4,200	2,200
Repairs/Parts - Ford Truck	2,500	5,396	2,500	1,500
Repairs/Parts - International Truck	3,500	10,019	3,500	1,500
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,500	5,949	4,500	3,000
Repairs/Parts - Rake	200	50	200	-
Sander/Plow - One Ton Truck	1,000	1,607	1,000	1,000
Sander/Plow - International Truck	1,000	449	1,000	1,000
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	-	-	-	1,000
Repairs/Parts/Purch. - Small Equip.	3,200	742	3,200	3,200
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	3,500	4,190	3,500	4,000
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	1,000	770	1,000	1,000
Bridge Repairs/Debt	12,000	12,000	10,000	1,000
Contract Labor - Hauling	12,500	9,740	12,500	12,500
Contract Labor - Rental	12,500	1,875	12,500	12,500
Contract Labor - Plowing	1,000	280	1,000	1,000
Contract Labor - Other	2,000	1,045	2,000	2,000
Sand, Winter	8,000	8,078	8,000	8,000
Salt, Winter	7,000	6,550	7,000	7,000
Calcium	1,500	258	2,200	2,200
Mowing, Roadside	3,000	2,600	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,318	2,000	2,000
Capital Improvements	<u>12,000</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$182,850</b>	<b>\$139,891</b>	<b>\$187,855</b>	<b>\$193,280</b>
<b>Income Highway</b>				
State of Vermont - Highway Aid	44,076	46,107	44,076	45,000
Other revenue	<u>2,000</u>	-	-	-
<b>Total Income Highway</b>	<b>\$46,076</b>	<b>\$46,107</b>	<b>\$44,076</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>Total to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$136,774</b>		<b>\$143,779</b>	<b>\$148,280</b>

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003 Selectboard's Orders Itemized**

Aiken Resource	50.00
Adirondack 2 Way Radio	43.50
Allbee / Allbee	2,566.00
AVCC	50.00
Barrett Small Engine Repair	10.85
Bischoff, Bernhard	1,917.50
Bixby's	4,795.18
Blanchard, Ray	850.00
Bradley, Fred	606.88
BROC	200.00
Brown & Sons Printing	385.50
Brown's River Bindery	1,409.30
Cargill Inc.	6,549.54
Castle, Joseph	2,121.50
Castle, Laura	12,434.99
Castle, Melanie	22.50
Castleton Landscape	2,600.00
Center for Independent Living	50.00
Chapman- Kupferer	1,771.39
Charlebois	11.02
Chesnut- Tangerman, Melissa	390.00
Chesnut-Tangerman, Robin	475.00
Colvin, John	501.25
Colvin, Kathleen	22.50
Commercial Tire	372.00
Countryside Lock & Alarm	300.00
CVPS	6,599.24
Delpha, Charles Sr.	2,692.50
Dufour, Ronald	651.00
Fair Haven Auto	138.91
Fisher, Jane O'Reilly	69.37
First Response	1,250.00
Giddings Mfg Co	363.67
Gilmour, Nanette	112.50
Grimm, Sarah	50.00
Green Mountain Awning	88.50
Green Mountain Timber Frames	3,000.00
Haley, Alfred	50.00
Haynes, Carl	612.50
Haynes, Clarence	86.25
Historical Society	3,000.00
Hodyl, Robin	27.00
Holcomb & Son	2,525.60
Howard Fairfield Inc	295.20
Howard Fire Control	78.00
Hubbard Bro	26,035.80
I.D.S.	143.56

IKON	149.75
IOS Capital	2,196.00
Jamieson, Janet	252.93
John C. Stewart	259.76
J.P. Carrara & Son	2,824.90
Kniffin, Randy	777.50
Lane, Doyle	18.75
Leffingwell, Janice	309.38
Library	6,000.00
M.A. Holden Consulting	600.00
Mac Steel	28.30
Magee OP	252.97
Marotti, Jos. J.	732.11
Marsh, Doug	416.85
Marshall Swift	398.95
Mathewson, Kimberly	43.12
McBee	449.68
McCormack Machine	400.00
McCullough Bros Inc	450.00
McWilliams, Patricia	1,023.29
Merriam-Graves	291.04
Microsolve	2,160.00
Middletown Magnet	1,100.00
Mid State Appliance	315.00
Miller, Beth	4,395.50
MSVFD	26,172.50
Moran, Robert	22.50
Moyer, Glen	11,026.08
Moyer, Shirley	861.25
NEMRC	600.00
Northern Tool	417.12
Oken, Arthur	257.50
Oken, Francine	135.00
Owark USA Inc	300.60
Parker, Dora	346.87
Parker, Frank	5,871.00
Parker, Marilyn	12,000.00
Parker, Robert	12,081.67
Parker's Service Station	182.00
Parker, Sylvia	22.50
Pike Industries	5,552.25
Postmaster 05757	712.00
Poultney Little League	200.00
Poultney Rescue Squad	1,500.00
Pratt Vreeland Kennelly Martin & White Inc.	1,342.05
QPR	410.38
Quickprint	166.00
R C Allen Communications	48.00
Red Hed Supply	1,008.00

Redfield, Terry	22.50
Reed, Kathleen	130.12
Reed, William	29,809.54
Regional Ambulance	400.00
Reynolds & Son	1,570.83
Rouse Tire Sales	113.00
Russell Corp.	9,415.28
Russell Graphics	1,520.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	500.00
Rutland Area Community Services	500.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	1,500.00
Rutland Co. Treasurer	5,523.46
Rutland Co. Sheriff's Dept	1,317.17
Rutland Herald	585.12
RRMC	101.00
RSVP	50.00
R U Printing	1,236.41
St Michael's College	70.00
Seward's Sales & Service	11.39
SLC	601.42
Stamp Fulfillment Center	841.55
Staples	854.49
Stevenson, Peter	22.50
Steve's Lawn & Garden	228.50
Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C.	3,969.37
Surrell, Wayne	1,455.00
SWAC	1,154.81
SW VT Council on Aging	500.00
Tarbell, Rodney	50.00
Tinker Surveys	50.00
Torcasio, Anthony	120.75
Town of Tinmouth	900.00
Townline Equipment	96.73
Turunen Equipment Repair	21,173.12
UVM Extension	35.00
Vt Institute for Govt	140.00
Vt Agency of Transportation	258.26
VLCT	585.00
VLCT PACIF	9,623.70
VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust Inc	644.14
VLCT MAC	102.00
VMCTA	30.00
Vt Municipal Law Center	90.00
Vt State Treasurer (bridge repair)	12,000.00
VTEL	2,418.97
Westside NAPA	629.88
Williams Hardware	157.26
Women's Network	50.00
Wright, David	28.12

# Town of Middletown Springs

## DELINQUENT TAXES

as of December 31, 2003

	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01	1999-2000	1998-99
Bekech, Keri Lynn	77.71				
Bissitte, Michael	1439.64				
Bongiovanni, Joseph & Patricia	492.76				
Bradley, Melanie & Darin	359.90				
Buxton, Robt Estate	229.31				
Carter, Robt & Sara	78.17				
Cole, Norman	247.03				
Doherty, Deborah	877.42				
Lowell, Diane	751.35				
Petrillo, Lawrence	405.04				
Phillips, Rhonda	289.60				
Rosso, Valerie	3466.87				
Seman, Muriel	121.24	110.44	121.72	109.96	127.84
Stone, Kenneth	1293.95				
	10129.99	110.44	121.72	109.96	127.84
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes Due</b>	<b>10599.95</b>				

# Town of Middletown Springs

## DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN

as of June 30, 2003

	Tax Year 1999	Tax Year 2000	Tax Year 2001	Tax Year 2002	Tax Year 2003
<b>Taxes Assessed</b>	<b>\$1,196,287</b>	<b>\$1,029,845</b>	<b>\$1,156,660</b>	<b>\$1,061,766</b>	<b>1,187,130</b>
Abatements & Adjustments	(39)	(42)	(7)	(2,726)	(18)
Received in FY 1999	1,136,516				
Received in FY 2000	44,451	993,048			
Received in FY 2001	14,634	29,021	1,116,121		
Received in FY 2002	519	7,624	39,888	1,030,174	
Received in FY 2003	0	0	522	25404	1,148,822
Delinquency					
As of June 30, 2003	\$ 128	\$ 110	\$ 122	\$ 3,462	\$ 38,290
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2003</b>					<b>\$ 42,112</b>

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2003 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT REPORT**

Real Estate	No. Of Parcels	All Corporations	Town Residents	State Residents	Non-State	Municipal Totals	Education Totals
Residential I	136	\$ 0	\$14,869,100	\$ 335,200	\$ 1,370,300	\$16,574,600	\$16,574,600
Residential II	166	0	26,569,585	715,600	6,177,657	33,462,842	33,462,842
Mobile Homes-U	21	0	331,200	1,600	0	332,800	332,800
Mobile Homes-L	13	0	1,201,800	0	0	1,201,800	1,201,800
Vacation I	8	0	0	152,900	272,700	425,600	425,600
Vacation II	33	0	0	519,300	2,574,000	3,093,300	3,093,300
Commercial	11	52,200	453,500	5,800	91,900	603,400	603,400
Commercial/Apts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities - E	1	754,500	0	0	0	754,500	754,500
Utilities - O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	8	0	1,896,820	336,700	0	2,233,520	2,233,520
Woodland	7	0	69,400	32,000	105,000	206,400	206,400
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	<u>76</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>617,700</u>	<u>1,326,000</u>	<u>1,123,300</u>	<u>3,067,000</u>	<u>3,067,000</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>\$806,700</b>	<b>\$46,009,105</b>	<b>\$3,425,100</b>	<b>\$11,714,857</b>	<b>\$61,955,762</b>	<b>\$61,955,762</b>

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXATION =

\$61,955,762

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY =

\$61,955,762

TOTAL GRAND LIST (1% of total listed value of real & personal estate) =

\$619,557.62

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

<b>2002 Grand List</b>		<b>\$46,012,800.00</b>
1% of Grand List		460,128.00
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Town Tax Rate	\$0.3040	\$139,879
Highway Tax Rate	0.2850	131,136
School Tax Rates		
Statewide	1.1200	515,343
Local Share	<u>0.8710</u>	<u>400,772</u>
Total Tax Rate	2.5800	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$1,187,130
Abatements & Adjustments		(18)
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected	<u>\$1,148,822</u>	
<b>Current Year Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2003</b>		<b>\$38,290.00</b>

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

This has certainly been another very busy year in the town office. The recording has increased requiring an additional two volumes of Land Records crowding a limited storage area.

We were able to have 4 more volumes of land records microfilmed by the state. The microfilm is stored in a state vault in Middlesex, Vt. If our books become damaged we have a back up.

The Town Clerk issues car, boat, snowmobile, and trailer registrations for a fee of \$3.00. We are the agent for the Fish & Game Department, selling hunting and fishing licenses. We also have Green Mountain Passports for Vermont residents who are at least 62 years old. Green Mountain Passport holders are entitled to free entrance into Vermont's state parks, museums and fully sponsored events.

Dogs must be licensed by April 1 in order to avoid a 50% penalty. The Town Clerk will be at the Fire House on March 6, 2004 from 1 :00 pm to 2:00 pm for licensing your dog.

We have Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle forms, Vermont State Income Tax forms and Federal Tax Forms.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Laura Castle, Town Clerk*

**DOG LICENSE REPORT**

There were 237 dog licenses issued during 2003. There was \$237.00 sent to the State of Vermont to be used for Rabies Control which is mandated.

By state statute, all dogs are required to be registered by April 1 of each year. A penalty of 50% will be assessed if your dog is not registered by April 1.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current rabies vaccination certificate.

**FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Spayed Female	\$10.00	Female \$14.00
Neutered Male	\$10.00	Male \$14.00

2004 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Trustees of Public Monies  
Year Ending December 31, 2003**

**Louis Library Funds**

Charter One CD	\$ 18,284.62	
Chittenden Bank Checking	<u>3016.65</u>	\$ 21,301.27
Interest	<u>259.00</u>	-
Expenses:		\$ 21,560.27
Public Library	<u>600.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/03		<u>\$ 20,960.27</u>
Charter One CD	\$ 18,539.05	
Chittenden Bank	<u>2,421.22</u>	
	\$20,960.27	

**Bigelow-Matthews Memorial Fund**

Charter One CD	\$ 20,892.88	
Charter One Checking	<u>1,720.21</u>	\$ 22,613.09
Interest	<u>303.63</u>	\$ 22,916.72
Expenses:		
First Response	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/03		<u>\$ 21,916.72</u>
Charter One CD	\$ 20,681.34	
Charter One	<u>1,235.38</u>	
	\$ 21,916.72	

**Helen Henderson Educational Trust Fund**

Charter One CD	\$ 41,737.64	
Chittenden Bank Checking	<u>8,136.73</u>	\$ 49,594.96
Interest	<u>570.59</u>	\$ 50,444.96
Expenses:		
Kinney-Pike Bond	100.00	
Atty. Ryan Smith Carbine	250.00	
Scholarship, Molly Carr	500.00	
Balance December 31, 2003		<u>\$ 49,594.96</u>
Charter One CD	\$42,251.01	
Chittenden Bank	<u>7,343.95</u>	
	\$49,594.96	

Trustees

Norman Parker  
Janice Leffingwell  
Peter Stevenson

**Town of Middletown Springs  
2003 VITAL RECORDS**

**BIRTHS**

<b>Date of Birth/ Place</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Parents</b>
January 2 Rutland	Cameron William Bishop	Keith William Bishop Abbey Shai Thomas
April 18 Rutland	Aaron Michael Haynes	Daryl Howard Haynes Melissa Sue Dumas
April 19 Porter	Alexia Yvan Gagnon	Lucas A. Gagnon Charlie-Mae Johnson
May 13 Brattleboro Memorial	Carson Wayne Parker	Wayne Vinton Parker Dawn Marie Learned
June 19 Rutland	Philip Robert Mahar	Ryan Patrick Mahar Ann Marie Durfee
July 22 Rutland	Linkin Alexander Smith	Matt H. Smith Melinda Sue Gove
August 6 Rutland	Skye Lyn Majka	Jamie Richard Majka Kyla Mae Redfield
August 9 Rutland	Erick Soren Ericksen	Erick David Ericksen Claire Ellen Anderson
August 18 Rutland	Rachel Louise Clark	George Frederick Clark Kathy Elaine Anderssen
September 27 Rutland	Logan Gregory Horner	Nathan Robert Horner Jodi Lynn Finamore
December 28 En-route	Anna Marietta Bushnell Mathewson	Jonathan Champion Mathewson Kimberly Christi Bushnell

**MARRIAGES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bride &amp; Groom</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
May 17	Gina Marie Bartol James Riley Cook	Killington
June 17	Diane Koehl Gannon Bruce Donald Phillips	Middletown Springs
July 12	Jennifer Ann Dattoli Michael Christopher Andrews	Killington
July 12	Laura Marie LaVictoire Brian Russell Pierce, Jr.	Rutland

August 16	Sarah Elizabeth Cameron Paul Vladimir Mifsud, Jr.	Middletown Springs
August 30	Sue Jerry Michaels Lane Steven Sofman	Danby
September 20	Carissa Marie Gagne Richard George Gaborow	Rutland
December 6	Lorena Edith Lopez Daniel Matthias Coyle	Manchester Center

**CIVIL UNIONS**

Date	Party A Party B	Place
April 12	Laureen Amber Morris Delia Anne Matias	Middletown Springs
May 3	Jessica Marie Stewart Kelli DeAnn Lind	Middletown Springs

**DEATHS**

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
January 14	Lewis Howard Seamans, Sr.	83	Middletown Springs
February 5	Bryce A. Hall	46	Rutland
August 11	Betty May Coburn	54	Rutland
November 16	Charlotte J. Rostkowski	85	Rutland

**Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
December 31, 2003**

Market Value of Fund, January 1, 2003	\$126,625.67
Distributed to Pleasant View Cemetery, Inc	432.35
Fees to Chittenden Investment Services	1,899.96
Market Value of Fund, December 31, 2003	\$139,091.78

**TRUSTEES**

Peter Stevenson  
Shirley D. Moyer  
Kathleen H. Colvin

**Pleasant View Cemetery Association Inc.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**For Year Ending December 31, 2003**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$ 9,094.27	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	226.94	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	814.59	
Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund	432.35	
Burials	3,000.00	
NOW Account Interest	4.36	
Bequest—Ruth Frost Sinclair Terminating Trust	2,551.37	
Donation	<u>400.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$16,523.88</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Joseph Castle, Labor & Equipment	\$ 5,606.81	
Charter One - Safe Deposit Box Rental	25.00	
Merchants Bank - Perpetual Care	300.00	
Kathleen H. Colvin - Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	200.00	
Andy Cook - Tree Removal	450.00	
Barbara Carr - Entrance Sign & Installation	421.00	
Chittndn Bnk - Transfer to Barker Mehuron Acc.t	<u>200.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 7,202.81</b>

**BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2003** **\$ 9,321.07**

**PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS**

10 Shares Central Vermont Public Service	\$ 235.00	
445 Shares George Putnam Fund	7,556.10	
120 Shares Foot Locker	2,814.00	
The Merchants Bank—Savings Account	12,980.88	
The Merchants Bank—CD	28,912.29	
Charter One Bank—CD	29,094.86	
Barker-Mehuron Acct: Chittenden Bank—CD	7,409.51	
Chittenden Bank—Savings Account	<u>1,012.76</u>	
<b>TOTAL PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 90,015.40</b>

**TRUSTEES**

Thomas Everett  
Terry Redfield  
Shirley Moyer  
Kathleen Colvin

**Copeland Milk Fund  
TRUSTEES' REPORT 2003**

Balance on hand January 1, 2003	\$ 47,929.42
<b>Receipts</b>	
Income from investments	\$12,976.49
Total receipts	\$60,905.91
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Paid to Town of Middletown Springs	\$6,617.40
Producer Distribution	\$6,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$50.00
Total Disbursements	\$12,667.40
<b>Balance on hand December 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$48,238.51</b>

**Trustees**      John Moyer  
                               Byron E. Moyer  
                               Rodney Tarbell

**INVESTMENT SUMMARIES**

**CHARTER ONE SECURITIES PORTFOLIO VALUE**

Securities	
Equities	\$270,485.50
Fixed Income	
Treasury/Agency Securities	69,285.95
Mutual Funds - Equity	9,627.41
Total Securities	349,398.86
Total Portfolio Value	\$349,398.86

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Sterling Select Contract (Contract date 04/03/02.  
 Guarantee period ends 04/03/12)  
 Annuity value as of 12/31/03

\$44,391.08



**Living History  
Project 2003**

*Kaitlynn Cook,  
 Michele Atkins,  
 Rita Hansen, and  
 Scarlett Notte,  
 a.k.a the Schollar  
 family out for an  
 afternoon stroll.*

## Middletown Springs Fire Association, Inc.

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association have had a successful year. We received a \$25,031 grant from Homeland Security. Equipment purchased with these funds included a Thermal imaging camera, Multi-Gas meter, Air Bags, 3 Portable Generators and communications equipment. Our present trucks and equipment are in good shape.

Since the 9-11 disaster expenses for insurance, electric, phone, and communications have risen. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to raise the funds necessary to properly function. We have plans for fund raisers, Bingo, Auction, Raffles, Pig Roast, and other events this year.

The Department responded to 37 alarms this past year, an increase of 50% over last year. The Department provides assistance to the town of Middletown Springs as well as mutual aid for surrounding towns with 16 active firefighters and 3 pieces of apparatus.

Members have participated in 439 hours of training in the last year and have spent numerous hours volunteering for fund raisers, calls, and other departmental activities.

*Norman Parker, President*  
*Joseph Castle, Chief*

## Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Checkbook Balance 1/1/2003</b>	<b>\$2,173.32</b>
Income	
Transfer from MMA	\$78,200.00
Interest earned	<u>23.87</u>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$80,397.19</b>
Expenses:	
Building Maintenance	2,555.38
Cleaning Supplies	91.95
Telephone	1,928.02
Electric	2,890.45
Heating Fuel	3,904.09
Insurance	11,039.00
New Equipment***	29,348.16
Equipment Maintenance	866.67
Fire Fighting Supplies	459.67
Diesel/Gas	587.78
Vehicle Maintenance #531	6.00
Vehicle Maintenance #532	120.61
Vehicle Maintenance #534	97.50
Dispatcher	2,400.00
Radio Repair	476.00
Truck Loan	18,485.93
Training	88.00
Misc.	1,944.73
Raffle	835.00
Postage/Stationary/Office Supplies	360.75
Refreshments	102.68

Medical Testing	336.00
Auction	257.80
Dinners	<u>512.74</u>
Total Expenses	\$79,694.91

Checkbook Balance 12/31/03 702.28

\*\*\* Received Grants from Homeland Security and Donations from Ladies Auxiliary and Firemen. We will receive an additional \$2,631.00 in 2004 from Homeland Security. The actual cost for the Fire Department for new equipment was \$600.66

**Money Market Account January 1, 2003 \$15,620.60**

Income

Bingo	2,612.00
Contributions	1,425.00
Fund Drive	6,695.00
Rentals	580.00
Misc.	1,333.39
Grants, Fire Safety Equipment	23,047.50
Interest Earned	158.69
Town Quarterly Payment ***	19,500.00
Raffle	1,906.00
Parade Refreshments	175.00
Dances	405.00
Country Show	1,201.00
Auction	2,474.00
Spaghetti Dinner	710.50
Ladies Aux. (money for equipment)	2,700.00
Pig Roast	<u>789.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$65,712.08

Expenses:

Transfer to Checking Acct	78,200.00
Return Check	20.00
MMA Balance December 31, 2003	3,112.68

Notes: Other Accounts

Charter One Bank CD Memorial Fund	12,538.57
Charter One Bank CD Equipment Fund	23,400.35

\*\*\* First Quarterly payment for 2003 was received in December 2002 .

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur Castle, Treasurer

## Middletown Springs First Response

The beginning of a new year is upon us all. The Middletown Springs First Response as usual has had a busy and productive year. All of us continue with our trainings and continuing education to keep up with the State of Vermont guidelines.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who support us during the year. Sometimes the support is with money and sometimes it is just someone saying thank you for a great job. The First Response appreciates both.

Members continue to train with the fire department and we find this a good learning experience. We appreciate the fire department letting us house our vehicle in the building. Through the Homeland Security we secured a grant to install a new radio in 5541. Through this same grant we are in the process of purchasing additional equipment. We recently just voted to purchase bunker pants and jackets to protect us during calls. These new jackets and pants will also be used in the trainings with the fire department.

Anyone interested in joining please contact a member.

Again, we sincerely appreciate all of the support the townspeople have shown us this past year. Happy New Year to All.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn Niemeyer, Secretary*

### FINANCIAL REPORT — 2003

#### Receipts

Memorials	\$193.00	
Donations	534.30	
Concession Fireman's Auction	623.41	
Town Allocation	1,250.00	
Interest, Bigelow/Matthew's Fund	1,000.00	
Catering Party	1,362.95	
Money Market Interest	260.08	
Savings Interest	7.33	
State of Vermont Grant (Radio)	<u>2,295.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 7,526.07

#### Disbursements

Post Office	61.60	
Training	375.00	
Supplies	260.92	
Concession Fireman's Auction	247.91	
Catering Party	384.13	
Communications	2378.00	
Parker's Service Station	43.75	
Smith/Buick	66.33	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,817.64
Balance checking as of December 31, 2003		\$ 457.71
Balance Savings as of December 31, 2003		\$1,028.13
Balance money market as of December 31, 2003		\$19520.46

Respectfully submitted, *Marcy R. Fenton, Treasurer*

## Middletown Springs Conservation Commission

In 2003, the Middletown Springs Conservation Commission continued our mission of providing educational opportunities for learning about our local land and conservation needs. Some of the educational events we organized included programs on bobcat ecology, the geological history of our area, assessing tree health, natural communities mapping, the basics in trail planning, a spring wildflower walk, a winter tracking hike and a hike up Spruce Knob. We look forward to offering more walks in the coming year to further our understanding of this special place in which we all live.

We also had a celebration at the Sullivan Educational Woods, commemorating the gift of a 14 acre parcel of land off Fitzgerald Road donated to the town by the Sullivan Family. Despite the rain, there was time for stories, a guided walk of the land and its treasures, and delicious cake (in the shape of Middletown Springs) and refreshments. With the assistance of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, we have written a ten-year management plan for the Woods which will be presented to the Selectboard. In addition, we have begun a preliminary plant species inventory. We continue to discuss and plan how to use the land for educational purposes and heartily welcome any input from the community.

In the Spring, we partnered with the Poultney-Mettowee NRCO to offer young plant rootstocks to interested residents. The Commission also supported local homeschoolers who planted trees along the Poultney River to foster riparian buffers, and who, in addition, collected data and samples for water quality testing along the Poultney throughout the summer. Many of these same teenagers were invited by the Association of Vermont Recyclers to perform a play written by other high schoolers exploring the topic of consumption. They have performed this play in a number of venues throughout the State. We assisted the Grange with Green-Up Day and continued our responsibilities as town representatives to the Solid Waste Alliance Communities organization. There were many mammal sightings this year with the most noteworthy being a pair of moose wandering through the western portion of town. Finally, we have been invited on a couple of occasions to share our accomplishments with other towns.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our town in these ways and look forward to more exciting projects for 2004!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Paul Colletti*

*Conservation Commission members for 2003-2004: Pat Hemenway, Lisa Thornton, Beth Miller, Janna Tornabene, and Paul Colletti*

## Middletown Springs Historical Society

The Historical Society's fund-raising and educational events for the community in 2003 included the Antiques Discovery Workshop in February, the Maple Festival in March, and the Strawberry Festival in June. The Society also participated in the town Memorial Day parade, and hosted the Christmas in the Park reception. Annual Meeting in September featured a presentation by Stuart Edge-Gerrol, MSES teacher and Director of the Historical Legacy Project, assisted by two of his students.

In June the Society attended Vermont History Expo 2003 at the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds with another installment of an ongoing exploration of the early history of Middletown by Jon Mathewson. This display can be seen in the museum at the Historical Society building until May 2004.

