

# TOWN OF MIDDLESEX VERMONT

**Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2018**



**Town Meeting is at the Rumney  
School on Shady Rill Road and starts  
at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019.**

**Please bring this book with you!**



## **TOWN MEETING CHILD CARE**

Child care for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children will be available at the Rumney School so that parents can attend Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required. Please be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break (by Friday 2/22).

For more information, please contact Chris Malone, Community Connections, 223-5429 x 1108 or email [cmalone@u32.org](mailto:cmalone@u32.org). Details will also be available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney website, [www.rumney.org](http://www.rumney.org).

## **PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR**

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

No technological expertise is necessary (and we can set you up with a computer if you need it). Via phone and internet, participants are able to see and be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, and hear and speak to the assembly. Our goal is to allow this remote participation while maintaining a vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room. We've been offering this service since 2008, and have heard from attendees and remote participants that the experience has been very positive. To learn more about this free service, please contact Lauri Scharf, [rtmptmiddlesexvt@gmail.com](mailto:rtmptmiddlesexvt@gmail.com) or 802-223-9189 (by Friday, 2/22).

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

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

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## **DID SOMEONE SAY PIE?**

Saturday March 30th from 9-11a.m., Rumney Memorial School,  
\$7/person, under the age of 3 is free.

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

Volunteers and Pie Makers wanted!  
Contact April Davis at: [apelch03@hotmail.com](mailto:apelch03@hotmail.com) for more information.

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## TOWN MEETING DINNER

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

**When: Tuesday, March 5** (Meal begins right after Town Meeting)

**Where: Rumney School**

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

*Proceeds benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf.*

### Menu:

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



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

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

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COVER ART: Entitled "Knoll" by Middlesex artist Jayne Shoup. Her paintings depict scenes or objects from her rural neighborhood. Each slumping barn, towering tree, unfolding flower or meandering brook is inspired by the beauty of Central Vermont.

Jayne's abstract flowers, landscapes, and aging buildings typically begin with a series of thumbnail sketches, then a charcoal drawing. She pares away excess details until her subject's essence is revealed. Dense layers of pastel are applied to sanded paper in a style--vibrant colors, flat perspectives, and exaggerated forms--reminiscent of the American Modernist painters, O'Keeffe, Dove, Bluemner, and Marin.

Jayne is a member of the Art Resource Association, Northern Vermont Artists' Association, T.W. Wood Gallery, Bryan Memorial Gallery, and Studio Place Arts. Her hobbies include yoga, birding, gardening, cycling and nordic skiing.

Vist her website: [jayneshoupstudio.com](http://jayneshoupstudio.com) to see more of her wonderful art!

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**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX FEES**

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**ZONING AND ACCESS PERMIT FEES**

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

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

**ZONING FEES:**

Residential project or alteration/addition/accessory structure under \$25K	\$ 75.00
Single-family dwelling, garage or other construction over \$25K	\$ 200.00
Commercial project (new construction or alteration/addition) over \$25K	\$ 325.00
Change of Use	\$ 75.00
Home Industry	\$ 125.00
Sub-Division Fees (per lot = the altered original lot plus each new lot)	\$ 150.00
Boundary Line Adjustment (seperate application required)	\$ 75.00
Appeal to Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Commission	\$ 100.00

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

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

**ACCESS PERMITS:**

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.	
Access Permit Fees:	\$ 35.00

**DOG LICENSES AND FEES:**

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or <u>before</u> April 1, 2019.	
Neutered/Spayed	\$ 9.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed	\$ 13.00
If registered <u>after</u> April 1, 2019:	
Neutered/Spayed	\$ 11.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed	\$ 17.00

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSE:</b>	\$ 60.00
If requesting a certified copy add \$10.00 for a total of \$70.00	

**RECORDING FEES:**

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

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS - KEEP THEM HANDY!**

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

**TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE:**

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

**LISTERS:**

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

**TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

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

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE:**

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

**MEETING SCHEDULES**

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

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## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

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All numbers are 802 area code unless otherwise noted.

**Animal Control Officer:**

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

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

John Puleio, 229-0881

**Delinquent Tax Collector:**

Dorinda Crowell, 223-7781

**Cemetery Contacts:**

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

**Middlesex Center Cemetery**

(Lot Sales): Steve Martin, 371-8697

**Central VT Regional Planning**

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

**Central VT Solid Waste Management**

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

**Central VT Solid Waste Management**

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

**Churches:**

**Middlesex United Methodist Church**  
223-5118, [www.middlesexUMC.org](http://www.middlesexUMC.org)

**Shady Rill Baptist Church:**

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

**E-911 Coordinator:** Maryke Gillis,  
223-5915

**Emergency Phone Numbers:**

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

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

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

**Food Shelf:**

(Middlesex United Methodist Church)  
Ethan Scharf: [escharf20@gmail.com](mailto:escharf20@gmail.com)  
Eva Jessup: [ejessup20@wcsu32.org](mailto:ejessup20@wcsu32.org)

**Girls/Boyz First!! Community-Based Mentoring Program:**

Wendy  
Freundlich, 224-6500

**Green Up Day:**

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

**Health Officer:** Liz Fortman, 249-1058

**Historical Society:**

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

**Justices of the Peace:**

Peter Hood, 223-6518  
Doug Lombard, 229-9600  
Theo Kennedy, 223-4748  
Chris McVeigh, 223-6558  
Charlie Merriman, 249-8096  
Jan Thouron, [jan@thouron.com](mailto:jan@thouron.com)

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**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)**

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**Listers:**

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

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

**Recreation Director:** Mitch Osiecki,  
760-9674

**Road Commissioner:** Steve Martin,  
371-8697

**Road Foreman:**

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

**Town Service Officer:** Liz Scharf,  
223-9189

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

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

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

**Zoning Administrator:** Mitch Osiecki,  
760-9674

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

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

**Conservation Commission:**

Richard Alderman, 223-3953  
Sorsha Anderson, 595-0069  
Larry Becker, 229-0296  
Heather Katz, Treasurer, 613-3174  
Ross Lieblappen, 781-424-7268  
George Longenecker, Vice Chair,  
229-9787  
Adele McDonough, 229-9874  
Lee Rosberg, Chair, 309-1629  
Dave Shepard, Secretary; 229-1744

**Planning Commission:**

Barry Bolio, Chair, 229-0433  
Theo Kennedy, 223-4748  
Sandy Levine, 223-1192  
Mitch Osiecki, 760-9674  
Troy Sumner, 793-2273

**Select Board:**

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

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

**Town Meeting Solutions Committee /  
What's Next Middlesex?:**

Susan Clark, 223-5824

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

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

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

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**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)**

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**School Contacts****Rumney School:**

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

**Rumney School Board:**

Alison Cornwall, Clerk, 498-7778  
Karoline May, Vice Chair, 868-0031  
Chris McVeigh, Chair, 223-6558  
Woden Teachout, 223-3606  
Brian Tagliaferro, 249-6572

**Rumney Community Connections:**

Chris Malone, Site Coordinator: 223-5429 x 1108

**U-32 High School:**

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

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

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**


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OFFICE	NAME	EXPIRES	TERM
Moderator	Susan Clark	2019	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2021	3 yr
	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair	2019	3 yr
	Phil Hyjek	2020	3 yr
	Steven K. Martin	2019	2 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf	2020	2 yr
Rumney School Board	Chris McVeigh, Chair	2020	2 yr
	Karoline May, Vice Chair	2019	3 yr
	Alison Cornwall, Clerk	2021	3 yr
	Woden Teachout	2019	2 yr
	Brian Tagliaferro	2020	3 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2019	3 yr
Budget Committee	Barry Bolio	2019	3 yr
	Ruth Dockter	2019	3 yr
	William Dorigan	2021	3 yr
	Elias Gardner	2019	3 yr
	George Longenecker	2021	3 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2021	3 yr
	Amy Whitehorne	2020	3 yr
	Eric Young	2019	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2020	3 yr
Treasurer	Dorinda Crowell	2019	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Dorinda Crowell	2019	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Dorinda Crowell	2019	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Todd Daloz	2019	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Evelyn Gant	2019	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2020	3 yr
	Janet McKinstry	2021	3 yr
Planning Commission	Barry Bolio, Chair	2019	3 yr
	Theo Kennedy*	2020	3 yr
	Sandy Levine*	2021	3 yr
	Mitch Osiecki	2021	3 yr
	Troy Sumner	2019	3 yr

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

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**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

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**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 5, 2019**

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The legal voters of the Town of Middlesex are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Rumney School gym.)

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town voters authorize payment of all property taxes to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in four installments as follows: the first installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, August 20, 2019; the second installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, November 20, 2019; the third installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, February 20, 2020, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, May 20, 2020, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

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

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

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- ARTICLE 7: To vote a budget of \$1,187,891 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town eliminate the position of Trustee of Public Funds, effective March 3, 2020? (17 VSA 2646(11))
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$4,050 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$29,801 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,500 for the support of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to provide services to residents of the Town? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,771 to support the following organizations:

Central VT Adult Basic Ed	\$250.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Community Harvest of Central VT	\$250.00

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

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Family Center of Washington Cty	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$250.00
Green Mt. Transit	\$249.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
Mother Up!	\$250.00
Our House of Central VT	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$250.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
VT Assoc. for the Visually Impaired	\$249.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$199.00
VT Rural Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Wash. Cty.	\$175.00

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the following resolution?  
(By Petition)

WHEREAS: extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. Shall the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 urge the State of Vermont to:
    - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
    - b. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
    - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.
  2. Shall the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 request the town to do its part to meet
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**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)**

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these demands by committing to efforts such as:

- a. Protecting townlands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing townlands;
- b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools;
- c. Enlisting state support to install rooftop solar on town and school buildings;
- d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
- e. Encourage landowners, municipalities, and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
- f. Form a Town Energy Committee to work towards reducing town emissions and meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.

3. Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes that support and oppose to the article.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:

  
Peter O. Hood, Chair

  
Mary Ann Skinner, Vice Chair

  
Philip Hyjek

  
Steven Martin

  
Elizabeth Schaff

Signed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 22, 2019.

I attest that this Warning for the 2019 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 23, 2019.

  
Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

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**TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 5, 2019**

Town of Middlesex, VT

MIDDLESEX TOWN MEETING BALLOT MARCH 5, 2019	
<p align="center"><b><u>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.</li><li>• To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.</li><li>• To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.</li><li>• Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.</li><li>• If you make a mistake, tear or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.</li></ul>	
<p>For <b>TREASURER</b> for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>DORINDA CROWELL..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b> for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>EVELYN GANT ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <b>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b> for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <b>LISTER</b> for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>ERIC A. YOUNG ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b> for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>DORINDA CROWELL ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> for 1 year of a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>THEO KENNEDY ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <b>SELECT BOARD</b> for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>MARY JUST SKINNER ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> for 2 years of a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>SANDRA LEVINE ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <b>SELECT BOARD</b> for a 2-year term. Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>.</p> <p>STEVEN K. MARTIN ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>TWO</b>.</p> <p>RICHARD E. ALDERMAN..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DJ BARRY ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ELIAS K. GARDNER..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than <b>THREE</b>.</p> <p>ELIAS K. GARDNER..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write-in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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## SELECT BOARD PROPOSED FY 2019-2020 BUDGET REPORT

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Last year, the Select Board presented voters with a fiscal 2019 budget that increased by 5.59 percent. This year we approached the FY 2020 budget with a goal of limiting the increase to between 2 and 3 percent. We were able to meet our goal, arriving at a budget that has increased by 2.36 percent.

*General Government:* Town government operating expenses increased by 21 percent due to increases in health insurance and Workers Compensation insurance. In addition, we increased the Select Board's discretionary account in order to meet unanticipated expenses. We have also added a new line item for a building fund and budgeted \$10,000.00, as we foresee that Town Hall will need extensive repairs to address handicapped accessibility and energy efficiency.

*Administration:* The biggest change in this area is for increased costs for computer maintenance. After completing a major upgrade to the network, we have now established programs that provide higher security and automated backups of all data (financial data has redundant offsite backups).

*Town Hall:* In this area we are anticipating an increase in the cost of electricity and repairs to the building.

*Public Safety:* We have been actively addressing the emergency management needs of our community and have provided increased funding to support the work of our Emergency Management Coordinator and committee.

The *Fire Department* was able to hold their overall increase to 4.76 percent despite their debt service increase of 5.85 percent.

The *Public Works* budget decreased by 2.63 percent overall, primarily because the general budget was held to a 3.09 percent increase while debt service decreased by 43.14 percent due to retiring loans.

*Recreation:* Greater use of our various recreation facilities has been reflected in a 6.09 percent budget increase.

*Planning:* The Planning Commission's budget shows a 100 percent increase (\$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00) solely because of our need to hire a consultant to help us prepare our new town plan.

The new, highly-detailed budget format has proved to be a very helpful tool for the Select Board, allowing us to get specific information about our actual expenditures and more accurately inform our budget development.

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## SELECT BOARD REPORT

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Last year, the Select Board achieved a long-term goal of discontinuing or downgrading Class 3, dead-end roads serving no more than one property owner. Some roads had been cut off long ago by development. Bolio Road, for example, was terminated by the Wrightsville Dam, Knapp by the construction of I-89. Others were simply a mystery. Warren Road, off Culver Hill, never led to anything but a former farmer's field.

The Board visited the roads and held warned public hearings on whether their classifications should be changed for the good of the townspeople, as specified in state statutes. In these cases, Middlesex taxpayers had essentially been paying for the maintenance and plowing of what had become private driveways. This not only cost taxpayer money, but also road-crew time, especially during the winter when keeping main thoroughfares clear is a priority.

In the end, the Board decided to downgrade Warren to Class 4 because of a sizeable culvert at its bottom that required maintenance for the benefit of Culver Hill Road. Knapp, the old U.S. Route 2, was also downgraded because discontinuing it would pose title and zoning concerns to the owners of the surrounding land. Class 4 means the Town will conduct minimal maintenance, but will not plow. Merritt, Bolio and the far end of Chase were discontinued. In all, 1,878 feet of Class 3 roads were discontinued; 1,312 feet were downgraded to Class 4.

In an unexpected twist, while determining who should control the North Branch Cemetery endowment, the Middlesex Cemetery Commission or the Trustee of Public Funds, the Board discovered state statutes require *three* elected Trustees of Public Funds instead of one. Town historical records show Middlesex has never had anything but one Trustee of Public Funds and that person was usually the Town Clerk/Treasurer going all the way back to the 1930s when the position was created. Therefore, at Town Meeting the Board will ask the town voters to eliminate elected (one) Trustee of Public Funds altogether since there is really only one applicable fund, the one for the North Branch Cemetery, and that is administered by the Treasurer under the guidance of the Select Board with input from the Cemetery Commission.

In other news:

- The Board also approved revised zoning application fees so they were fairer and would accurately cover the costs incurred by reviewing and validating zoning permits.
  - The Board passed an emergency towing policy that outlined when the highway department may tow disabled drivers (mostly never unless in dire emergencies and only with the Road Commissioner and/or Road Foreman's prior approval).
  - After neighboring residents complained of shooting in the Town's sand pit off of Notch Road, the Board asked the Highway Department to install barriers to the pit's entrance and erect no-shooting signs.
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**SELECT BOARD REPORT (continued)**

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- The Board used \$40,000 from its fund balance to lower the 2018 residential tax rate to 2.2295 and the non-residential rate to 1.9804.

- The Board supported What's Next, Middlesex? – an effort by townspeople to get a bead on Middlesex's future while building community – by allocating funds to pay for the mailing and postage of fliers announcing the October event.

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the passing on December 15th of Scott Skinner who, in addition to being the devoted husband of our Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner, was a beloved member of the community. As he described himself on his business card – entitled Rev. Scott M. Skinner, J.D. Ph.D.: “Ordained minister, retired cattleman and lawyer, mountain hiker, garlic grower, proud father, procrastinator, raconteur, amateur chef, Eagle Scout, heavy drinker, stone wall builder and discus thrower.”

May Scott's famous February hikes up Mount Hunger be forever sunny.

Sincerely,

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

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Despite 2018 being a midterm election year, Middlesex voters were feeling the spirit of democracy with record turnouts at the polls. Consider this: 1,002 town voters cast ballots in the November 2018 General Election compared to 1,130 in the 2016 Presidential Election. That's roughly 70% of all the voters on the Town's checklist even though, aside from an historic gubernatorial race, the statewide ballot was relatively ordinary. Middlesex can boast one of the most impressive turnouts in Vermont – good on ya!

The tabulator produced quick results within minutes of closing the polls. I cannot thank the townspeople enough for generously agreeing to pay for this technology and by technology I'm thinking 1980s-ish Tandy computer level. That's a good thing. The tabulator simply reads marked paper ballots which we store for verification and is never hooked up to the internet. LHS programs the "chip" – reassuringly reminiscent of the old 3.5 floppy disk – at its offices in Salem, New Hampshire, and ships two copies to our office where they are securely stored in the vault. For those concerned about election tampering, this is about as mischief-proof as it gets. But if you have doubts, stop by Town Hall and we'll be glad to show you the machine.

Elections are fun; taxes are not and in 2018 we had a doozy of a problem when the State of Vermont inaccurately processed – or failed to process – a boatload of state payments. This resulted in some cardiac fluttering for those who opened their bills in July to find they were being taxed at the higher homestead rate with no state payment to reflect income sensitivity. To make matters worse, the issue was random and inconsistent. The phone rang off the hook for days before the VT Tax Department came forward with an apology and a promise to correct the error.

When we weren't running elections or collecting taxes last year, we were archiving. Due to a critical shortage of space in our teeny tiny vault, ahem, we are running out of shelves to store paper land records. The old-fashioned card catalog also takes up too much room, though since 2011 we have been digitally scanning and indexing land records. Therefore, in an effort to eliminate the card catalog entirely – and reduce the larger "red books" to thinner "white books" which correspond with the digital records – Lee Youngman, a former assistant Orange Town Clerk, has been scanning records once a week. This, we found, was the most affordable option. After roughly six months of her efforts, we are in 2005. Only 29 more years to go!

Crack Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis – a multi-talented woman who designed this report – also serves as our town's E-911 Coordinator, which means she's responsible for assigning new addresses and sorting out current address conflicts. In 2018, the State E-911 Board urged Middlesex to rename the seven numbered private roads which are confusing to emergency responders. Since they are private roads, it was up to the homeowners abutting them to reach a consensus on whether to comply. PR 8 became Wrenwood Lane, PR 10 became Little Hill Road and PR 11 became Merrill Drive. Private roads 2, 3, 5 and 12 have yet to change. In other news, Middlesex added a new

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

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private road – Fox Run – off Shady Rill to provide access to the new homes in Myron Dorfman's planned unit development.

Looking ahead, with the Middlesex Town School District's forced dissolution in December, we can anticipate at least three "Special *School Meetings*" in the upcoming months during which Middlesex voters will be asked to choose temporary directors for the new Washington Central Unified Union School District, pertinent Articles of Agreement and budgets. In addition, the Planning Commission hopes to put a revised Town Plan before voters in 2019 as well. So, that will require a "Special *Town Meeting*" in the form of Australian ballots this year as well.