The Society hosted the Elementary School's Living History Project which transformed the Adams House dining room into a general store and resurrected the Elisha Leffingwell Tin Shop in the Mineral Springs Park. Trustees assisted students in placing flags on Revolutionary and Civil War veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

The Historical Society was founded in 1969 to create the Mineral Springs Park. In 1971 the Society took on the task of restoring the former town Community House. Other major achievements of the Society over its first 34 years have been the designation of the Middletown Springs Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places, the spearheading of ongoing research and restoration of the Old Cemetery and the placement of a Vermont Roadside Historic Site marker for A.W. Gray at the corner of South Street and Montvert Road.

The Society operates on a 2003 - 2004 budget of \$15,500 and has an endowment from bequests, memorials and life memberships of about \$9000. Rental of space for the Town Office, as well as for workshops, parties, and food co-op distributions accounts for part of the Society's income along with memberships, donations and fundraising event revenues.

The Society received a grant in 2003 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (\$5,000) for collections care, including a workshop in the Summer of 2004 which will train volunteers in conserving and re-housing artifacts as part of the process of returning them to the newly renovated Museum Storage Room. Volunteers from the community are welcome to join in this project.

Over 300 members in town and throughout the country support the Society's efforts to record, preserve and protect local history, historic objects and sites. Membership is open to all and members receive the Society's newsletter as well as discounts at many museums and historic sites. Seven new memberships were recorded in 2003. We urge all who have an interest in preserving the heritage of Middletown Springs to join us!

Respectfully submitted,  
*David P. Wright, President*

*Trustees for 2003 - 2004 are: Kay Avery (emerita), Stuart Edge-Gerrol, Kathy Feeley, Pat Hemenway, Dick Hanson, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, Judy Robinson, Nora Rubinstein, Julie Scott, Marilyn Trapeni, Sharen Underwood and David Wright*

## Middletown Springs Planning Commission

The voters of Middletown Springs accepted a Town Plan on September 10, 2002. The plan is regionally approved and will remain valid until 2007 unless amended or replaced. The plan may be viewed at the Town Office or by following links from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's web site at [www.RutlandRPC.org](http://www.RutlandRPC.org).

Official Planning Commission activity has not been possible during 2003 because a quorum has not been present for regularly scheduled meetings. However, in late 2002 the Planning Commission recommended and the Selectboard applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant to study the future viability of agriculture in the town. During 2003 the study involved interviews with present and past farmers and owners of agricultural land, public meetings, research by an agricultural consultant, and occasional reports in *The Middletown Magnet*. The study will be complete and the findings of the study made public by May, 2004.

Active members of the Planning Commission hope that vacancies on the commission will be filled at the 2004 Town Meeting and that the Planning Commission will then be able to consider possible amendments to the Town Plan, based on the results of the agriculture study.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bob Moran, Chair*

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### Town of Middletown Springs Gold-Headed Cane Recipients

The Gold-Headed Can was first presented to Deacon Alpheus Haynes when the Town celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 19, 1907. The inscription "To the Oldest Person of Middletown Springs, In Trust" is engraved on the cane's head. The cane is presented to the oldest resident of Middletown Springs.

The recipients of the Gold-Headed Cane are as follows:

Deacon Alpheus Haynes  
Judge Roswell Buel  
Marcena Willard Spaulding  
Reuben Redmann Spaulding  
Deacon Dyer Leffingwell  
Marshall Brown  
Sarah Amelia Clark Gray  
Fayette Spaulding  
James Buxton  
Fannie Richardson  
Chester A. Chase  
Amelia L. Woodard  
Margaret R. Maclean  
James Dudley  
Florence Spaulding Parker  
Wallace Spaulding  
Chauncey Sheldon Green

Carrie Spaulding  
Susan Spaulding Cairns  
Georgia Cobb Taylor  
Jessie Gardner Rodgers  
Marguerite Norton-Tracy  
Bernard W. Shattuck  
Ora K. Moyer  
Alice Gray Hickox\*  
Nellie A. Smetana\*\*  
Mary O'Neil  
Jennie Powers  
Faustina Greene\*\*  
Margaret Anderson\*\*  
Herbert Davison  
Anna Fenton  
Donna White

\*Refused

\*\*Died before being presented

**Middletown Springs Public Library**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2002- June 30, 2003**

	FY02/03 <u>Actual</u>	FY04/05 <u>Budget</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Town Allotment	6,000.00	7,000.0
Louis Library Fund	600.00	600.00
Book Sale	449.00	300.00
Donations	65.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	31.00	10.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,145.00</b>	<b>7,985.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Books & Videos	904.95	1,250.00
Subscriptions	225.20	250.00
Electric	393.98	475.00
Oil	519.91	525.00
Telephone	431.85	500.00
Lawn/Snow	627.00	650.00
Wages / Soc. Sec. Tax	3,235.65	3,850.00
Maintenance/Supplies	83.19	125.00
Petty Cash	325.00	300.00
Postage / PO Box	153.98	60.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>6,900.71</b>	<b>7,985.00</b>

**PLEASE USE AND SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bernhard W. Bischoff, Treasurer*



***Living History  
Project 2003***

*Andrew  
Clement, Matt  
Bradley, and  
Ryan Parker,  
a.k.a. the Vale  
family, keep  
watch over the  
family's  
General Store.*

**Middletown Springs Public Library**  
**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003**

Number of registered borrowers	776
<b>Circulation</b>	
Adults / Young adults	515
Children	784
Audio Cassettes / Videos	370
Computer users	92
User visits to library	1150
Interlibrary loans requested from other libraries	46
Interlibrary loans requested by town patrons and completed	64
Items added to collection	295
<b>State books borrowed</b>	
Large print	50
Young Adult collection	70
Toddlers and Children	50
Children's programs offered	8
Adult programs offered	6
<b>Other library usage</b>	
Privately Sponsored Music Program	5

**Library Petty Cash Report**

Balance of July 1, 2002	\$ 23.00	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer from checking account	\$325.00	
Overdue fees	\$7.00	
Total		\$355.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
Postage	\$265.28	
Supplies	\$33.85	
Total		\$299.13
Balance as of June 30, 2003		\$ 55.87

See you at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fran Oken*, Librarian

## The Middletown Magnet

The volunteers at The Magnet would like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their continued support. This year we are asking the voters for an increase in the Town contribution to accommodate the rising costs of printing and mailing. As you can see from our financial statements, the support received from the Town covers only about a third of the total cost to put out an issue, the rest is made up with advertising, donations, and subscriptions.

We have been very fortunate to have a great core of committed advertisers that really help to keep us going. Donations and subscription renewals have come in at a great clip this year more than doubling last year's total of \$386. In fact, without this year's generous total we would be facing serious financial trouble. We feel confident that with an increase in town support of \$35 per issue we will be able to continue bringing town happenings to your mailbox each month.

Currently, we are working with a small but very committed volunteer base. So if you would like to help out just give one of us a call. Remember we are always looking for news, interesting tidbits, and/or pictures to put in the paper, as well.

Thanks to all of you who have donated, advertised, or contributed news this past year! We look forward to many more years of keeping you informed. Please support us at the polls!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patty Kenyon*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of July 1, 2002		\$311.75
Receipts:		
Advertisements	645.00	
Donations / Subscriptions	955.00	
Town Support	<u>1,100.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$2,600.00
Expenses:		
Printing	1,399.55	
Postage	1,165.27	
Miscellaneous	<u>26.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$2,590.82
Balance as of June 30, 2003		\$ 320.93

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson, Treasurer*

## Middletown Springs Town School District REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

This year's biggest challenges were dealing with the increased secondary tuition costs and again the increase in insurance, which is making it almost impossible to have a level funded budget. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to correct such changes in the economic environment. The change in Act 60 to Act 68, which appears to have some short term benefits, is a plan which, according to the Vermont School Board Association, has real financial challenges in years 3 to 5 of Act 68. Outlined is a future financial burden that all small schools throughout Vermont will suffer under, caused by declining enrollment and increasing operating expenses. The budget projections are too large to rely on a continued increase in property taxes. The VSBA suggests that the next few years be used to consider merging schools, sharing resources or closing small schools throughout Vermont to contain costs. Please contact your state senators and representative to voice your concern regarding funding for Vermont schools.

Jay Niles and the staff have been working hard on continuing their professional development and curriculum review in workshops held throughout the state. This training has had a positive effect on the teaching environment, and has improved the overall quality of the school. We have seen major improvements in the reading scores throughout the school population.

The continued growth of the after school program and the summer clinics were made possible by the continued efforts of Mr. Niles as he pursued grant monies to fund these programs and also stressed the need and importance of the school offering such programs. To be added to these funded programs is a pre-school program that will be housed at the school and is due to open in the fall of 2004. All of these opportunities are directed at providing children and parents with the best that schools can offer.

We are still struggling, as is the whole state, with the implementation and the enactment of the requirements of President Bush's, "No Child Left Behind" bill, which to date is mandated but not fully funded by the federal government. The bill is multi-layered and complex and will take time to sort through the details in order for the school to be in full compliance.

My term as school board director is over in March, and I will not be seeking re-election due to my relocation. I appreciate the work of my fellow board members and the dedication of Mr. Niles and the staff to make the school one which we all can be proud of. The community involvement is essential to the school's existence, and I wish to thank the many people who have shown their support over the years that I have served as a board member.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pepper Clayton*  
Middletown Springs School Board Chair

# Middletown Springs Town School District

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

As is our tradition, the school year began with staff, students, parents, and community members joining in The First Day Celebration. This is the fourth year we have held the First Day Celebration. The Celebration's purpose is to bring together members of the school and community to celebrate the education of our students and to highlight the importance of a positive school-community relationship.

An Open House for Parents was held in September to give parents and teachers the opportunity to meet and discuss specific grade level and classroom expectations. This is an activity which, coupled with our twice yearly Parent-Teacher Conferences, assists us in building a strong home-school partnership.

Utilizing funding provided through an Early Literacy Grant of \$9,000, the services of our Vermont Reads reading consultant, and school budget funds, our Action Plan goals continue to encompass:

- Providing teacher training in reading strategies instruction
- Purchasing appropriate level reading materials for each classroom
- Assessing on a regular basis the reading levels of students and designing reading instruction based upon assessment results
- Progressing in meeting student achievement goals for the Action Plan
- Providing continuing training for teachers in computer lab instruction

Budgeted funds, in conjunction with Consolidated Grant funds, have been used to:

- Continue our professional development program in the teaching of mathematics
- Continue professional development on integrating and using technology in classroom instruction
- Purchase computers and software for the classrooms and the computer lab

We are in the process of writing grants to begin a Before & After School Program for our students and to further integrate the arts into the school curriculum. The Before & After School Program, along with the continuation of Homework Club, will provide students with the opportunity to participate in varied physical and educational activities in a safe, supervised environment. Teachers, former students, and community members formed a committee and have developed and submitted a grant to the Vermont Council on the Arts for funds to more fully integrate the arts into our school curriculum by utilizing the talents of local artists who will come into the school to share their knowledge and abilities with the children.

The requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) mandate that schools meet designated achievement levels on the Grade 2 Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) and the Grade 4 New Standards Reference Examination (NSRE) in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In order to achieve the goals set by the Vermont Department of Education, each school is assigned Adequate Yearly Progress scores to meet on the DRA and NSRE tests. The Middletown Springs Elementary School met the Adequate Yearly Progress goals in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics. Our continued emphasis on reading and mathematics in staff professional development and program improvements contributes to our successful attainment of designated goals.

This past year, Mr. Edge-Gerrol, with assistance from the Middletown Springs Historical Society, numerous staff members, parents, and community members, organized an in-town Living History event. Students in grades three through six and area homeschoolers began by tracing their own family trees. They then researched actual families who lived in Middletown Springs during the Civil War years. The students and teachers took on the roles of specific family

members and portrayed these individuals during the three-day event, which took place this past spring at numerous locations in town. The Living History event has become a very popular project that totally immerses the student in the learning experience so that he/she emerges with a deeper, more complete understanding of history.

Our school ball field is now complete and has been used for softball practice as well as soccer practice and home games. We expanded our sports program this year to include third and fourth graders during both the soccer and basketball seasons. Our playing field has also been used by community members for events such as Sunday Soccer. The playground equipment is being enjoyed by both students and area children, including homeschoolers and preschoolers. We are pleased to see the efforts and generosity of parents, school members, and community members "pay off" in such a big way!

Our After-School Homework Club continues to operate for students in grades three through six. This program allows the students to complete their homework with assistance and supervision from staff members. Students continue to build their Personal Development Collections for the Capstone Project. The Capstone Project is an initiative, which serves to build student self-interest and self-esteem regarding their individual learning. Last year, students presented their projects, both on paper and in electronic format, at Capstone Demonstration Day at Castleton Elementary School. Fifth and sixth graders participated once again in the Modern Woodmen of America Creative Writing & Civic Oration Contests.

We've had some very informative presentations at our school this year including a recycling program by the Association of Vermont Recyclers and a musical performance by members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Younger children learned about gun safety with the "Eddie Eagle" program. Last year's fifth and sixth grade students participated in DARE, a drug use prevention program sponsored by the Vermont State Police. Second and third second graders participated in an environmental on-site field trip with staff from Shelburne Farms wherein they explored the woods surrounding the school. Our School Nutrition Committee, comprised of school staff, students, and parents continues to meet to improve and refine our school food service program.

The school and its students continue to take part in a number of community service projects. Annually, students participate in the Hop-A-Thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Second and third graders continue to collect pull-tabs from cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Burlington. The first graders are collecting supplies for the Rutland Country Humane Society and used greeting cards to benefit St. Luke's Ranch for Children. Staff members and students took part in Lee National Denim Day and made contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Students, parents, and community members came together for two holiday activities; making and sending candy cane reindeer and mice (along with handmade holiday cards) to servicemen in Iraq, and filling and decorating holiday baskets for the senior citizens of Middletown Springs.

Our school facilities continue to be used by community groups and individuals. The multipurpose room was used for the above-mentioned holiday community service projects as well as the Middletown Springs Grange Halloween Party. The annual Middletown Springs Holiday Craft Fair also took place at the school this year. Jan Krantz, our district Early Education Outreach Coordinator uses the multipurpose room weekly for a playgroup for three and four year olds. We encourage the use of school facilities by community members and organizations.

The Middletown Springs Elementary School's Board of Directors, School Principal, and staff members will continue to consider student needs, state academic requirements, and taxpayer needs as bases for planning instructional and support programs.

*Jay Niles, Principal*

## Projected Enrollment 2004 - 20045 School Year

### Elementary School Level (Grades K – 6):

<u>Grade Level:</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Number of Students:	7	6	7	6	7	7	11

### Secondary School Level (Grades 7 – 12):

<u>Grade Level:</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Number of Students:	12	3	12	12	11	10

### Enrollment of Middletown Springs Resident Students by School:

Fair Haven High School: 1	Long Trail School: 1
Mill River Union High School: 42	Poultney High School: 12
Rutland City High Schools: 2	West Rutland School: 1
Other Schools: 1	

Total Elementary Enrollment: 51

Total Secondary Enrollment: 60

### MSES 6th Grade Graduating Class



Front row: Mrs. Netta Austin, Ryan Parker, Sierra Hughes, Nicholas Rosso, Janelle Bradley, Annie Pigeon, Emily Genier, Mr. Stuart Edge-Gerrol. 2nd Row: Ms. Sandy Seamans, Adam Merrow, Justin Morris, Laura Brown and Matthew Bradley. Standing: Kaitlynn Cook and Wyll Everett.

**Middletown Springs Town School District  
REVENUES**

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Local Sources</b>				
Fund Balance	\$7,500	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Property Taxes	\$431,304	\$400,442	\$458,051	\$0
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$5,000	\$1,555	\$5,000	\$5,000
Food Service	\$10,200	\$9,311	\$10,200	\$10,200
Medicaid/Literacy Subgrant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<b>\$454,004</b>	<b>\$411,308</b>	<b>\$503,251</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>
<b>State Sources</b>				
ACT 68 Support	\$719,294	\$719,294	\$703,267	\$1,243,016
Other State Sources	\$70,786	\$101,648	\$77,827	\$59,880
Block Grant	\$35,858	\$35,858	\$33,690	\$36,321
Intensive Reimbursement	\$74,328	\$74,610	\$57,192	\$62,238
Pre-School Grant	\$6,324	\$2,658	\$5,093	\$4,208
Food Service	\$400	\$374	\$400	\$400
<b>Total State Sources</b>	<b>\$906,990</b>	<b>\$934,442</b>	<b>\$877,469</b>	<b>\$1,406,063</b>
<b>Federal Sources</b>				
Food Service	\$7,500	\$8,419	\$7,500	\$7,500
<b>Total Federal Sources</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$8,419</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,368,494</b>	<b>\$1,354,169</b>	<b>\$1,388,220</b>	<b>\$1,428,763</b>

**Middletown Springs Town School District  
EXPENDITURES**

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<i>Elementary</i>				
Teacher K. Ames	\$30,255	\$37,085	\$37,380	\$40,308
Teacher S. Lantman (64%)	\$20,746	\$24,219	\$25,235	\$26,296
Teacher R. Bruttomesso	\$30,719	\$28,829	\$37,124	\$38,747
Teacher K. Ray	\$21,409	\$25,228	\$26,627	\$28,085
Teacher L. Wilkins	\$37,079	\$43,392	\$45,061	\$46,809
Teacher, Edge-Gerrol	\$22,020	\$26,237	\$27,651	\$29,126
Teacher, Niles 20%	\$9,991	\$10,966	\$11,583	\$11,931
Assistant/Bride	\$2,578	\$9,957	\$4,000	\$0
Assistant, Dudley/Austin	\$10,376	\$0	\$11,002	\$14,082
Substitutes	\$3,000	\$15,535	\$4,000	\$5,200
Group Health Insurance	\$52,300	\$45,831	\$52,338	\$63,596
Social Security	\$11,630	\$14,179	\$14,239	\$14,916
Medi Care	\$2,720	\$3,316	\$3,330	\$3,488
Municipal Retirement	\$503	\$883	\$0	\$453
Worker's Comp	\$1,053	\$917	\$1,053	\$1,200
Unemployment Comp	\$400	\$19	\$25	\$25
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,500	\$2,311	\$5,000	\$4,000
Teacher Dental/Eye	\$0	\$2,003	\$2,400	\$2,400
Testing and Scoring	\$500	\$505	\$0	\$525
Section 504 Services	\$4,500	\$3,723	\$4,500	\$0
Act 157 Consultants	\$500	\$3,021	\$500	\$0

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,500	\$6,453	\$6,500	\$6,500
Student Accident Insurance	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350
Tuition	\$0	\$10,317	\$0	\$0
Travel/Summer Clinics	\$4,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$10,100	\$10,347	\$9,100	\$13,500
Technology Supplies	\$500	\$403	\$500	\$450
Books & Periodicals	\$3,200	\$2,359	\$2,700	\$2,700
Computer Software	\$1,000	\$940	\$2,000	\$1,000
Equipment	\$5,000	\$4,889	\$3,600	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$1,250	\$842	\$1,500	\$2,000
Homework Club	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingency/Other	\$3,444	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$304,773</b>	<b>\$335,056</b>	<b>\$339,298</b>	<b>\$357,687</b>

### **Art Program**

Teacher, Kristiansen	\$11,664	\$12,408	\$13,301	\$13,717
Supplies	\$600	\$472	\$600	\$600
Dues & Fees	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
<b>Total Art</b>	<b>\$12,314</b>	<b>\$12,880</b>	<b>\$13,951</b>	<b>\$14,367</b>

### **Health & Safety Program**

Teacher, Tinsley	\$12,421	\$12,932	\$13,682	\$14,175
Farm & Wilderness	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Supplies	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
<b>Total Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>\$13,071</b>	<b>\$13,532</b>	<b>\$14,332</b>	<b>\$14,825</b>

### **Music Program**

Teacher, Routhier	\$14,331	\$10,670	\$13,420	\$13,824
Supplies	\$800	\$1,777	\$600	\$600
Instrumental Music	\$2,000	\$1,135	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
<b>Total Music</b>	<b>\$17,181</b>	<b>\$13,582</b>	<b>\$14,070</b>	<b>\$14,474</b>

### **Gifted and Talented**

Teacher Kristiansen (23%)	\$6,615	\$7,067	\$8,480	\$7,697
Substitutes	\$0	\$0	\$110	\$0
Social Security/Medicare	\$506	\$540	\$649	\$588
Health Benefits	\$2,578	\$1,876	\$2,490	\$2,676
Supplies	\$500	\$637	\$500	\$500
Books & Periodicals	\$300	\$227	\$300	\$300
Computer Software	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$145	\$0	\$50	\$50
<b>Total Gifted &amp; Talented</b>	<b>\$10,694</b>	<b>\$10,347</b>	<b>\$12,579</b>	<b>\$11,811</b>

### **Guidance Service**

Clinician	\$8,147	\$683	\$5,500	\$5,500
Supplies	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>\$8,247</b>	<b>\$683</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>

### **Health Services**

Nurse Hanson	\$5,662	\$5,904	\$6,351	\$6,616
Medical Designee	\$1,000	\$1,038	\$1,000	\$500
Social Security/Medicare	\$77	\$38	\$62	\$38

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
Supplies	\$200	\$224	\$300	\$400
Books & Periodicals	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>\$7,139</b>	<b>\$7,204</b>	<b>\$7,913</b>	<b>\$7,754</b>

### ***Improvement of Instr***

In-Service Training	\$732	\$200	\$199	\$133
<b>Total Improvement of Instr</b>	<b>\$732</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$133</b>

### ***Ed Media Services***

Tech-Niles 10%	\$4,998	\$5,483	\$5,792	\$5,966
Asst. Carr	\$4,400	\$4,510	\$4,805	\$4,950
Technology-Brutto/Kristian.	\$500	\$1,382	\$1,521	\$1,655
Health Insurance/Substitutes	\$423	\$332	\$0	\$100
Social Security	\$614	\$708	\$745	\$779
Medi Care	\$144	\$166	\$174	\$182
Worker's Comp	\$100	\$100	\$45	\$100
Unemployment Comp	\$65	\$10	\$10	\$10
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$500	\$4,525	\$250	\$250
Supplies	\$375	\$209	\$300	\$250
Books & Periodicals	\$750	\$724	\$750	\$900

### ***Ed Media Services (Con't.)***

Audiovisual Materials	\$100	\$22	\$0	\$0
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$100	\$60	\$100	\$100
Technology Consultant	\$206	\$0	\$3,000	\$4,000
<b>Total Ed Media Services</b>	<b>\$13,275</b>	<b>\$18,231</b>	<b>\$17,492</b>	<b>\$19,242</b>

### ***Board of Education***

Directors	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Security	\$136	\$136	\$136	\$136
Medi Care	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32
W/C PY Adjustment	\$0	\$217	\$0	\$0
Prof. Services/Legal Services	\$500	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$2,800
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Supplies, Books & Periodicals	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Dues & Fees	\$850	\$850	\$850	\$1,050
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>\$4,268</b>	<b>\$6,735</b>	<b>\$7,768</b>	<b>\$6,768</b>

### ***Superintendent's Office***

Assessment	\$46,681	\$48,598	\$50,490	\$57,200
<b>Total Superntndnt's Office</b>	<b>\$46,681</b>	<b>\$48,598</b>	<b>\$50,490</b>	<b>\$57,200</b>

### ***Principal's Office***

Principal Niles (70%)	\$36,018	\$39,240	\$40,542	\$41,759
Secretary S. Rosso	\$15,584	\$19,124	\$19,889	\$21,532
Principal Designee	\$500	\$1,508	\$2,080	\$2,143
Substitute Secretary	\$150	\$281	\$150	\$150
Group Health Insurance	\$2,960	\$3,559	\$3,081	\$8,599

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
Social Security	\$3,239	\$3,951	\$3,885	\$4,056
Medi Care	\$758	\$924	\$909	\$949
Municipal Retirement	\$623	\$765	\$796	\$819
Life Insurance	\$0	\$484	\$528	\$528
Worker's Comp	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195
Unemployment Comp	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$10
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$250	\$98	\$250	\$200
Communications	\$4,500	\$2,507	\$4,500	\$3,000
Travel	\$0	\$116	\$300	\$300
Supplies	\$1,050	\$951	\$800	\$676
Computer Software	\$450	\$250	\$300	\$275
Dues & Fees	\$500	\$898	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Principal's Office</b>	<b>\$66,827</b>	<b>\$74,861</b>	<b>\$78,715</b>	<b>\$85,691</b>
<b><i>Fiscal Services</i></b>				
Treasurer M. Parker	\$580	\$580	\$900	\$900
Social Security/Medicare	\$36	\$36	\$37	\$70
Audit	\$1,225	\$1,275	\$1,250	\$1,300
Supplies	\$200	\$17	\$250	\$250
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>\$2,041</b>	<b>\$1,908</b>	<b>\$2,437</b>	<b>\$2,520</b>
<b><i>Plant Operations &amp; Maint</i></b>				
Custodian, M. LaBate	\$20,567	\$20,966	\$21,805	\$23,878
Health Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Social Security	\$1,275	\$1,300	\$1,352	\$1,480
Medi Care	\$298	\$304	\$316	\$346
Municipal Retirement	\$823	\$839	\$872	\$899
Worker's Comp	\$1,177	\$980	\$1,177	\$1,177
Unemployment Comp	\$89	\$10	\$10	\$10
Water Quality	\$1,250	\$792	\$1,700	\$1,000
Refuse Removal	\$3,028	\$2,017	\$1,500	\$1,800
Snow Plowing	\$1,300	\$1,610	\$1,300	\$1,600
Lawn Care Service	\$750	\$1,312	\$1,000	\$1,500
Repairs & Maintenance	\$19,000	\$18,623	\$19,000	\$19,000
Insurance	\$2,203	\$4,414	\$4,500	\$4,838
Supplies	\$4,300	\$5,332	\$5,000	\$5,000
Electricity	\$14,600	\$13,398	\$16,000	\$15,000
Bottled Gas	\$900	\$1,573	\$1,300	\$1,700
Fuel Oil	\$7,200	\$6,875	\$7,900	\$7,000
<b>Total Plant Ops &amp; Maint</b>	<b>\$78,760</b>	<b>\$80,345</b>	<b>\$84,732</b>	<b>\$87,228</b>
<b><i>Transportation</i></b>				
Transportation	\$7,500	\$9,990	\$7,500	\$7,500
Field Trips	\$1,500	\$1,649	\$1,500	\$0
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$11,639</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b><i>Long Term Debt</i></b>				
Interest	\$33,152	\$33,151	\$31,094	\$28,997
Principal	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	<b>\$73,152</b>	<b>\$73,151</b>	<b>\$71,094</b>	<b>\$68,997</b>