In other words, keep that spirit of democracy going....

See you at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting!

*Sarah Merriman*

*Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant*

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## **ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT**

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So here we are in the middle of January and on the brink of what's forecasted to be the biggest snowstorm so far this year. I think last year I was babbling about how cold it was going to be. Well we've had plenty of both this winter!

This past construction season we focused a good deal on maintenance. Biggest was removing shoulder berms so water could exit the roadways properly and proper ditching. Several roads were worked on, even some that weren't scheduled due to the severity of the issues they had. It was an unusually dry early and mid-summer so we consumed a fair amount more chloride to keep dust under control but didn't have to grade as often so it was a bit of a wash. The later portion of the year was wet and proved difficult to keep the roads free of potholes.

We continued using mechanical roadside brush mowing as well as doing roadside shoulder mowing. Our main goal with both is to keep encroaching brush out of sightlines and mirror hazards and also to prevent seed spreading of invasive species. We know that both have been a major concern for residents and we will continue to focus on these key issues.

This season we will continue to make a major part of our focus road maintenance. To try and get greener ditches that recover quickly from routine cleaning, we purchased a hydro-seeder. This should greatly reduce the recovery time from excavation to

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**ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT (continued)**

vegetated ditches, ultimately leading to cleaner water faster. Hilly areas will continue to get stone check dams and some will be entirely stone-lined based on grade percentages.

Look for these ongoing road projects to be happening on your road if listed in the 5-Year Maintenance Plan. Forecasting this schedule 6 months to 3 years in advance can be tricky and we always work diligently to abide by it. Unfortunately, it doesn't always hold true given summer storms, erosion, and road conditions so please understand the plan may deviate some.

Thanks again to the Select Board and the Middlesex Residents who support the Highway Department as we work to keep the roads safe during all seasons!

Sincerely,

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

Capital Plan For Equipment Replacement Schedule		
Equipment Name	Replacement Schedule	Year of Replacement
GMC 6500 Chloride Truck	As Needed	No Date
Morbark Chipper	As Needed	No Date
Caterpillar 420E Backhoe	As Needed	No Date
Caterpillar 140H Grader	10 Years	2020
Kobelco 140SR Excavator	10 Years	2022
Komatsu WA-270 Loader	12 Years	2026
Western Star Dump Truck	7 Years	2021
International Dump Truck	7 Years	2024
Freightliner Dump Truck	8 Years	2025
GMC Sierra 2500 Pick-Up	8 Years	2022

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## FIVE-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN

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**Summer 2019****May & June – Full Service**

McCullough Hill &amp; Barnet Hill Road

**July - Full Service**

Bolduc &amp; Tangletown Road

**August – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road &amp; East Hill Road

**September & October – Service Work**

East Hill, Center Road, South Bear Swamp,

North Bear Swamp Road

**Summer 2020****May & June – Full Service**

South Bear Swamp &amp; North Bear Swamp

Road

**July – Full Service**

Macey Road

**August – Mud Season Mitigation**

Center Road

**August & September – Service Work**

French &amp; Culver Hill Road

**October – Service Work**

Portal, Upper Sunny Brook, Davy Road

**Summer 2021****May – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

**June – Full Service**

Culver Hill Road

**July – Service Work**

Center &amp; East Hill Road

**August – Service Work**

Brook Road

**September – Mud Season Mitigation**

East Hill Road

**October – Service Work**

Culver Hill Road

**Summer 2022****May – Service Work**

Lower Sunny Brook Road, Lower Barnett

Hill Road

**June – Pavement Preparation**

Center Road

**July – Paving & Finish Work**

Center Road

**August – Mud Season Mitigation**

Center Road

**September – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

**October – Service Work**

Center Road

**Summer 2023****May – Service Work**

East Hill Road

**June – Service Work**

Daniel's Farm Road

**July – Service Work**

Norton Road

**August – Service Work**

3 Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road, Rich

Road

**September – Service Work**

Upper Sunny Brook Road &amp; Davy Road

**October – Mud Season Mitigation**

To Be Determined

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

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

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

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

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# BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

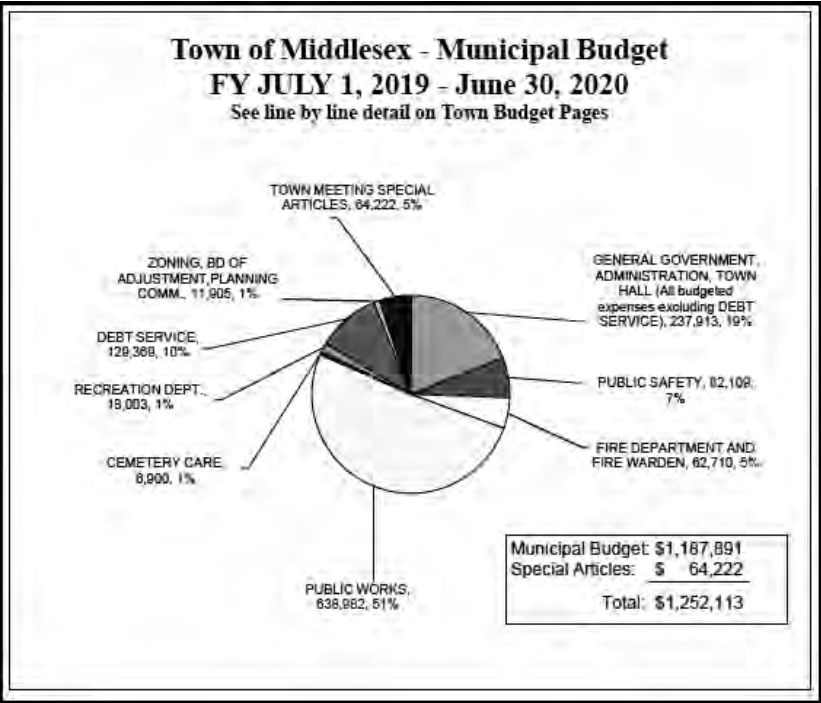
## Town Proposed Budget for FY 2020 July 1 2019 - June 30 2020

The Select Board’s proposed budget for FY 2020 is \$1,187,891, which equates to a 2.36% increase over the FY 2019 budget of \$1,160,515. The Select Board and the Budget Committee devoted a substantial amount of time considering the proposed budget for 2020. The Budget Committee feels the proposed increase is appropriate. The most notable factors of the budget increase are as follows: 1) a 3% wage increase to bring the wages of town employees more in line with that of comparable towns; 2) a \$10,000 addition to the building fund in anticipation of much needed maintenance; 3) expected health insurance increases.

This budget does not include special articles which are subject to voters’ approval at town meeting. The Budget Committee would like to thank the Select Board for all of its hard work, and recommends approval of this budget.

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

## WHERE THE \$ GOES



WHAT EACH ITEM MEANS FOR YOUR TAXES

Town of Middlesex - What each item means for your taxes*					
Appraised Value of Property	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000		
Grand List (2018*)	\$223,415,440	\$223,415,440	\$223,415,440		
Proposed Town Budget	\$1,004,363	\$1,004,363	\$1,004,363	Including Special Articles net of anticipated receipts	
Proposed Town Tax	\$0.4495	\$0.4495	\$0.4495		
*Estimated municipal taxes	\$450	\$674	\$899		
*NOTE: This is only an estimate based on the 2018 Grandlist and anticipated financial receipts					
2019 Grand List (property values as of April 1, 2019) will be used in determining 2019 town tax rate					
	Total Proposed Tax Effort	Tax for Property Appraised at \$100,000	Tax for Property Appraised at \$150,000	Tax for Property Appraised at \$200,000	Explanation
Town Government					
Article 7	\$940,141	\$420.80	\$631.21	\$841.61	General Government and Highway - net of anticipated receipts
Other Articles					
Article 9	\$5,000	\$2.24	\$3.36	\$4.48	Middlesex Conservation Fund
Article 10	\$600	\$0.27	\$0.40	\$0.54	CV Economic Development
Article 11	\$4,050	\$1.81	\$2.72	\$3.63	CV Home Health & Hospice
Article 12	\$3,000	\$1.34	\$2.01	\$2.69	Community Connections
Article 13	\$1,500	\$0.67	\$1.01	\$1.34	Girls/Boyz Mentoring
Article 14	\$29,801	\$13.34	\$20.01	\$26.68	Kellogg-Hubbard Library
Article 15	\$5,500	\$2.46	\$3.69	\$4.92	Montpelier Senior Activity Ctr
Article 16	\$10,000	\$4.48	\$6.71	\$8.95	Waterbury Area Senior Meals on Wheels
Article 17	\$4,771	\$2.14	\$3.20	\$4.27	Misc Organizations (\$250 or less)
each additional	\$1,000	\$0.45	\$0.67	\$0.90	

## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX PROJECTED SALARIES

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budgeted Salaries			
<b>Select Board</b>			<b>Position currently held by:</b>
	Chairman	\$ 803.71	Peter Hood
	Vice Chair	\$ 642.97	Mary Just Skinner
	Road Commissioner	\$ 803.71	Steven Martin
	Member	\$ 642.97	Elizabeth Scharf
	Member	\$ 642.97	Philip Hyjek
	SB Assisitant	\$ 21,381.81	Sarah Merriman
<b>Administration</b>			
	Clerk	\$ 20,574.95	Sarah Merriman
	Assistant Clerk	\$ 15,245.00	Maryke Gillis
	Treasurer	\$ 7,928.43	Dorinda Crowell
	Bookeeper	\$ 10,716.12	Patti Lewis
<b>Listers</b>			
	Lister	\$ 4,120.00	Richard Alderman
	Lister	\$ 5,150.00	Eric Young
	Lister	\$ 5,150.00	Amy Whitehorne
<b>Highway</b>			
	Foreman	\$ 61,294.48	Paul Cerminara
	Crew	\$ 50,573.00	Bruce Fitch
	Crew	\$ 50,573.00	Jay Files
	Crew	\$ 47,412.19	Charles Pelchar
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>		\$ 2,060.00	Dorinda Crowell
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>		\$ 6,180.00	Mitch Osiecki
<b>Recreation Director</b>		\$ 6,180.00	Mitch Osiecki
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		\$ 1,040.00	Erika Holm
<b>Health Officer</b>		\$ 1,040.00	Elizabeth Fortman
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 320,155.31</b>	