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>				
In State Tuition	\$147,876	\$165,190	\$131,800	\$123,800
Private School Tuition	\$7,017	\$7,503	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>\$154,893</b>	<b>\$172,693</b>	<b>\$131,800</b>	<b>\$123,800</b>
<b>Secondary (9 - 12)</b>				
In State Tuition	\$213,193	\$215,015	\$241,350	\$325,850
Private School Tuition	\$7,017	\$15,714	\$14,900	\$8,500
<b>Total Secondary (9 - 12)</b>	<b>\$220,210</b>	<b>\$230,729</b>	<b>\$256,250</b>	<b>\$334,350</b>
<b>TOTAL REG. EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$1,043,258</b>	<b>\$1,112,374</b>	<b>\$1,117,720</b>	<b>\$1,219,847</b>

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### *Elementary Program*

Teacher Bascom	\$31,284	\$35,067	\$36,612	\$19,139
Aide, Dudley	\$10,657	\$10,525	\$0	\$0
Aide, Ray	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aide, Austin	\$11,922	\$7,943	\$12,635	\$0
Aide, Seamans	\$11,613	\$11,614	\$12,308	\$0
Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Substitutes	\$2,270	\$2,042	\$2,000	\$500
Group Health Insurance	\$9,671	\$7,065	\$10,216	\$2,208
Social Security	\$4,076	\$4,551	\$3,940	\$1,187
Medi Care	\$953	\$1,064	\$922	\$278
Municipal Retirement	\$1,779	\$1,042	\$1,437	\$0
Worker's Comp	\$493	\$493	\$500	\$250
Unemployment Comp	\$360	\$20	\$20	\$20
Dental/eye	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$200
Summer Program	\$6,000	\$2,835	\$5,000	\$500
Consultative Services	\$5,740	\$8,020	\$5,500	\$1,500
Tuition	\$0	\$17,203	\$35,000	\$0
Supplies	\$800	\$894	\$800	\$500
Books & Periodicals	\$200	\$172	\$200	\$150
Computer Software	\$100	\$43	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
Contingency	\$987	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Elementary Spec Ed</b>	<b>\$99,155</b>	<b>\$110,593</b>	<b>\$127,840</b>	<b>\$26,532</b>

### *Psych & Speech Services*

Professional Services	\$13,610	\$16,852	\$10,500	\$4,300
<b>Total Psych. Services</b>	<b>\$13,610</b>	<b>\$16,852</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>

### *Coordinator's Office*

Assessment	\$20,096	\$15,326	\$17,076	\$17,183
<b>Total Coordinator's Office</b>	<b>\$20,096</b>	<b>\$15,326</b>	<b>\$17,076</b>	<b>\$17,183</b>

### *Transportation*

To/From Transportation	\$3,000	\$3,435	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,435</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### *Grades 7 & 8*

Professional Services	\$1,500	\$2,681	\$7,000	\$34,500
Resource Room Svcs.	\$4,000	\$3,928	\$10,000	\$8,500
VAC Tuition	\$34,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
<b>Total Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>	<b>\$6,609</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>7/8 Psychological Services</b>				
Professional Services	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>7/8 Total Psychological Svc</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Transportation</b>				
To/From Transportation	\$10,000	\$250	\$3,000	\$5,520
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$5,520</b>
<b>Secondary Program</b>				
Professional Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resource Room	\$20,000	\$15,920	\$7,000	\$9,000
SLP Services	\$1,500	\$317	\$1,250	\$800
Tuition	\$45,000	\$18,936	\$35,000	\$0
<b>Total Secondary Program</b>	<b>\$76,500</b>	<b>\$35,173</b>	<b>\$44,250</b>	<b>\$10,800</b>
<b>Psychological Services</b>				
Professional Services	\$2,000	\$1,908	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Psychological Serv.</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,908</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>TOTAL SPEC. EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$266,861</b>	<b>\$190,146</b>	<b>\$226,666</b>	<b>\$147,335</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>				
Assessment	\$19,179	\$2,845	\$5,728	\$0
<b>TOTAL PRESCHL PRGRM</b>	<b>\$19,179</b>	<b>\$2,845</b>	<b>\$5,728</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>				
Tuition	\$11,619	\$8,965	\$9,000	\$12,000
Act 68 Base Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,039
<b>TOTAL VOC PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$11,619</b>	<b>\$8,965</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$31,039</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
Cook L. Jondro	\$10,011	\$10,208	\$10,616	\$10,260
Other Benefits	\$100	\$253	\$100	\$1,064
Social Security	\$625	\$649	\$666	\$636
Medi Care	\$147	\$152	\$156	\$149
Municipal Retirement	\$389	\$408	\$425	\$415
Worker's Comp	\$599	\$599	\$599	\$599
Unemployment	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$10
Repairs & Maintenance	\$650	\$79	\$650	\$0
Printing & Binding/Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$325
Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177
Supplies	\$1,950	\$1,518	\$2,550	\$2,250
Food	\$8,000	\$8,363	\$8,500	\$10,157
Breakfast & Snack Programs	\$3,450	\$3,077	\$3,450	\$0
Software/Equipment	\$1,025	\$309	\$975	\$0
Food Service Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500
Contingency	\$523	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FOODSERVICE</b>	<b>\$27,569</b>	<b>\$25,625</b>	<b>\$29,097</b>	<b>\$30,542</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,368,486</b>	<b>\$1,339,955</b>	<b>\$1,388,211</b>	<b>\$1,428,763</b>

**Town of Middletown Springs School District  
ACT 68 Preliminary Tax Rate Report  
ESTIMATES ONLY**

	Budget FY 02	Budget FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Budget	\$1,399,969	\$1,368,494	\$1,388,220	\$1,428,763
85% of Base Paymnt	n/a	n/a	n/a	19,070
SU Assessment	100,116	108,885	120,247	135,619
Tech Center Block Grant	<u>14,546</u>	<u>14,861</u>	<u>16,442</u>	n/a
<b>Act 68 Local Budget</b>	<b>\$1,414,515</b>	<b>\$1,383,355</b>	<b>\$1,404,662</b>	<b>\$1,428,763</b>
Special Programs	<u>9,000</u>	<u>63,210</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,423,515</b>	<b>\$1,446,565</b>	<b>\$1,431,662</b>	<b>\$1,479,763</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Revenues	297,829	212,232	203,960	185,747
Capital Debt Aid	5,508	6,130	3,454	0
Special Programs	<u>9,000</u>	<u>63,210</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
<b>Adjusted Local Revenues</b>	<b>\$312,337</b>	<b>\$281,572</b>	<b>\$234,414</b>	<b>\$236,747</b>
<b>Act 68 Educ. Spending</b>	<b>\$1,111,178</b>	<b>\$1,164,993</b>	<b>\$1,197,248</b>	<b>\$1,243,016</b>
Equalized Pupils	136.68	131.90	127.28	122.83
<b>Ed Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$8,130</b>	<b>\$8,832</b>	<b>\$9,406</b>	<b>\$10,120</b>
Excess Spending Per Pupil	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
District Adj Per Pupil Figure	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>\$10,120</b>
<b>District Spndg Adjstmt (\$10,120/\$6,800)</b>				<b>148.824%</b>
<b>Anticipated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>				<b>\$1.637</b>
(148.824% x \$1.10)				
<b>Household Income Percentage for Income Sensitivity</b>				<b>2.98%</b>
(148.824% x 2.0%)				



**The Living History  
Project 2003**

*The cook tent, where food was prepared daily over an open fire. Steve Pigeon, Jeni Chesnut-Tangerman, and Jenny Hansen help out with the chores.*

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

It is with pleasure that I offer the residents of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (Towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) my first impressions regarding education within our communities. I came to the district, having been a Superintendent and most recently Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the Barre Supervisory Union. These previous administrative positions have given me a unique advantage in being able to take the reins of the RSWSU, which, by all indications is a well-functioning district.

The reasons for the success are clear: hard working board members; competent and caring administrators, faculty, and staff; and most importantly, wonderful children.

There are several issues that are enormous in terms of complexity and implications for each of our school districts. I will try to highlight some of these issues and will continue to gather information so that we make decisions that are child-centered, focused on improved teaching and learning, and balance the needs of our taxpayers. Schools need to reflect the values of the communities that they serve. To that end, we are driven by the belief that all children will learn well, to the best of their ability.

### **Declining Enrollments and Rising Costs**

Each of our districts are faced with the problem of shrinking enrollments and escalating costs. Boards have to continually assess the cost of doing business and examine their budgets for economy. This has resulted in some loss of positions and programs throughout the districts.

Some of our districts have looked toward offering pre-Kindergarten as a solution to increasing our student numbers, gaining additional state revenues over time, and improving the educational entry skills of our children.

### **No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)**

The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, now known as the No Child Left Behind Act, is having major ramifications for not only our districts, but education in Vermont and across the country. Issues such as teacher and paraprofessional qualifications, adequate yearly progress of all children including the disaggregation of data by subgroups, and annual testing in grades three through eight and high school have resulted in continuing school improvement efforts and some confusion as clarification is sought from the U.S. Department of Education. With the size of legislation such as NCLB, there are sure to be some growing pains and adjustments to be made.

### **Vermont's Change from Act 60 to Act 68**

The legislation enacted in Vermont several years ago, Act 60, was the culmination of the legislative efforts to address the issue of equalizing the educational opportunities for all children regardless of where they resided. The beginnings of Act 60 emerged with a state-wide property tax and a local "above block" spending piece. Just as taxpayers and school officials were getting comfortable with being able to understand the law, the next generation, Act 68, comes upon us.

The Vermont Department of Education, in the process of providing technical assistance, along with the Tax Department, has stated that there is currently no way to make a good estimate of an actual homestead tax rate as the law currently reads. House Bill 540 (currently passed the House and is in the Senate) addresses this problem by having the State set homestead and non-homestead tax rates rather than tax liabilities. The pending result will be the actual tax rates taxpayers will see on their tax bills, which will be done by taking the equalized homestead and non-homestead rates and dividing by the most recent common level of appraisal.

## Education Mandates

Late last year a joint report of the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendents Association, and the Vermont Principals Association was submitted to the new Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 43 of Act 68. We often hear a lot of rhetoric about unfunded mandates and now we can refer to a careful study that articulates some of the complex issues such as driver education, criminal record checks, Governor's diploma, alcohol and drug prevention, licensing, etc. to name a few. The complete text of the report is available on [www.vtvsba.org](http://www.vtvsba.org), along with other meaningful information.

One of the major pieces of legislation during the upcoming session will deal with the issue of school choice. The debates that will surround this policy directive will be emotional, and politically charged. School communities need to not only gather information on how this will affect their local school, but to be a voice for equal opportunity for each and every child within the district. Again, I opened with the words that schools need to reflect the values of the communities they serve, and will now be challenged to make sure that it happens.

I am very proud of the work of your staff and hope that some of the highlights I have presented have been not only informative, but heightened your opinion of the combined efforts and talents of the people working with your children. My office remains open for you to come in and express your ideas, comments, or concerns. Working together as "Partners in Education" we can improve our schools, leave no child behind, and prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century now upon us.

In closing, I would like to again thank the boards, staff, students, and community for their continued support. The collaborative efforts of all will allow us to see the fruits of our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maynard F. Baldwin, Jr., Superintendent of Schools*

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## LETTER FROM CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Members of the School Board  
Middletown Springs School District  
Middletown Springs, Vermont 05757

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Middletown Springs School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Middletown Springs School District management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

A statement of general fixed assets, required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, is not included in the financial report because the Middletown Springs School District has not maintained records as to costs of its general fixed assets.

In my opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Middletown Springs School District at June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*William Yacavoni*  
Certified Public Accountant  
License # 92-0000153  
Montpelier, Vermont  
September 22, 2003

## NOTICE!

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend

OR

The Superintendent of Schools  
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
168 York Street  
Poultney, Vermont 05764  
Tel: 287-5286

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please! If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral!!

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## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Middletown Springs School District will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Middletown Springs School District's non-discrimination policies:

Jay Niles, Principal  
Section 504 Coordinator  
Middletown Springs Elementary School  
Middletown Springs, Vermont 05757  
Tel: 235-2365

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal laws related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Middletown Springs School District including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764, Tel: 287-5286.

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Special Education programs provide services to students identified as having learning or emotional disabilities, health, speech and language, hearing or learning impairments, autism, and multiple disabilities. Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union served approximately 154 students this year.

Programs continue to address academic difficulties, provide accommodations and modifications to the regular education curriculum, implement positive social skills, teach functional daily living skills, and prepare students to contribute to society to the best of their ability. Eligibility for special education services and placements are determined by a student's Evaluation/Planning and IEP teams. Students with special needs can receive services that include speech and language support, help from instructional assistants, community based programs, and related therapies or counseling as determined necessary.