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2018	Actual F Y-2018	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Change
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Wages: Selectboard	\$3,277	\$3,300	\$3,434	\$3,536	2.97%
Wages: Selectboard Clerk	\$20,032	\$20,144	\$20,547	\$21,382	4.06%
Wages: Payroll Tax(SS&MED)	\$1,779	\$2,023	\$1,834	\$2,177	18.70%
Wages: Retirement	\$1,102	\$382	\$1,130	\$1,229	8.76%
Insurance: Health	\$7,500	\$7,880	\$5,876	\$6,768	15.18%
Insurance: Property & Casualty	\$9,000	\$9,349	\$9,825	\$10,296	4.79%
Insurance: Workers Compensation	\$400	\$974	\$386	\$1,000	159.07%
Insurance: Unemployment Comp	\$100	\$87	\$154	\$154	0.00%
Advertising/Printing	\$1,500	\$724	\$1,500	\$1,250	-16.67%
Selectboard Courses	\$0	\$205	\$0	\$200	100.00%
Town Property Maintenance	\$0	\$2,081	\$0	\$2,000	100.00%
Welch Park	\$0	\$2,453	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Discretionary Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$8,000	60.00%
Legal Fees	\$4,000	\$2,733	\$4,000	\$3,000	-25.00%
Town Report	\$2,900	\$2,859	\$2,950	\$3,000	1.69%
VLCT Dues	\$2,953	\$2,953	\$3,017	\$3,097	2.65%
County Tax	\$16,924	\$16,924	\$17,401	\$18,149	4.30%
CV Solid Waste	\$1,757	\$1,756	\$1,757	\$1,757	0.00%
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$1,904	\$1,904	\$1,956	\$2,077	6.19%
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Elections	\$600	\$1,246	\$2,500	\$1,500	-40.00%
Misc Expense	\$0	\$418	\$0	\$500	100.00%
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	100.00%
Tax Abatements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$81,228</b>	<b>\$80,495</b>	<b>\$84,767</b>	<b>\$102,572</b>	<b>21.00%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Office: Wages (Clerk, Ass't Clerk, Treas, Bookkeeper)	\$45,000	\$47,796	\$51,709	\$54,464	5.33%
O/S: Payroll Tax (SS&MED)	\$3,433	\$3,992	\$3,956	\$4,167	5.33%
O/S: Retirement	\$1,102	\$1,819	\$1,087	\$1,183	8.83%
O/S: Unemployment	\$0	\$17	\$211	\$211	0.00%
O/S Insurance: Health	\$7,500	\$6,898	\$5,645	\$6,548	16.00%
O/S Insurance: Life/LTD/AD&D	\$480	\$222	\$371	\$371	0.00%
O/S Insurance: Workers Comp	\$0	\$0	\$386	\$406	5.18%
Listers: Wages	\$7,500	\$11,071	\$12,219	\$14,420	18.01%
Listers Payroll Tax (SS&MED)	\$1,050		\$935	\$1,103	17.97%
Delinquent Tax Collector: Wages	\$0		\$2,510	\$2,060	-17.93%
Del Tax Collector: Payroll Taxes	\$0		\$211	\$158	-25.12%
Clerical Mileage	\$0		\$0	\$0	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$3,500	\$2,741	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
Telephone	\$4,800	\$4,512	\$4,800	\$4,800	0.00%
Postage	\$3,000	\$2,754	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Auditing	\$7,200	\$7,159	\$7,200	\$7,400	2.78%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$2,500	\$4,536	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Listing Mapping	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	0.00%
Copier Lease	\$2,100	\$1,946	\$2,100	\$2,100	0.00%
Computer Maintenance	\$5,000	\$24,088	\$5,000	\$10,000	100.00%
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Admin</b>	<b>\$95,215</b>	<b>\$119,551</b>	<b>\$108,390</b>	<b>\$119,441</b>	<b>10.20%</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Change
<b>Debt Service</b>					
ACS Recording Loan	\$960	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
ACS Recording Interest	\$84	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$96,259</b>	<b>\$119,551</b>	<b>\$108,390</b>	<b>\$119,441</b>	10.20%
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
Electricity	\$2,226	\$2,629	\$2,250	\$2,700	20.00%
Heat	\$2,000	\$1,829	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Grounds	\$2,500	\$1,245	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Building Repairs	\$3,500	\$3,889	\$3,500	\$5,000	42.86%
Street Lights	\$2,200	\$2,040	\$2,200	\$2,200	0.00%
Janitorial	\$1,500	\$1,354	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$13,926</b>	<b>\$12,985</b>	<b>\$13,950</b>	<b>\$15,900</b>	13.98%
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Wages: Health Officer	\$0	\$0	\$1,040	\$1,040	0.00%
Wages: Animal Control Officer	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,040	\$1,040	0.00%
P/S : Payroll Tax (SS & MED)	\$114	\$0	\$159	\$159	0.00%
P/S : Workers Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94	100.00%
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Ambulance	\$63,974	\$64,156	\$65,894	\$67,871	3.00%
Speed Enforcement	\$7,500	\$3,010	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%
Dog Pound	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$600	0.00%
Emergency Management	\$250	\$156	\$250	\$3,705	1382.00%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$73,538</b>	<b>\$67,323</b>	<b>\$76,583</b>	<b>\$82,109</b>	7.22%
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
FD-Insurance: Property & Casualty	\$8,200	\$8,423	\$7,370	\$7,810	5.97%
FD-Insurance: Workers Compensation	\$1,800	\$366	\$1,280	\$1,145	-10.55%
FD-Supplies	\$200	\$199	\$200	\$200	0.00%
FD-Equipment Repair	\$9,500	\$8,236	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.00%
FD-Equipment Purchase	\$4,531	\$5,846	\$6,000	\$3,000	-50.00%
FD-Telephone	\$1,100	\$1,069	\$1,100	\$1,100	0.00%
FD-Fast Squad	\$1,000	\$445	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
FD-Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,275	\$1,600	\$1,600	0.00%
FD-Fuel - Heat	\$3,000	\$4,022	\$3,000	\$4,000	33.33%
FD-Building Maintenance	\$2,500	\$2,717	\$1,500	\$3,000	100.00%
FD-Radio Dispatch	\$19,882	\$21,344	\$22,387	\$24,405	9.01%
FD-VSFA/Dues/Accounting/Training		\$1,258		\$1,000	100.00%
FD-VSFA /Capital Fire Dues	\$490	\$0	\$490	\$0	-100.00%
FD-501c Legal & Accounting	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$0	-100.00%
FD-Training (\$100 per member)	\$810	\$0	\$810	\$0	-100.00%
Courses & Seminars	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	100.00%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	0.00%
FD-GAS & Diesel	\$2,000	\$1,164	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
FD-Stipends	\$3,000	\$4,065	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
FD-Communication/Radio	\$1,200	\$648	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.00%
E911 Signs	\$0	-\$63	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>FD Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$61,513</b>	<b>\$61,013</b>	<b>\$60,637</b>	<b>\$62,710</b>	3.42%
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Fire Station Bond	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0.00%
Fire Station Interest	\$20,583	\$21,474	\$20,583	\$19,844	-3.59%
Freightliner Tanker - PRIN	\$0	\$0	\$10,400	\$14,594	40.33%
Freightliner Tanker - INT	\$0	\$0	\$2,100	\$3,056	45.52%
1998 Fire Truck	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	0.00%
1998 Fire Truck Interest	\$200	\$197	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Note FD	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Equipment Note FD Interest	\$115	\$179	\$75	\$57	-24.00%
<b>F/D DEBT SERVICE Sub Total</b>	<b>\$70,398</b>	<b>\$71,350</b>	<b>\$75,158</b>	<b>\$79,551</b>	5.85%
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$131,911</b>	<b>\$132,363</b>	<b>\$135,795</b>	<b>\$142,261</b>	4.76%