Federal and State law requires Child Find to locate and identify children who need services at the earliest age possible. Research states there is a strong correlation between early education and successful experience in school. A strong foundation of early intervention has been a focus in Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union for children and families. Through Early Education Committees under the auspices of Special Education, in addition to the Even Start Program and Early Education Program in Poultney, early education opportunities will be expanding. Pre-school programs in the Tinmouth and Middletown Springs Elementary Schools will also be in place for the coming school year. The Stonebridge Inn in Poultney will house satellite programs offered in Rutland, specifically Vermont Adult Learning, Day Care, Headstart, Parent Child Center, and Even Start offices for easier RSWSU community accessibility. This strong commitment to early education interventions and family support should provide our youngsters with a solid beginning of lifelong learning.

A "continuum" of services is expanding in order to serve our students locally and cost effectively. The OPTIONS Program is a Life Skills component of Poultney High School located off campus, available to all districts in RSWSU for students who have significant learning challenges and require an intensive life skills curriculum in a structured environment. In addition to the established BECOME Program, the new ACT Program under the OPTIONS umbrella has been created to serve students who are functioning below average in daily life skills, and have behavioral or social issues. Vermont Achievement Center and the Success Program in Rutland continue to serve RSWSU students with intensive behavioral challenges who are in need of a more specialized day program setting. The goal is to return these students to the local public school district or local setting as the capacity is built to serve them.

A major focus has been to address the capacity of Instructional Assistants/Paraprofessionals who work with our most challenged students. Federal and State regulations require that training and supervision be provided. Project EVOLVE, through the University of Vermont, emphasizes the need to identify an over reliance on Paraprofessionals, and to look at models of Special Education.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001/Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that Paraprofessional/Instructional Assistants employed be "highly qualified" by January, 2006.

The Supervisory Union has begun specific assessment and training activities to ensure that compliance is met for all Paraprofessionals/Instructional Assistants.

I welcome the RSWSU new Special Educators and Special Education Administrative Assistant, Patricia Kinirons, and would like to express gratitude to the Superintendent of Schools, Chip Baldwin, Poultney Community, Special Educators and all educators. It is support, collaborative efforts and strong partnership among all of us that achieves positive outcomes for our students with special needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Ackerman, Special Education Coordinator*

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union REPORT OF THE RSWSU CURRICULUM COORDINATOR**

As the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, I submit my 4<sup>th</sup> annual report for the district.

To reach our goal of students achieving high academic levels, teachers and administrators continue to seek ways to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment. In each curricular area, some parts are established and successful and some are being improved while some are being developed. As the Department of Education determines how we will implement the testing aspects of the new Federal law, the No Child Left Behind Law, we will adjust our plan.

The English Language Arts Curriculum was distributed, K-12, in the spring of 2003 with the pilot year being 2003-2004. Professional Development for the improvement of literacy instruction and assessment is on-going through coaching and various graduate reading courses offered in the district.

We are in our fourth and final year of involvement with the Reading Improvement Project/Statewide Improvement Grant, a Federally funded four-year project that is designed to strengthen student reading and writing, pre-K to grade 3 and reduce special education referrals. Sally O'Doherty, Early Literacy Improvement Specialist, has been a coach, leader, consultant and professor for not just the schools identified for the project but for each of our schools in some way.

The new district Supervision & Evaluation system was completed and is in its pilot year. We provided a full day of professional development to all teachers and administrators in order to train teachers what research the system is based on. Administrators had previously received three days of training with other Rutland area administrators.

Fifteen new teachers attended an Orientation Day prior to the opening of school. The day was filled with the superintendent discussing our goals and the new Supervision and Evaluation system. There was training on Bloodborne Pathogens and on how to access district e-mail and the Internet. Curricular areas and specific grade level assessment information was shared along with a tour to district schools.

Vermont School Quality Standards require that we provide new first and second year teachers with on-going support from a successful experienced teacher for two years. I am pleased that we have eight trained experienced teachers able to support our new teachers in the district.

Coordination with receiving high schools took the form of sending our Language Arts and Elementary Spanish Curriculums to the schools. We received some suggestions from department heads that will be implemented.

Preliminary work began on the development of the Science Curriculum. This is the first curriculum document that is being written with draft Grade Level Expectations (GLE) from the Department of Education as we prepare for the Federal 2005 assessments. Bruce Parks, Program Improvement Coordinator, continues to assist us with these efforts.

This is my thirtieth year in the district and it continues to be a pleasure to work with the administrative team, working together and supporting each other to meet the many challenges that face all educators with the No Child Left Behind Law.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle C. Folger*, RSWSU Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

## Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education Program provides necessary intervention to handicapped and at-risk preschoolers. Children who are eligible for the Early Education Program fall into one of two categories: 1) Children who display a 40% delay in one or more learning areas, such as speech/language, cognitive, motor skills, behavior and self help, and are eligible for Essential Early Education; and 2) Children who are at-risk in any number of developmental areas, such as social, speech/language, general knowledge, large and small motor skills.

The Early Education Program continues to serve the children from the towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Wells, Middletown Springs and Poultney. The program and curriculum are similar to that of most preschool programs and maximum attention is paid to addressing the individual strengths and needs of each of the students. The teachers have backgrounds in early education and early intervention of handicapped and at-risk children. Direct services from a language teacher and an Early Interventionist are available to ALL children, not just children with specific needs in these areas.

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education center-based program is able to serve 34 students in three separate class sessions. Essential Early Education children are served both in the home and center-based programs. Essential Early Education children are given priority when selecting a center-based enrollment as mandated by law. At-risk children fill the remainder of the openings within the center-based program.

The Rutland Southwest Early Education Program provides a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum, which, through his/her play, allows each child to grow across all developmental areas. Socially, our goal is to increase the self-esteem, self-reliance, and independence of our students. By regarding each child as a whole person, we recognize the importance of the family; parents are the child's primary educators. The Rutland Southwest Early Education staff works closely with parents to plan and implement programs for children.

The Early Education staff currently includes two full-time positions. These positions are: Early Interventionist/Teacher and teacher assistant. A language teacher serves students 1-1/2 days per week. The staff is currently serving thirty-seven children ages 2-5 years through our center-based/home-based programs.

The Early Education Center-Based Program is located at Poultney High School. This program currently runs three classes providing services to 2-5 year olds. The staff also provides home-based services to children 2-5 years old and early intervention services to children 0-3 in collaboration with the Family Infant Toddler Project (Part H).

Other services provided by the Early Education Program include: preschool screenings for 3 and 4 year old children from all towns in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union; evaluations of children with developmental delays to determine Special Education eligibility for Essential Early Education; coordination of the transition process from preschool to kindergarten; and support for families and existing community preschools through assistance, consultation and/or direct services as appropriate. There is also collaboration with the Even Start Program serving children 0-5 throughout the district.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sheri Kinney*                      *Darlene Ellis*

## Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union EARLY EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT

Early education experiences are now available to families in outer lying areas of the district, in addition to the center based EEE program in Poultney. Research shows that the earlier children and families are engaged in language rich activities, the more successful children are in school.

Three different free programs are now offered throughout the school year. All are voluntary. **Playgroup** is an enjoyable way to meet and get together with other families with young children. Children birth to age 5 and their parents are welcome. Currently, playgroups take place on a regular basis in 2 different locations within the district. The times and locations are listed below.

**Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 AM, Tinmouth, Tinmouth Church basement**

**Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 AM, Middletown Springs, Middletown Sprgs Elem.**

**Home visiting** is another early education program for families. The home visitor knows that you are your child's first and most important teacher. In addition to playing with you and your child, the home visitor can bring activities for you to share with your child. She is also there to answer your questions and help you connect with programs and resources you might need. I am available to do home visiting and look forward to spending time with you and your child or children, if you would like.

The last program that is offered is called **Even Start**. It is an intensive, integrated family literacy program. Any family with a child under 8 years of age and a parent without a high school diploma or with limited reading, writing, or math skills is eligible. Priority (if there is a waiting list) is based on family needs.

Even Start is a weaving together of adult education and early education tailored to individual families. Even Start team members build a strong relationship with each family. The adult educator and family educators work closely with families in a group setting, as well as in the home. Even Start partners up with Vermont Adult Learning, Headstart, the Parent Child Center, the Vermont Center For The Book, and the Vermont Council On The Humanities to offer a wide range of services and programs to Even Start families. I am an Even Start team member and welcome the opportunity to meet with families who are interested in Even Start.

In addition to the above ongoing programs, some additional short-term programs may take place this school year in outer lying communities in the district if grant funding is available. These programs, called **Family Book Programs**, last 3-4 weeks, one session per week, and are geared to families with children 5 years of age and younger. Families spend time together enjoying high quality children's books with related activities and receive a free set of the books by participating.

If you have questions or would like more information about the above programs, I will be happy to talk with you about them. My office is located at the Middletown Springs Elementary School and the number there is **235-2365**.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jan Krantz, Early Ed Outreach Coordinator*

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union**  
**CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET**

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$18,517	\$17,195	\$20,063	\$22,758
<b>Middletown Springs</b>	<b>\$46,681</b>	<b>\$43,687</b>	<b>\$50,490</b>	<b>\$57,200</b>
Poultney	\$173,212	\$161,065	\$192,873	\$217,945
Tinmouth	\$25,081	\$23,445	\$30,666	\$33,629
Wells	\$49,709	\$46,321	\$51,937	<b>\$59,303</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$313,200</b>	<b>\$291,713</b>	<b>\$346,029</b>	<b>390,835</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Superintendent	\$76,220	\$79,000	\$85,024	\$84,000
Business Manager	\$29,492	\$32,751	\$36,862	\$36,862
Curriculum Coord (50-75%)	\$27,242	\$27,841	\$29,252	\$46,545
Secretary	\$30,125	\$30,125	\$31,029	\$31,029
Data Entry/Payroll Clerk	\$13,778	\$15,518	\$14,191	\$14,191
50% Business Ofc. Asst.	\$8,034	\$7,959	\$8,275	\$8,275
Treasurer	\$1,372	\$1,372	\$1,413	\$1,455
Custodian	\$1,543	\$1,656	\$1,400	\$1,700
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Substitutes	\$0	\$1,766	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$187,806</b>	<b>\$197,988</b>	<b>\$207,946</b>	<b>\$244,557</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$29,241	\$29,140	\$33,862	\$34,868
Social Security/Medicare	\$15,794	\$16,729	\$17,593	\$18,905
Municipal Retirement	\$3,999	\$4,400	\$4,366	\$3,341
Workers Compensation	\$976	\$1,148	\$1,177	\$1,139
Unemployment	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Dental/Eye Care	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,701
Life Insurance	\$475	\$356	\$475	\$0
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$52,641</b>	<b>\$53,929</b>	<b>\$59,629</b>	<b>\$60,984</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$19,548	\$19,548	\$22,531	\$23,080
Hired Professional Services	\$3,310	\$3,731	\$3,310	\$3,360
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,100	\$3,511	\$4,500	\$4,500
Office Rent	\$18,120	\$18,330	\$18,120	\$19,629
Insurance	\$1,500	\$3,166	\$2,200	\$3,200
Communications	\$8,300	\$7,114	\$8,000	\$8,000
Advertising	\$5,000	\$4,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
Printing	\$1,000	\$450	\$200	\$500
Travel	\$4,025	\$2,428	\$3,635	\$4,650
Supplies	\$5,550	\$9,159	\$6,675	\$9,075
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$3,300	\$3,786	\$4,280	\$4,300
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$72,753</b>	<b>\$76,056</b>	<b>\$78,451</b>	<b>\$85,294</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$313,200</b>	<b>\$327,973</b>	<b>\$346,026</b>	<b>\$390,835</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
PRE-SCHOOL BUDGET**