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Change
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
Wages & Benefits					
Wages: Highway	\$195,646	\$191,728	\$198,789	\$209,853	5.57%
Wages: Payroll Tax (SS & MED)	\$15,032	\$14,567	\$15,208	\$16,054	5.56%
Wages: Unemployment	\$650	\$310	\$650	\$650	0.00%
Wages: Retirement	\$10,808	\$10,650	\$10,934	\$12,067	10.36%
Insurance: Life/LTD/AD+D	\$1,470	\$1,182	\$1,825	\$1,825	0.00%
Insurance: Health	\$27,000	\$26,771	\$27,923	\$22,021	-21.14%
Insurance: Property & Casualty	\$11,800	\$11,237	\$10,898	\$11,330	3.96%
Insurance: Workers Compensation	\$20,100	\$20,305	\$24,957	\$22,000	-11.85%
Uniforms/Safety Equipment/DOT	\$4,610	\$7,443	\$5,910	\$7,400	25.21%
Courses/Seminars	\$300	\$1,400	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Winter Maintenance		\$63,305			
Road Salt	\$0		\$10,564	\$12,800	21.17%
Winter Sand	\$37,500		\$37,500	\$37,500	0.00%
Trucking	\$30,000		\$32,000	\$32,000	0.00%
Summer Maintenance		\$36,123			
Chloride	\$20,000		\$14,400	\$14,250	-1.04%
Seed	\$1,500		\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Hot Mix/Cold Patch	\$500		\$500	\$1,000	100.00%
Stone Ditch Lining & Fabric	\$1,000		\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Hay, Mulch, Netting	\$2,500		\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Road Gravel	\$1,350		\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Roadside Mowing	\$9,600		\$9,800	\$10,000	2.04%
Rental Equipment	\$1,000		\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Tree Services	\$500		\$1,000	\$2,000	100.00%
Storm Water Discharge Fee	\$0			\$1,350	100.00%
Green-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	100.00%
Equipment Maintenance		\$78,335			
Equipment Repairs	\$7,690		\$15,000	\$21,500	43.33%
Equipment Parts	\$11,550		\$15,000	\$15,000	0.00%
Plow & Sander Equipment	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,000	0.00%
Bulk Oil & DEF	\$4,050		\$4,050	\$5,000	23.46%
Inspections	\$300		\$300	\$400	33.33%
Tires	\$8,500		\$12,000	\$9,000	-25.00%
Garage Maintenance		\$12,342			
Shop Supplies (towels,etc)	\$1,000		\$1,030	\$1,382	34.17%
Waste Disposal	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Air Gas Service Contract	\$775		\$775	\$775	0.00%
Vermont State UST Fee	\$50		\$50	\$50	0.00%
Fuel Tank Maintenance	\$300		\$300	\$300	0.00%
Garage DoorMaintenance	\$1,500		\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Office Supplies & Misc	\$500		\$500	\$500	0.00%
Utilities					
Electricity	\$2,500	\$2,291	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Heat	\$4,000	\$4,810	\$5,655	\$6,000	6.10%
Phone	\$1,500	\$1,142	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
Gas/Diesel	\$42,000	\$40,281	\$41,500	\$43,675	5.24%
Culverts	\$15,000	\$505	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%
Signs	\$3,500	\$609	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
Construction	\$56,200	\$73,246	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%
Small Tool Purchase	\$5,050	\$1,829	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
Bridge Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.00%
Paving Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
Town Garage Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Grants-Town Match	\$0	\$204	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$603,831</b>	<b>\$636,616</b>	<b>\$619,818</b>	<b>\$638,982</b>	<b>3.09%</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (continued)

2019 Budget Report	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Change
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEBT SERVICE</b>					
2019 Freightliner Dump	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,409	100.00%
2019 Freightliner Dump - INT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,857	100.00%
2010 International Dump-PRIN	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%
2010 Int Dump - INT	\$350	\$262	\$0	\$0	0.00%
2018 International Dump-PRIN	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$20,355	-18.58%
2018 International Dump-INT	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$3,197	33.21%
2014 Western Star 4700 -PRIN	\$29,008	\$29,007	\$29,008	\$0	-100.00%
2014 West. Star Trk-INTER	\$1,619	\$1,619	\$810	\$0	-100.00%
2015 GMC TRK-PRIN	\$5,870	\$5,870	\$5,870	\$0	-100.00%
2015 GMC TRK - INT	\$347	\$342	\$174	\$0	-100.00%
2014 Komatsu Loader -PRIN	\$23,658	\$23,658	\$23,658	\$0	-100.00%
2014 Komatsu Loader-INT	\$1,396	\$1,379	\$700	\$0	-100.00%
<b>P/ W DEBT SERVICE -Sub Total</b>	<b>\$72,248</b>	<b>\$72,136</b>	<b>\$87,620</b>	<b>\$49,818</b>	<b>-43.14%</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$676,079</b>	<b>\$708,752</b>	<b>\$707,438</b>	<b>\$688,800</b>	<b>-2.63%</b>
<b>CEMETERY</b>					
Labor	\$4,300	\$5,280	\$6,900	\$6,900	0.00%
Materials	\$1,300	\$84	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Repair to Cemetery	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$5,364</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Wages: Recreation	\$3,554	\$4,074	\$5,291	\$6,180	16.80%
REC: Payroll Tax	\$272	\$305	\$445	\$473	6.29%
REC:Workers Comp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$345	100.00%
Dues, Conferences, Travel	\$0	\$0	\$275	\$275	0.00%
Wrightsville Beach Dues	\$1,989	\$2,170	\$1,989	\$2,710	36.25%
Town BOR- mowing, brush hog, aerating	\$3,000	\$6,641	\$3,520	\$3,520	0.00%
Recreation Supplies (seed, soil, fertilizer)	\$0	\$149	\$480	\$480	0.00%
Portalet Rental	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	\$600	-50.00%
Learn to Swim Program	\$700	-\$796	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Recreation Equipment (nets/hardware)	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$0	-100.00%
Bandstand Mowing	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Walter Kelly Park-Mowing & Portalet	\$0	\$0	\$2,920	\$2,920	0.00%
Shady Rill Park	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>\$15,015</b>	<b>\$12,543</b>	<b>\$16,970</b>	<b>\$18,003</b>	<b>6.09%</b>
<b>ZONING/BRD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>					
Wages: Zoning	\$1,500	\$5,346	\$6,916	\$6,180	-10.64%
Zoning: Payroll Tax	\$115	\$432	\$581	\$473	-18.59%
Zoning: Workers Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27	100.00%
Mileage/expenses	\$0	\$278	\$25	\$25	0.00%
Advertising	\$500	\$42	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Zoning: Legal/enforcement	\$0	\$2,364	\$0	\$1,000	100.00%
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$200	\$200	0.00%
<b>Total Zoning/BRD of Adjustment</b>	<b>\$2,215</b>	<b>\$8,462</b>	<b>\$7,722</b>	<b>\$7,905</b>	<b>2.37%</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>					
Advertising	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Mapping	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Mail Drop/Postage	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Printing & Copying	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Consultation	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$2,500	400.00%
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,099,071</b>	<b>\$1,147,838</b>	<b>\$1,160,515</b>	<b>\$1,187,891</b>	<b>2.36%</b>

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## TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

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**TREASURER REPORT:** For the year ending June 30, 2018 a budget was approved for the General Fund of \$1,162,142 including special articles. Actual expenditures for this budget period were \$1,210,908 amounting to a \$48,766 increase over budget. An unexpected replacement of the Town's computer server/system and unanticipated highway department expenses accounted for the majority of the overrun. In July, the Selectboard voted to use \$40,000 of the Town's Fund Balance to offset the unexpected expenditures and reduce the municipal 2018 tax rate needed to cover the increase of budget overage.

The accounting firm of Batchelder Associates completed a full review of the financial records for Fiscal Year 2018. There were no material weaknesses or deficiencies found. A full copy of the audit report is available on the Town's website: <http://middlesexvermont.org>.

Based on budgets presented by town departments and committees, along with general expenses for the town, the Select Board is presenting a budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$1,187,891 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 2.36% increase over 2018-2019. An overview of the budget presented can be found in the Select Board report.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT:** For the year ending, June 30, 2018 delinquent taxes were \$37,632.30 plus an additional \$4,739.47 in penalty and interest. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney for collection each year with the exception of those that have payment agreements in place. The delinquent tax payer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A Section 3258)

As of December 31, 2018 the delinquent amount was reduced to \$28,515.51 including penalty and interest.

On the ballot this year, Town Voters are being asked for authorization of property taxes to be paid in four installments, rather than two. With the taxpayers in mind, the purpose of the change will provide smaller amounts due over a longer period of time. Currently, all taxes must be paid in full by February 20<sup>th</sup>, after which a late penalty is accessed. Under the proposed Article (Article 5) taxpayers will have until May 20<sup>th</sup> to have their taxes paid in full. Please note: Interest will accrue (as passed) according to Article 6. Taxpayers always have the option to pay their taxes in full or make partial payments at any time, provided the amount received meets the amount due by the authorized due date.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorinda Crowell*

*Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds/Collector of Delinquent Taxes*

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## TOWN OF MIDDLESEX ANNUAL AUDIT

In October of 2018, Batchelder Associates, PC of Barre, Vermont, conducted an audit of the Town's finances for the fiscal year running from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. At its December 18, 2018 meeting, the Select Board reviewed and approved the audit's report which showed the Town's books are in balance and there were no findings.