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$0	\$5,693	\$5,728	\$0
<b>Middletown Springs</b>	<b>\$19,179</b>	<b>\$2,846</b>	<b>\$5,728</b>	<b>\$12,771</b>
Poultney	\$60,741	\$73,955	\$71,684	\$70,251
Tinmouth	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,193
Wells	\$15,976	\$19,908	\$20,063	\$19,157
Total Local Revenues	\$95,896	\$102,402	\$103,203	\$105,372
Idea B Grant Funds		\$8,150		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$95,896</b>	<b>\$110,552</b>	<b>\$103,203</b>	<b>\$105,372</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Teacher	\$41,869	\$45,350	\$46,886	\$48,446
Language Teacher (30%)	\$15,308	\$15,222	\$15,767	\$15,786
SLP	\$0	\$7,299	\$0	\$0
Salary Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aide	\$11,500	\$11,502	\$11,847	\$12,204
Substitutes	\$250	\$603	\$285	\$308
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$68,927</b>	<b>\$79,976</b>	<b>\$74,785</b>	<b>\$76,744</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,836	\$11,174	\$14,229	\$14,073
Social Security/Medicare	\$5,253	\$5,708	\$5,722	\$5,871
Municipal Retirement	\$460	\$460	\$474	\$488
Workers Compensation	\$277	\$277	\$277	\$277
Unemployment	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5
Tuition Reimbursement	\$933	\$882	\$933	\$1,086
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$807	\$978	\$978
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$20,619</b>	<b>\$19,318</b>	<b>\$22,618</b>	<b>\$22,778</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,200	\$2,916	\$750	\$750
Building Rent	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Communications	\$200	\$184	\$100	\$200
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$250	\$325	\$400	\$400
Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,032	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,350</b>	<b>\$7,957</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>	<b>\$5,850</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$95,896</b>	<b>\$107,251</b>	<b>\$103,203</b>	<b>\$105,372</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$6,469	\$5,806	\$8,696	\$9,000
<b>Middletown Springs</b>	<b>\$20,096</b>	<b>\$15,326</b>	<b>\$17,076</b>	<b>\$17,183</b>
Poultney	\$71,853	\$54,103	\$63,176	\$64,743
Tinmouth	\$9,453	\$6,755	\$5,129	\$6,429
Wells	\$22,007	\$16,117	\$23,285	\$22,807
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$98,107</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>
Idea B Grant Funds		\$149,224		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$247,331</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Special Education Coordinator	\$53,749	\$58,000	\$60,317	\$60,317
Special Education Consultant	\$0	\$23,183	\$0	\$0
Counselor	\$15,000	\$9,475	\$0	\$0
Speech/Language Aide	\$6,066	\$9,704	\$0	\$0
SLP	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Substitutes	\$0	\$380	\$0	\$0
Secretary	\$20,085	\$20,085	\$20,688	\$20,113
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$94,900</b>	<b>\$130,827</b>	<b>\$81,005</b>	<b>\$80,430</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,252	\$13,877	\$13,698	\$17,217
Social Security/Medicare	\$7,261	\$10,832	\$6,197	\$6,152
Municipal Retirement	\$1,011	\$803	\$828	\$829
Workers Compensation	\$634	\$634	\$474	\$474
Unemployment	\$20	\$32	\$10	\$10
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,041	\$0	\$0
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$1,046	\$850	\$850
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$22,028</b>	<b>\$28,265</b>	<b>\$22,057</b>	<b>\$25,532</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,500	\$3,369	\$1,500	\$1,000
Other Professional Services	\$2,250	\$83,394	\$3,600	\$3,600
Communications	\$2,500	\$1,706	\$2,500	\$2,500
Advertising	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Travel	\$2,250	\$1,958	\$1,750	\$1,750
Supplies	\$1,500	\$2,352	\$1,500	\$2,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$850	\$678	\$850	\$850
In-Service Training	\$2,000	\$1,984	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,950</b>	<b>\$95,441</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$14,200</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$254,533</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
SHARED PROGRAMS BUDGET**

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Middletown Springs</b>	<b>\$44,810</b>	<b>\$41,913</b>	<b>\$46,954</b>	<b>\$48,465</b>
Poultney	\$3,127	\$852	\$849	\$569
Tinmouth	\$29,964	\$27,943	\$31,306	\$32,327
Wells	\$45,140	\$41,914	\$47,070	\$48,525
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$123,041</b>	<b>\$112,622</b>	<b>\$126,179</b>	<b>\$129,886</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Teacher, Art	\$20,392	\$22,515	\$23,768	\$24,941
Teacher, Phys. Ed.	\$24,206	\$25,599	\$26,620	\$28,109
Teacher, Music	\$26,450	\$24,598	\$27,672	\$30,020
Teacher, Gifted & Talented	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nurse	\$9,574	\$10,273	\$10,875	\$11,465
Substitutes	\$450	\$1,677	\$495	\$462
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$81,072</b>	<b>\$84,662</b>	<b>\$89,430</b>	<b>\$94,997</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$25,618	\$18,051	\$23,273	\$21,522
Social Security/Medicare	\$6,169	\$6,475	\$6,804	\$7,232
Workers Compensation	\$673	\$673	\$673	\$673
Unemployment	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,205	\$1,072	\$2,745	\$2,566
Dental/Eye Care	\$1,181	\$699	\$1,181	\$1,054
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$35,869</b>	<b>\$26,993</b>	<b>\$34,699</b>	<b>\$33,070</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$269
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$450	\$419	\$450	\$450
Dues and Fees	\$150	\$224	\$100	\$100
Improvement of Instruction	\$1,500	\$364	\$1,500	\$1,000
Itinerant Salary Contingency	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,100</b>	<b>\$1,276</b>	<b>\$2,050</b>	<b>\$1,819</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$123,041</b>	<b>\$112,931</b>	<b>\$126,179</b>	<b>\$129,886</b>

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government Most government services used by Vermonters on a daily basis are those provided by its cities and towns. These include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer, and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expending nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state.

In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of the these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

- Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to over 21,200 telephone calls from local officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered almost 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 copies of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.72 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.0 million. Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns can visit its website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

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### Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is a non-profit agency working within Rutland County to provide safety and support services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We have been in Rutland County for almost 25 years serving men, women, and children who live in danger.

This year we gave counseling and other support services to well over 3400 people. We assist people with counseling, support groups, help with relocation, are available on a 24 hour crisis line for domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

Because of your consistent support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for those survivors of domestic violence from your town.



A Comprehensive Medicare Certified Home Health Agency

For more than 57 years, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has brought high quality, affordable community based home health and hospice services to people in the comfort of their homes.

In the face of rising healthcare costs, nursing shortages, shrinking reimbursement and regulatory changes to the health care system, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. We are proud to report that we continue to be a community leader in guiding and shaping the future of home health, preventative and long-term care services, including home care, hospice, maternal-child health and community programs. Our services not only promote a healthy community, but also support individual dignity and independence in the home.

We are proud to report on a number of successes we have achieved:

- Provided over 1,200 hours of volunteer service in our Hospice Program.
- Initiated Hospice Palliative Care Program
- Instituted Options Counseling for nursing home admissions
- Collaborated with Wilcox Pharmacy in the Synagis® Program for patients with respiratory syncytial virus
- Provided over 3700 flu vaccinations
- Prepared for compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

We could not have been successful without our dedicated staff. RAVNAH's staff and volunteers made over 84,000 visits to 2,494 different patients. In the town of Middletown Springs we provided 223 visits to 24 individuals.

To the individuals and organizations of the town of Middletown Springs that have supported us during 2003 we are truly thankful. With your support, RAVNAH will continue to meet our mission "to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services." Again, we say thank you for your support.

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## **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.**

Main Office: 1 Scale Avenue, Unit 94 • Rutland, Vermont 05701-2193 • (802)775-0486

Following is a brief description of the services that the Council provided to older persons in your community during the past year:

**Senior Meals:** The Council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Middletown Springs. This service, provided through contract, is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels." We also supplied "Blizzard Bags" to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, providing "shelf-stable" meals for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, several elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region.

**Case Management Assistance:** Six elders were served by agency Case Management staff who provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Medicaid Waiver, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also assisted frail elders with long term care needs.

**Other Services:** • Telephone support through our "Senior HelpLine" • Health benefit counseling • Legal service support • "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson • Nutrition education • Senior Companion support • Elder Care Clinician outreach • Transportation support • Community Development assistance and • Caregiver information and support •

## RSVP

RSVP is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service to non-profit organizations. Needs are met in critical areas such as human service, health, state and local government, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP enables people to contribute to their communities and feel good about themselves through the rewarding experience of volunteering. Additionally, over the past 5 years RSVP has implemented new programming to address pressing community needs. These programs include *Rutland County Reads*, aimed at enhancing literacy among elementary school children, and *RSVP Bone Builders*, an osteoporosis exercise program that provides free exercise classes with RSVP volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents.

Locally, RSVP is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with more than 700 volunteers. From July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, volunteers in Rutland County provided 68,870 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$1,027,540.

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### Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Middletown Springs. "Medic One," or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

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

The Middletown Springs First Response is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

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### Community Care Network

In the year 2003, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as Middletown Springs assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse
- Treatment Services Emergency/Crisis Services

During fiscal year 2003, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 306 hours of services to 30 Middletown Springs residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

## Vermont Department of Health

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of all citizens. The following are some of the essential services available to residents of Middletown Springs.

### **Bioterrorism - Emergency Preparedness:**

The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health department response may include: finding and identifying disease early investigating the source of the disease; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; and collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events. The Rutland District Office has become a contributing member of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) for the Rutland Region. In the past year we have established ties with many of the emergency response agencies. We have also provided training to town health officers, worked closely with the Rutland Regional Medical Center to increase active surveillance, and participated with local and statewide partners in a table top exercise on October 3, 2003. This exercise tested our ability to interact correctly in the event of a regional emergency incident.

### **WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children):**

One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 38 women, infants and children living in Middletown Springs received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

### **West Nile Virus Surveillance:**

West Nile Virus first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in nearly all states. Birds, some mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of October 21, 2003: 76 birds and three horses have tested positive for WNV. Three human cases of WNV have been confirmed in the state. In Rutland County from June 12 - October 17, 2003, 88 dead birds were reported, 61 were tested, and 7 birds were found to be infected with WNV. There were no human or equine cases reported during this same time period for Rutland County.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Rutland District Office at 802-786-6811. Please visit our web site at [www.healthyvermonters.info](http://www.healthyvermonters.info) for *Healthy Vermonters 2010*, our state's blueprint for improving public health, news releases; other publications and reports; and general public health information.

***Living History Project 2003: Photo Opposite Page: Wyll Everett, John Brown, Corine Comeau, and Ross Lowell a.k.a. the Humphries family, are hard at work outside the tinsmith shop.***

## The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been "making things happen" for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

- 14 towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grants.
- Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town.
- 16 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.
- 6 towns received Jeffords fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters.
- Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agri-tourism ventures.
- 5 Farmers received grants to support agri-tourism on their farms.
- 10 towns received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation.
- We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut River Birding Trail.
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and streambank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 - 5.0%) to develop agri-tourism ventures on farms. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: [kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov).



## Rutland Regional Planning Commission

**The RRPC's Mission:** *To provide leadership and technical expertise to encourage cooperative planning with and among the region's communities and area wide interests; and, strive to improve the quality of life for people in the region by promoting harmony between sustainable economic development, environmental interests and other planning issues.*

**2003 ACTIVITIES:** In pursuit of its Mission, the RRPC continued to work closely with the region's 27 communities on a wide range of projects.

- Provided technical assistance on community development issues.
- Assisted communities to successfully apply for funds through the Municipal Planning Grant program.
- Continued the RRPC's very successful cooperative purchasing program with— municipal and non-profit organizations in towns, saving them substantial amounts on fuel oil, diesel, and gasoline.
- Used GIS (Geographic Information Systems) tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, and emergency management initiatives.
- Continued support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council in their planning for the future transportation needs of the Rutland Region.
- Worked with the Rutland Economic Development Corporation, and the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce on a regional strategy to better coordinate community development, economic development and travel and tourism activities.
- Assisted communities with emergency management planning.
- Received \$200,000 Federal Brownfields Assessment grant and began the organization of a steering committee and the identification of potential sites.
- Continued to offer education, training, and information distribution programs to municipal officials.

For the sixteenth consecutive year, dues will remain at \$500. All communities are voting members of the Commission regardless of whether or not they pay dues. Dues paying members receive discounted technical services and are able to participate in the cooperative fuel purchasing program.

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## Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership

Over the past four years the Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership has completed many great projects. Highlights for 2003 include riparian buffer plantings in four towns, leading summer programs for local youth, maintaining the native plant nursery in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy, volunteer work days and scientific data collection and monitoring of the rivers.

Some projects currently underway, or still in the planning stages, include:

- Water quality monitoring of the Poultney River.
- Producing stock in our native plant nursery to supply material for restoration projects in partnership with the Nature Conservancy.
- A landowner outreach project that supplies trees for riparian landowners that will address high temperatures in the Mettowee River.
- Conducting a detailed assessment of local rivers using volunteers.
- Leading environmental service projects for youth in the watershed. Increase nutrient management assistance to agricultural producers.

To get involved, call 287-5841 or visit our website: [www.poultneymettowee.org](http://www.poultneymettowee.org).

## Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC)

The Solid Waste Alliance Communities are comprised of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. Through a cooperative effort, these towns endeavor to resolve solid waste management issues in a cost effective manner. SWAC functions with one administrator, Pam Clapp (518-854-9702). SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state laws covering solid waste. It would prove difficult for individual municipalities to meet state requirements and operate as inexpensively as SWAC. This year the organization has:

- ❖ Restructured the Joint Municipal Survey Committee/Solid Waste Alternative Committee (JMASC/SWAC) into the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) under an Interlocal Contract.
- ❖ Sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection events (mandated by the State).
- ❖ Attended and represented each town at state-wide solid waste planning meetings.
- ❖ Written and received state grants to help reduce costs.
- ❖ Coordinated paper recycling pickups with Putney Paper (towns receive money for paper collected).
- ❖ Fielded citizen questions and concerns regarding solid and hazardous waste issues.
- ❖ Overseen joint Solid Waste Plan (mandated by the State).

The State adopted its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), effective November 1, 2001. All municipalities in the State had 18 months to update their existing Plans. SWAC took steps to ensure that SWAC towns would be in compliance with this State mandate. SWAC submitted an updated SWIP to the State in May 2003, meeting the State deadline. It is anticipated that SWAC will adopt this updated SWIP in 2004. Citizen participation continues to play a major role in the operation of SWAC. We look forward to ongoing dialogue with our citizens. We wish to thank those citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to recycle and appropriately dispose of solid and hazardous waste.