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

- Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

### STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

	2017 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	\$1,563,900.40	1.6613	\$ 2,598,107.82
Non Residential	\$656,809.11	1.4794	\$ 971,683.39
Local Agreement	\$2,217,564.40	0.0025	\$ 5,546.25
Municipal	\$2,217,564.40	0.4171	\$ 925,146.24
<b>Total Billed (FY 17/18)</b>			<b>\$ 4,500,483.70</b>
Add Delinquent Taxes July 1, 2017			\$ 60,893.00
<b>Total to be accounted for</b>			<b>\$ 4,561,376.70</b>
<b>Accounted for as Follows:</b>			
Property Taxes			\$ 4,508,101.58
Discounts Allowed			\$ 15,643.12
Delinquent Taxes Receivable - (Taxes Only) June 30, 2018			\$ 37,632.00
Adjustments /Abatements			
<b>Total Accounted For</b>			<b>\$ 4,561,376.70</b>

### DEBT SERVICE / NOTES PAYABLE

As of June 30, 2018			
Item	Outstanding Principal Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Matures F/Y
2018 International Hwy Truck	\$ 126,774.00	3.15	2024
Freightliner Fire Truck	\$ 112,554.00	3.00	2026
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	\$ 29,007.20	2.79	2018
2014 Komatsu Loader	\$ 23,657.80	2.95	2019
2015 GMC 2500 Pick-up	\$ 5,870.00	2.95	2019
Repairs for 1995 Fire Truck	\$ 4,000.00	2.85	2020
Fire Station	\$ 480,000.00	3.20	2029
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 781,863.00</b>		

## 2018-2019 TAX EFFORT

<b>2019-2020 General Government</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budget	\$499,091.00			
Special Articles	\$64,222.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$563,313.00</b>			
<b>Anticipated Receipts</b>				
Interest	\$1,000.00			
School Reimbursement	\$0.00			
Licenses and Fees	\$20,250.00			
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$4,000.00			
RR Tax	\$2,500.00			
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	\$57,000.00			
PILOT/ Agy of Natural Resources	\$40,000.00			
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$8,000.00			
<b>Fund Balance Reduction</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,750.00</b>	<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>430,563.00</b>
<b>2019-2020 Highway</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budget	\$688,800.00			
<b>Receipts</b>				
State Aid to Highways	\$115,000.00			
Other		<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>573,800.00</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,004,363.00</b>
<b>Total Municipal Tax Effort</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,004,363.00</b>
2018 Grand List*	\$ 2,234,154.40			
2018 Homestead Tax Rate*	\$1.8097	(State of Vermont)		
2018 Non-Residential Tax Rate*	\$1.5606	(State of Vermont)		
2018 Municipal Tax Rate*	\$0.4495			
Local Agreement Rate*	\$0.0027			
Total Town Tax Rate*	\$0.4523			
Total Non- Residential Rate*	\$2.0128			
Total Residential Rate*	\$2.2619			
*NOTE: This is only an estimate based on the 2018 Grandlist and anticipated financial receipts				
2019 Grand List (property values as of April 1, 2019) and 2019 State Education Rates				
2019 Municipal rate will be used in determining 2019 Total Residential & Non-Residential Rates				

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 6, 2018**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Moderator Susan Clark calls the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and introduces the Select Board. John Puleio reminds attendees of the upcoming pie breakfast to benefit the bandstand. Sarah Seidman of the Middlesex Historical Society announces that Nick Hecht has a purchase and sale agreement to acquire the train station on Route 2. Middlesex Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Otenti introduces himself and urges community involvement in hazard mitigation and emergency planning. Susan notes the spaghetti dinner to follow Town Meeting will benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf. Sam Skolnik is brought on stage to review parliamentary procedure with Susan. The Civil Invocation is performed by new voters Ethan Scharf, Arthur Anderson and Alex Reilly.

**ARTICLE 1: *To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.*** Jeff Koonz nominates Susan Clark, Bennett Shapiro seconds. The motion passes.

**ARTICLE 2: *To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.*** Charlie Merriman nominates Todd Daloz; Susan Sussman seconds. The motion passes.

**ARTICLE 3: *To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (466 voters cast ballots.)***

Treasurer	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Select Board	3-year term	Peter O. Hood
Select Board	2-year term	Elizabeth Scharf
Budget Committee	3-year term	William Dorigan
Budget Committee	3-year term	George Longenecker
Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term	Janet H. McKinstry
Lister	3-year term	Richard Alderman
Lister	2 years of a 3-year term	Amy Whitehorne
Planning Commissioner	3-year term	Mitch Osiecki
Planning Commissioner	3-year term	Vacant

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

Anita Krauth moves and Chris Reilly seconds. Planning Commission member Barry Bolio says the Planning Commission is working hard to draft a questionnaire for input on a revised Town Plan. The survey will be available electronically and a postcard will be sent to voters and out-of-state landholders with instructions about how to access the survey online or request a paper version. Michael Levine asks if there will be a broader process in addition to the survey. Barry says the PC plans to go door-to-door but the survey will be the primary means of collecting data. He notes that the PC meets every third Wednesday of the month and encourages those interested to attend. Michael suggests the PC posts notifications that minutes are available on the Town's website on

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 6, 2018 (continued)**


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Front Porch Forum. He also questions whether the Emergency Management Committee will be conducting a survey, too. Mary Just Skinner moves to let Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Otenti speak since he is not yet a Middlesex voter. There is no objection. Paul clarifies that his committee is seeking more community involvement but does not plan on circulating a survey. Anne Greensfelder asks Road Foreman Paul Cerminara which part of East Hill Road the Highway Department will next improve. Paul says no mud mitigation is planned for that road this summer because the Highway Department needs to conduct routine maintenance that has been deferred while the Road Crew replaced the culvert and repaved Shady Rill Road. Sarah Seidman notes there is a 5-year plan for the roads. Dave Shepard asks about the Town Clerk's Office. Sarah says the vault is at capacity, the basement office leaks and the offices should be moved upstairs in Town Hall. Peter says the Select Board is aware of her concerns. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 5:** *Shall the Town voters authorize all property taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in two equal installments as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2018, and the second installment will be due on or before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 20, 2018, and February 20, 2019, accordingly?* (32 VSA Sec. 4773) Laura Lyle moves and Barbara Buckley seconds. Jeff Koonz asks about the \$16,000 that needed to be made up because of the 1% discount previously offered to taxpayers who paid their property taxes in full within 30 days of the bills' issuance. This discount has been omitted from the the 2018 Warning. Peter Hood says this is the cost of the discount. Jeff asks how it compares to the interest incurred because the Town has to borrow money at the beginning of the fiscal year. Peter says the Town no longer borrows money. When the fiscal year began January 1, then the Town had a problem because the budget wasn't voted on until Town Meeting in March. Now that the fiscal year has been moved to July 1, there is no justification for the 1%. He says it was the sense of the Board that with Middlesex being one of only three Vermont towns offering the early-payer discount, there was no justification for the \$16,000 that is spread among the other taxpayers. Mary notes that 1% is not up for vote. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell moves to amend the article to remove the clause about accepting postmarks, i.e. striking "*except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 20, 2018, and February 20, 2019, accordingly?*". She says taxpayers who drop their payments in the mail on or before the due date have a false sense of security. This year two taxpayers deposited their payments in Post Office boxes before February 20<sup>th</sup> and because their envelopes were postmarked February 21, were hit with an 8% penalty plus interest for late payment. Dave Shepard seconds the amendment. Jeff Koonz says he moved at an earlier Town Meeting to include postmarks after a neighbor was penalized because it took a week for his payment to arrive at the Town Clerk's Office. He says it's prudent to stick with the postmarks. Charlie Merriman

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agrees with Jeff, but notes dropping your payment in the mail is not foolproof. Peter says if you're mailing your taxes at the last minute, go up to the counter and request a date stamp in person. Often, payments dropped in mailboxes are taken to Burlington where they won't be stamped for one or maybe two days. Bennett Shapiro proposes amending the article to stipulate that the postmark must be a week before taxes are due. Liz Scharf encourages people to use the Town's auto deduction by submitting a form with bank, routing and account number to the town so that the payment will be extracted from your checking account on the day it's due. Andy Emerson says after he was hit with a \$500 penalty for dropping his payment in the mail before the due date only to have it postmarked February 21, do whatever you can to make sure your payment has been received on time. Lisa Carlson asks about a September 13 postmark. If the Town is going to continue to accept postmarks, Dorinda says they should be on the date due. Emily Smith calls the question. Ben Morton seconds. The amendment is defeated. Jane Erikson asks about Paypal. Liz Scharf replies that the auto-deduction service is pretty close to that. Gordon Grunder proposes a sliding penalty since being hit with an 8% penalty for being one day late seems a bit harsh. Peter says it's his understanding Towns cannot waive this; Charlie agrees but says he will research. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 7: *To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)*** This article is considered at 5:26 p.m. Jeff Koonz moves; Maribeth Domanski seconds. Susan clarifies that the budget proposed is \$1,160,515. Peter refers to the Select Board Report and the Budget Committee Report in the 2017 Middlesex Town Report, both of which explain the reasons for the increases. He says the Town was hit with the perfect storm of managing the budget, paying for insurance and paying down debt. It was a tough year and, therefore, the Select Board is requesting a larger increase than usual. Michael Levine asks why the insurance categories have been shuffled around; doing so make comparison with previous years difficult. Peter says that for many years, insurance was lumped under one area. The Select Board believed that a more accurate reflection of costs would be to categorize the insurance expenses by department. Jan Thouron asks if last year's townwide appraisal had any effect on the budget. Peter says it increased the grand list which will affect the tax rate and thereby mitigate the effect of the budget. Dave Shepard asks about the new line item for Welch Park. Peter says costs of maintaining that industrial part – which includes the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department – used to be spread out in other departments. The Board thought it was a good idea to have its expenses under a separate line item. Mary Skinner asks the voters if they found the new budget format more understandable. Charlie asks about the fire department's debt ratio. Jeff Koonz responds that the cost of building the fire station in Welch Park was relatively less than what other communities spent on their buildings. Mary notes that it costs approximately \$135,000 to have a volunteer fire department and