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## **BROC** *Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.*

*Your Community Action Agency*

This past year BROC continued to experience a large increase in limited income families who needed help just meeting their *basic* needs — enough food on the table; heat for warmth through the winter; and a roof over their heads.

BROC helped meet the basic needs of 38 individuals in the Town of Middletown Springs between 10/01/02 and 9/30/03. This number included 1 homeless family that needed transitional or permanent housing assistance. In addition, our Micro Business Development Program worked with 5 Middletown Springs residents interested in starting or expanding a small business and BROC weatherized 3 homes, comprised of 4 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

## ARC - Rutland Area

*Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families*

Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

In 2003, we were representative payee for 65 clients referred to us by Social Security and mental health centers. We assisted these clients in managing their budget limitations, as well as assisting about 12 clients in filling out annual accounting forms for probate court. Six dances were held over the year and were attended by over 200 people with developmental disabilities, friends and families.

We receive neither state nor federal funding, and our main sources of income continue to be United Way, Rutland City and other towns in Rutland County. In 2003 there were a total of 411 residents in the Rutland Area who took advantage of all the services we offer.

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## Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services

### Annual Report 2003

Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. is changing the look of neighborhoods throughout Rutland County. This year the consortium of towns serviced by Rutland West has grown to include 26 towns, three of which are in Addison County.

Year to date, we have invested \$441,956 in loans for homeowners as well as rehabilitation of existing homes.

Families from Rutland County who attended the HomeBuyer Education class were counted among our list of 39 new homeowners in 2003. The HomeBuyer Education classes are now offered in West Rutland, Middlebury and Bennington. Call Rutland West for a schedule and to register.

The Emergency Shelter Program at Rutland West assists those in crisis with housing arrangements or utility bills. Our shelter fund assisted 110 families in Rutland County this year.

We welcome participants from residents of Middletown Springs, if you would like to volunteer your time for one of our committees, call 438-2303 or stop by our office located at 71 Marble Street in West Rutland.



### **Living History Project 2003**

*Scott Hansen,  
Steven  
Rooney, Dan  
McKeen, and  
Haley Kenyon,  
a.k.a the Cline  
family, make  
boxes to trade  
or sell at the  
general store.*

**Town of Middletown Springs**  
**TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING**  
**MONDAY EVENING – MARCH 3, 2003**

Selectboard Members: Frederick Bradley, Chairman  
John Colvin, Vice-Chair  
Shirley Moyer, Clerk  
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman  
William Reed

The Moderator Clarence Haynes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance called the town meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Moderator read the warning.

**Article 1:** To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.

The planning commission term should be a 4 year term instead of 2 year term.

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?

No questions asked.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to appropriate the sum of \$187,855.00 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$143,779.00 to be raised by taxes on the 2003 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2004?

Has Orchard Bridge been paid for or does some of the money have to come out of this budget? The next payment of \$9,100 will be made this year.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to appropriate the sum of \$167,950.00 for the General Operation of the Town, \$150,050.00 to be raised by taxes on the 2003 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004?

Will the town be keeping the outside law enforcement or our local constable? This figure includes both as no one had applied when the budget was completed. This does include other expenses as training and equipment.

**Article 5:** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to produce wood and wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation and educational purposes.

The town will not be purchasing any land without the voter's approval. A family that wished to give some land on Fitzgerald Road to the town to be used for education purposes approached the conservation committee.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters establish a Reserve Fund for a Municipal Planning Grant received from the State of Vermont?

The Planning Commission applied and received a grant for agriculture in Middletown Springs. This grant has to be put in a special account and not the general fund.

**Article 7:** Shall the voters approve the expenditure of \$44,800.00 for a resurfacing road project on North Street from the village center intersection to 100 North Street?

This project is for the same area that is surfaced at this time. We will pave the

section that is black topped now with a slight swell. Some catch basins will be installed and we will not have the big deep holes like West Street. Articles 7, 8 & 9 are extra line items which are not included in the budget. North Street is a class 3 road so the town has to pick up the total cost with no matching funds. We will have to clean the ditches, cut the brush, install new culverts, and catch basins. If this is not done the road is only going to get worse. This project will cost the taxpayers about .10 cents on the \$45,000 highway rate.

**Article 8:** Shall the voters approve the expenditure of \$4,500.00 for resurfacing the North Street apron on Spruce Knob Road?

This would be a lot cheaper to have both projects done at the same time. The length of the apron is about 70 feet.

**Article 9:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to spend the sum of \$45,000.00 for purchase of land for town facilities?

The board has had an offer of land to be considered for the salt shed, transfer station and town garage. We are going to have to do an assessment to see if it can handle the facilities. The salt and sand pile will not be able to stay where it is at this time and the transfer station is going to have to be moved. The \$45,000.00 covers only the purchase of the land and no additional expense has been included. The 2 parcels of land offered are from Carl Haynes for a total of 4-1/2 acres. This board will not purchase any land that is not environmental and safe for the town. The driveway is very steep and difficult to see traffic and is a big concern. After the purchase we are going to have to have money to build the facilities and at that time some type of bond would have to be approved. Carl has asked us to upgrade this road to a class 3 and before that can be done he will have to bring that up to state standards. The transfer station is up for re-permitting in September and the last time it did not meet standards and they gave us an extension. If we do not have a transfer station and had no recycling it would cost a lot more. We would be paying for a tonnage charge for all our recycling.

**Article 10:** Shall the voters authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the voter checklist in accordance with 17 V.S.A. Sec 2144b?

The Town Clerk explained that adding names would make it easier for voters to be able to vote as an absentee voter.

**Article 11:** Shall municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and congressional delegation be urged to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future? Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont. (Question is for informational purposes only and the results are non-binding.)

Kimberly Mathewson help put this article on the ballot. The energy independence for Vermont would protect our traditions. More efficient use of energy saves money and reduces all types of pollution and would protect and improve our economy.

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

Cell towers are going to be an issue in the near future, and is Middletown Springs going to be a part of it. There will be a meeting in Wells about cell towers being installed in two different locations, which could cover all of Middletown Springs. The Road Commissioner gave a brief report on what he has done over the last year.

Daryl Cremo from the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. spoke about the time he is in town. The department has a contract with the town to be here 4 hrs per week at different times. The roads need to be properly posted in order for me to issue tickets and have the town receive the money.

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 P.M. until 7 A.M. on March 4, 2003 until voting by Australian ballot.

Attest: *Laura Castle*, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF TOWN BALLOT**

Moderator – 1 Year				
Clarence K. Haynes ..	262	Write-in.....8	Blank.....56	Spoiled...1
Town Clerk – 3 Years				
Laura Ann Castle .....	315	Write-in.....1	Blank.....10	Spoiled.....1
Town Treasurer – 3 Years				
Marilyn A. Parker .....	303	Write-in.....3	Blank.....19	Spoiled.....2
Town Agent – 1 Year				
Nanette Gilmour .....	296	Write-in.....1	Blank.....29	Spoiled.....1
First Constable – 1 Year				
		Write-in...178	Blank...146	Spoiled.....3
Tax Collector – 1 Year				
Marilyn A. Parker .....	304	Write-in.....3	Blank....18	Spoiled.....2
Auditor – 3 Years				
Arthur (Artie) Oken .....	285	Write-in.....0	Blank....41	Spoiled.....1
Auditor – 1 Year				
		Write-in.....25	Blank...301	Spoiled.....1
Selectman – 3 Years				
Carl P. Haynes .....	112			
William (Bill) Reed ....	205	Write-in.....0	Blank.....9	Spoiled.....1
Selectmen – 2 Years				
Shirley Moyer .....	197			
Virginia Parker .....	115	Write-in.....0	Blank.....13	Spoiled.....2
Road Commissioner – 3 Years				
Carl P. Haynes .....	94			
William (Bill) Reed ....	227	Write-in.....0	Blank.....5	Spoiled.....1
Lister – 3 Years				
Elizabeth Miller .....	260	Write-in.....5	Blank.....61	Spoiled.....1
Lister – 1 Year (Unexpired 3 Year Term)				
Bernie Bischoff .....	277	Write-in.....0	Blank.....49	Spoiled.....1
Library Trustee – 3 Years				
Josephine N. Berger .	293	Write-in.....0	Blank.....33	Spoiled.....1
Library Trustee – 3 Years				
Bernie Bischoff .....	283	Write-in.....0	Blank.....43	Spoiled.....1

Town Grand Juror – 1 Year	Write-in.....25	Blank...301	Spoiled.....1
Trustee of Copeland Church Fund – 1 Year			
Nanette Gilmour ....285	Write-in....0	Blank....40	Spoiled....2
Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund – 1 Year			
Write-in....29	Blank...297	Spoiled.....1	
Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies – 3 Years			
Janice Leffingwell....291	Write-in....0	Blank.....35	Spoiled.....1
Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies – 2 Years (Unexpired 3 Year term)			
Peter Stevenson ....264	Write-in.....2	Blank.....59	Spoiled.....2

### RESULTS OF BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR TOWN

Article #2	Yes.....289	No.....27	Blank.....10	Spoiled.....1
Article #3	Yes.....224	No.....96	Blank..... 5	Spoiled....2
Article #4	Yes.....228	No.....92	Blank..... 6	Spoiled....1
Article #5	Yes.....234	No.....82	Blank.....10	Spoiled....1
Article #6	Yes.....242	No.....71	Blank.....13	Spoiled....1
Article #7	Yes.....189	No....130	Blank..... 7	Spoiled....1
Article #8	Yes.....189	No....129	Blank..... 8	Spoiled....1
Article #9	Yes.....175	No....143	Blank..... 8	Spoiled....1
Article #10	Yes.....283	No.....26	Blank.....17	Spoiled....1
Article #11	Yes.....233	No.....73	Blank.....20	Spoiled....1



*Living History  
2003*

*Under the  
direction of  
Natalie Casco  
the kids try a  
square dance  
popular during  
the era.*

**Middletown Springs School District  
SCHOOL PRE-TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY EVENING – MARCH 3, 2003**

School Directors:           Pepper Clayton, Chairman  
                                  Patricia Kenyon, Clerk  
                                  Clarence Haynes  
                                  Connie Eaton  
                                  Deborah Doherty

The Moderator Clarence Haynes called the school meeting to order at 9:15 P.M..

The Moderator read the warning.

**Article 1:** To elect school district officers as provided by law.  
No questions were asked.

**Article 2:** Shall the Middletown Springs School District appropriate \$1,388,220 necessary for the support of its school and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004?

The teacher's have a new contract for 3 years with insurance co-pay starting at 2% this year, 3% next year and the last year of 5%. We had to hire two new teachers this year and we discovered we are at the low end of the pay scale in the district.

Principal, Jay Niles presented a brochure on what direction the school is going in and how we have advanced. The action plan focused on Reading, Math, Writing, Science and Technology. This year they received a \$10,000 technology grant to purchase computers and teacher training. We have received a grant in Reading for \$9,000, Playground Equipment matching grant of \$20,490 from Land & Water Conservation Fund, plus a \$15,000 grant from Vermont Preservation Trust for painting the building.

With the surplus we have put \$30,000 in the Fund Balance and \$56,000 was put into a reserve tuition fund.

**Article 3:** To transact any other lawful business.

Will Mill River do the same to Middletown as they have to Danby with the buy back? At this time we have not heard from Mill River, but they have up to November to bill.

Mr. Goetz is leaving the district and we certainly appreciate the job well done.

The tuition for Grades 7 & 8 states instate and private. Is the private for out of state? At this time it is for Long Trail. Last year all of the students attended Mill River.

This meeting is adjourned at 9:40 P.M. until 7 A.M. on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at which time voting by ballot.

Attest: *Laura Castle*, Town Clerk

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL BALLOT

### School Moderator – 1 Year

Clarence K. Haynes.....270    Write-in.....6    Blank.....50    Spoiled...1

### School Director – 3 Years

Patty Kenyon .....280    Write-in.....3    Blank.....44

### School Director – 2 Years

Connie B. Eaton.....299    Write-in.....2    Blank.....26

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL ARTICLE

Article #2            Yes.....201            No.....114            Blank.....12

### *Living History 2003*



*Dan McKeen and Steve Pigeon provide music for the event.*

# MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Firehouse Hall in said Town, on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 2, 2004. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 2, 2004, at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted upon the following articles:

1. To elect school district officers as provided by law.
2. Shall the Middletown Springs School District allow the school board to spend unexpected revenues such as grants, gifts, or interest on investments?
3. Shall the Middletown Springs School District appropriate \$1,428,763.00 necessary for the support of its school and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005?
4. Do the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs concur with the school board's decision to run a pre-kindergarten program at the Middletown Springs Elementary School beginning in 2004-2005 for 3 and 4 year olds? (Non-binding article raised by petition).
5. To transact any other lawful business.

**Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 2, 2004.**

## School Directors

Pepper Clayton, Chairman  
Patricia Kenyon, Clerk  
Clarence K. Haynes, Member  
Connie Eaton, Member  
Deborah Doherty, Member

Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont, January 26, 2004.

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Monday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.,  
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