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more than half of that is made up of paying off the principal and interest for the building and vehicles. John Puleio calls the question Mary Jo Lamell seconds. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 6:** *To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)* Jeff Koonz moves; Mary Hood seconds. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 8:** *Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)* Charlie Merriman moves; Julie Moore seconds. Lee Rosberg, chair of the Conservation Commission, speaks in favor. He thanks the community for establishing a reserve fund to purchase property to be conserved. Most recently, the fund was used to acquire 40 acres for the Town Forest. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 9:** *Shall the Town of Middlesex enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?* Jeff Koonz moves; Ron Krauth seconds. Phil Hyjek, the Select Board's representative on this project, notes that by statute no tax money can be used to create this district. This is simply an authorizing vote because two towns need to approve the district at their annual meetings; after that, other towns can join by vote of their select boards. Wendy Freundlich says she heard on the radio that two other neighboring towns have already approved the district at their annual meetings. She asked how long will it take to get internet after this district is create. Phil says it is a "fiber-to-home" project offering speeds of up to 700 MB/second. This will be enough to run a server. It will also be net neutral. There will have to be a lot of surveying about where the needs will be most prevalent. As a government agency, the district can issue tax-free bonds. Initially, there are no plans to go head-to-head with Comcast, Fairpoint, etc. which, Phil says, have to satisfy shareholders first. Therefore, running lines out to rural, hilly areas is not cost effective, not good for profits. In contrast, the district will have no staff, no employees. It will subcontract with other, related, companies which will be glad to have access to another customer base. Phil says he and members of the district feel this is the way to grow communities, to help small businesses that otherwise would never have access to high-speed internet. David Lawrence says it would have cost \$53,000 to run fiber optic cable from Route 2 to his house on South Bear Swamp Rd. He feels this distric offers a lot of value to the community. Charlie Merriman says, by statute, there is no danger of this district encounting the same taxpayer scandal as Burlington Telecom. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 10:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)* Amy Harris moves, Alisa Darmstadt seconds. Peter Hood speaks in favor. Mary says more business may be coming to the community because Russ Bennett, Alan Newman and someone else (Mike

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Pelchar) have purchased the Red Hen complex and abutting property. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 11:** *Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)* Jill Olson moves; Susan Sussman seconds. Mary Hood speaks in favor. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 12:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)* Joe Loga moves; Eric Benedict seconds. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 13:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,731 (equivalent to \$1 per Middlesex resident) to support the Cross Trail Vermont Association's efforts to construct 2.75 miles of universally accessible trails and a 200-foot-long pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the Winooski River that will be located on and adjacent to U-32 School property and will connect the school trails with the regional trail network? (By Petition)* Jeff Koonz moves; John Puleio seconds. Greg Western asks for permission to speak. No one objects. He speaks in favor of the project noting that the voters of Montpelier approved contributing \$1 per person if the U-32 towns did the same. The Association was founded in 1990 and does not normally make annual requests; this is a request for one-time funding to connect local trails. Liz Scharf asks where the bridge in question is located. He says its off Route 2 in East Montpelier by the Koboda dealership and will utilize the old bridge abutments left over from when the railroad used to cross the river. Lauri Scharf speaks in favor. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 14:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)* Laura Lyle moves; Lynne Walther seconds. Sarah Katz speaks in favor as a mentor who has worked with her mentee, now 13, for eight years. She says money is needed to arrange the matchups. Wendy Freundlich speaks in favor as someone who's been running the program for 18 years. She says five or six mentors are in the room. She urges empty nesters to become mentors. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 15:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 for Home Share Now? (By Petition)* Julie Moore moves; Chris McVeigh seconds. Julie speaks in favor of the program and says the money will go toward administrative costs associated with matching up roommates. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 16:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$29,801 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)* John Austin moves; Eric Benedict seconds. Vic Dwire asks why this article should be approved when the Town has already spent a quarter of a million dollars for an institution that isn't public. John Puleio, who is on the library board, responds. He says the library is an independent non-profit

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organization and serves five towns including Middlesex. About 16,000 books circulate each year from the library. If you're receiving Meals on Wheels, KHK will deliver books to your home. In addition, the library runs about 560 programs annually. One third of Middlesex residents have library cards. The request this year is \$2,000 more than last year, about \$1 per Middlesex resident. Middlesex's contribution covers 3.3% of the library's operating costs. Maribeth Domanski speaks in favor and calls KHL the jewel of Central Vermont. If you are part of a book group, the library will try to gather enough books for each member of the group. Jeff Koonz speaks in favor and notes that kids from U-32 spend time at the library to research. Bennett Shapiro speaks in favor and talks about spending rainy days with his child in the children's room. Greg Whitchurch says if you have a \$250,000 house, this article will cost you just under \$35. Chris McVeigh says what excuse will teenagers have to head downtown if there's no library? He would hate to deny them that cover. Kathryn Lichtig uses the library as a self-employed adult. Kyle Landis-Marinello says the most important birthday in his family is the 6<sup>th</sup> birthday because that's when you can get a library card. Diane Hahn calls the question. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 17:** *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019? (By Petition)* Anita Krauth moves; Cynthia Martin seconds. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 18:** *Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition)* Dave Shepard moves; Paul Cerminara seconds. Michael Levine says he read in the Town Report that the primary purpose of this article is to fund Meals on Wheels. But he notes that the Center for Independent Living and the Council on Aging also provide Meals on Wheels so how does that work? Mary Hood asks that the center's director, Karol Smith, be allowed to speak. There is no objection. Karol says the Central VT Council on Aging oversees the MOW program and anybody who wants to apply for MOW has to go through the Council on Aging. VCIL serves the disabled and those under age 60. It pays the Waterbury Senior Center to deliver meals. Paul Cerminara speaks in favor and thanks Karol for a more in-depth report. He says everyone appreciates the extra effort and thanks Karol for all she does. Wendy Freundlich asks if there's an income cut-off to MOW. Mary Hood says anyone over 60 is eligible to receive MOW, though, if possible, the organization requests a \$4.50 contribution per meal. The article passes.

**ARTICLE 19:** *To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,915 to support organizations requesting \$250 or less.* Jeff Koonz moves; Bennett Shapiro seconds. The motion passes.

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**ARTICLE 20: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.*** Mitch Osiecki introduces himself as Recreation Director and encourages people to use the Walt Kelly Park down by the Fire Department in Welch Park. Anita Krauth asks for a moment to recognize Tim Kasten as a compassionate member of the community who died last year. Gordon Grunder says there will be a memorial for Tim in June. Liz wants everyone to know about the Middlesex Food Shelf. Mary Just Skinner says the land surrounding Hunger Mountain has been sold to the state so it is now protected from future development. Vermont Rep. (Middlesex/East Montpelier) Kim Jessup says the Legislature is addressing gun violence, especially in the schools and also considering bills that would permit guns to be removed by those considered to be a threat to themselves or others. In addition, the Legislature is revamping how taxes pay for schools with more focus on income. Lee Rosberg clarifies that the Trust for Public Land purchased the 1,700 acres surrounding Mt. Hunger in Middlesex and Worcester, an unusual step for that organization. Geraldine Vatan says she is part of a group that holds monthly meetings for families to discuss climate change and that next year they would like to submit a petition to appear on the Town Warning to address renewables.

Susan adjourns the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved and signed by the following:

*Peter O. Hood*, Select Board Chair  
March 27, 2018

*Susan Clark*, Moderator of the 2018 Middlesex Town Meeting  
March 15, 2018

I attest that the above Minutes of the March 6, 2018 Middlesex Town Meeting were recorded in the Town records on March 29, 2018.

*Sarah Merriman*  
TownClerk/Select Board Assistant

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## CENTRAL VERMONT INTERNET

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Central Vermont Internet is a Communications Union District (CUD) created following successful votes in 14 communities at Town Meeting in 2018: Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Elmore, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, Northfield, Plainfield, Roxbury, Williamstown, and Worcester. Two more towns (Cabot and Orange) successfully applied for inclusion in the district afterwards, bringing the total number of district member communities to 16. Several other neighboring towns have also expressed an interest in joining the district, though none have formally applied. Many places in Central Vermont have limited access to truly high-speed Internet, and in many places non-wireless Internet service is monopolized by Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) or cable providers. Even where there is a choice, the incumbent providers have little incentive to improve speeds or extend their networks to new customers. This lack of truly high-speed Internet access stifles economic development, hampers public safety, depresses property values, and restricts residents' abilities to access common online services.

We are grateful to the Select Boards and City Councils for appointing the representatives and alternates who are working with us. Without these folks' volunteer efforts, we would not be as far along as we currently are. At the time of this report, the Central Vermont Internet Governing Board has met six times, and committees have met several more times outside our regular meetings. Since we first met in May, we have reached several important milestones, including the important but unglamorous work of developing bylaws, policies, and a budget. One very important step we have taken is to rebrand Central Vermont Internet as CVFiber in the pattern of our neighboring CUD ECFiber and have registered the domain cvfiber.net. We have also written a mission statement, listed in the footer of this document, and expressed our vision for CVFiber as follows:

*We envision a high-speed digital highway where traffic flows freely, growing the regional economy and broadening digital opportunities for people of all ages, means, and interests, thereby enriching the public and private lives of our residents.*

Even with this work complete, we still have much to do before we can start building our network and connecting subscribers. In particular, we will be surveying residents, businesses, and civic institutions in our 16 member communities to determine their communications needs. That information will help us decide where to do our first construction and establish a solid financial foundation upon which we can build to the remaining member communities. We are exploring several avenues to finance our initial round of construction, including philanthropic contributions, issuing promissory notes, state and Federal grants, and partnerships with third parties. The amount of revenue (described in more detail with the attached budget) we are estimating for 2019 is about \$300,000, none of which will be derived from municipal tax dollars. We are confident that the district will be able to begin a first round of construction no later than 2020, and if we're able to raise funds and develop a viable plan quickly enough, we could even begin in 2019.

In closing, we ask you, community leaders in Central Vermont, for three favors. First, we ask for your help in encouraging your residents to complete the surveys we will be

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sending out in the next month or two. Second, we encourage you to help us identify people and organizations willing to donate outright or willing to invest in our efforts to bring 21<sup>st</sup> century connectivity to Central Vermont. Last, we invite you to attend our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, where we will hold a public hearing to receive comments from you, the legislative bodies of district members, and hear all other interested persons regarding the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Central Vermont Internet/CVFiber Governing Board*

Chris Riddell (Barre City) Elliott Bent (Barre City alternate)

Josh Jarvis (Barre Town)

Jeremy Hansen (Chair, Berlin) Jerry Diamantides (Berlin alternate)

Andrew Gilbert (Cabot) Seth O'Brien (Cabot alternate)

David Healy (Calais) Scott Bassage (Calais alternate)

Bob Klein (East Montpelier) Tom Fisher (East Montpelier alternate)

Becca Schrader (Clerk, Treasurer)

Bob Burley (Elmore) Kent Shaw (Elmore alternate)

Jim Barlow (Marshfield) Jonathan Williams (Marshfield alternate)

Phil Hyjek (Vice Chair, Middlesex) Lauri Scharf (Middlesex alternate)

Dan Jones (Montpelier) Stephen Whitaker (Montpelier alternate)

John Quinn (Northfield) Mark Farley (Northfield alternate)

Siobhan Perricone (Orange)

Michael Birnbaum (Plainfield) Jeremy Matt (Plainfield alternate)

Jon Guiffre (Roxbury)

Rama Schneider (Williamstown) Francis Covey (Williamstown alternate)

Allen Gilbert (Worcester)

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## CENTRAL VT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

### 2018 Middlesex Activities

- ❖ Developed a data report for the Town Plan update and assisted the Planning Commission with the plan adoption process.
- ❖ Conducted outreach on the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan to incorporate the town's needs.
- ❖ Conducted traffic counts.
- ❖ Supported emergency preparedness by assisting with a Local Emergency Operations Plan update, updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, supporting town official training in ICS 402 and the Emergency Management Director courses, and assisting with a home buyout grant application.
- ❖ Created slope maps for town forest planning.
- ❖ Created parcel maps based on new parcel data provided by VTrans.

### CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory

Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.

- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.

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## CENTRAL VT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

In FY18, CVSWMD provided \$9,816 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$6,207 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Middlesex received a \$400 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

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

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.
- **Events Assistance:** In FY18 the district added three events programs: a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with clear signs, an “event kit” for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste, and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website, [cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events](http://cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events).
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY18, we led one classrooms lesson, one waste audits, and 15 special programs at U-32 school. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In 2017, 10 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
  - o A household hazardous waste collection event in Montpelier served 108 households.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2019.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, [cvswmd.org/arcc](http://cvswmd.org/arcc). Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.
  - o In FY18, 163 residents from Middlesex recycled at the ARCC.
- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials.

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## BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES

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### Middlesex Bandstand Celebrates 13<sup>th</sup> Season

It's hard to believe, but last year the Martha Pellerin-Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert season, with a lineup of top bands, great food by Mediterranean Mix and Chill, and wonderful-as-always audiences.

The season's performers included some of the best jazz around by the Ray Vega Quintet, with Brian McCarthy, Rob Morse, James Harvey and Geza Carr; jump and jive by Lewis Franco and the Missing Cats; classic folk, rock and pop by Roy and the Wrecks; and bluegrass and Americana by Bow Thayer. Inclement weather caused cancellation of the fabulous Blackwater Trio from Mississippi—though they will be back this year—and of half the performance of folk duo Willa Mamet and Paul Miller.

In an effort to provide an indoor space with appropriate acoustics, lighting and portable staging to address the perennial issue of rainouts—as well as for school concerts, plays, town meetings, and possibly a winter concert series—in November 2018 the Bandstand Committee proposed Rumney gym improvements to the School Board. As a preliminary matter, the Committee and the Board agreed to split the cost of an acoustical study, which was undertaken in December and which will take into account the need to protect students from problematic noise levels in the gym.

Generous support for the 2018 Bandstand concert series was provided by Gold Sponsors Align to Health Chiropractic & Functional Neurology, Bear Creek Environmental, Bear Swamp Veterinary Service, Bliss Healing Japanese and Orthopedic Acupuncture, Chill Vermont Gelato, Creative Carpentry and Construction, EnergySmart of Vermont, Freelance Automotive, Green Light Real Estate, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Montpelier Construction, Noyle W. Johnson Insurance Co., and Red Hen Bakery and Café; by In-Kind Gold Sponsors Brian P. Graphic Arts, Capitol Copy, Hartigan, Highland Gardens, Madtech Sound and Lovetown Recording, and Weathering Heights; and by Concert Sponsors Bolduc Metal Recycling, Flywheel Communications, Pease Farm Stable, and Splash Naturals.

Mark your calendars for more incredible music this summer on six successive Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting the first Wednesday after July 4. Also, watch for updates on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and [middlesexbandstand.com](http://middlesexbandstand.com). Contact: John at 229-0881 or Elliot at 272-4920.

*Middlesex Bandstand Committee: Dick Alderman, Elliot Burg, Jerry Gormley, Mary Nealon, Margot Prendergast, John Puleio, Ron Sweet*

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

### **Summary of 2018 Activities:**

**Middlesex Town Forest** – Construction of the Chases Mountain Trail, a +/- 2.2-mile long hiking trail in the Town Forest, continued with refining the route and clearing brush and blow downs. Signs will be installed and the trail blazed in 2019. We are working with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) to secure a State Recreational Trails Program grant for benching, stone work, and other heavy work for 2020.

Thank you to John Austin and Robert Zaino for leading hikes and sharing their expertise in wildlife tracking and natural communities, respectively. Please let us know if you would like to share your knowledge of the natural world and we would be happy to schedule an event for 2019.

**Hunger Mountain Headwaters Conservation Project** – The Conservation Commission supported The Trust for Public Land's efforts to conserve 1,766 acres of land in Middlesex and Worcester with an appropriation of \$10,000 from the Town's conservation fund. The land has significant forest resources, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreational value, including over one mile of the trail that ascends White Rock and Hunger Mountains. Thank you for your continued annual support at Town Meeting by approving an appropriation of \$5,000 to the conservation fund! If you are interested in supporting the Hunger Mountain Headwaters project financially, please contact one of the MCC members.

**Green Up** – MCC members staffed the Town Garage to accept roadside trash collected by town residents and to segregate landfill and metal recycling waste streams. Thank you to all who participated and a shout out to the Middlesex road crew for providing trucks and hauling the collected trash to the transfer station and to Bolduc's Salvage for providing a metal recycling container.

**Emerald Ash Borer** – The MCC partnered with the UVM Extension program to learn and use an application to map ash trees along our rural roadsides. Data generated from this mapping project will support ash tree management planning.

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION (continued)**

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**Three Mile Bridge Road Parcel** – The Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) approached the MCC with a proposal to maintain a Town-owned parcel next to the bridge on Three Mile Bridge Road as a wayside along the Cross-Vermont Trail. CVTA began maintenance of the property in 2018 and plans to add a picnic table and signs with information about the trail and local history.

**Martin's Brook Gulley** – The MCC is supporting the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District's (the District) efforts to mitigate stormwater issues that have resulted in the formation of a gulley across from Rumney school. The District is working with a local consultant to develop designs to stabilize the gulley and prevent further erosion.

**Additions and Departures -**

The MCC welcomed new members Ross Lieblappen and Adelle McDonough in 2018.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dick Alderman, Larry Becker, George Longenecker, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard,  
Heather Katz, Sorsha Anderson, Ross Lieblappen, Adelle McDonough*



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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

The Select board established the Middlesex Emergency Management Committee, appointed members, and tasked those members to fulfill the requirements of the legislation. Under this legislation, the Town is responsible for the integration of hazardous materials planning and response within its jurisdiction. This includes conducting a hazard analysis, planning for hazardous materials incidents, assessing local capabilities and developing incident response capabilities using local resources, mutual aid and private contractors. In support of these functions, the town bears a responsibility to train responders and to exercise the plan.

The Middlesex Emergency Management Committee serves as a contact point in the community for information about hazardous substances, the associated health and environmental risks, and response planning. The current 2018 plan is on file and available to view at the Town Clerk's office. This committee is made up of town officials and citizen volunteers and meets on a regular basis to make adjustments to the Local Emergency Plan and to review the plan annually. Anyone who is interested in joining the Middlesex Emergency Management Committee can submit their contact information to the Town Clerk.

The Committee's goals for the calendar year 2019 are; 1) secure an agreement for an emergency shelter location for our residents to be evacuated to in the event of an emergency; 2) to update our emergency plan for 2019 in compliance with Vermont Emergency Management's new *Local Emergency Management Plan* format; and 3) to encourage more community involvement in expanding the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Otenti and the Middlesex Emergency Management Committee*

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## MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

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Middlesex FAST Squad provides local, early response to EMS emergency calls in Middlesex. The FAST squad consists of 4 members.- Jeff Koonz, EMT and Eric Metevier EMT of Middlesex, Bob Bower AEMT & Marge Bower EMT of Moretown. We value our partnership with Montpelier Ambulance, who provide EMS coverage and ambulance transport to all calls in Middlesex.

There were 140 EMS calls to Middlesex in 2018. Of the 137 patients encountered, 92 patients were transported to the emergency department. We were cancelled before arriving 21 times. There were 35 events, mostly during the day, where there was not an available responder from Middlesex, and care was provided by Montpelier Ambulance. The fast squad has administered narkan for opioid overdose and done CPR, and patients have survived to walk out of the hospital.

Thanks to the JD Picard/ R.Krauth Community EMS Fund, we continues to offer CPR to the community. Our upgraded equipment was utilized for Basic Life support classes to Local EMS & Fire and Family CPR classes. Classes are primarily advertised on Front Porch Forum, stay tuned.

Red and Green JD e911 driveway markers are becoming more noticeable, you can see at least one on most of the main roads in Middlesex. Order forms are available at the town clerks office.

We would welcome new members interested in providing emergency care, especially those available in Middlesex during the day.

For more information about joining the fast squad, or general EMS, e911 signs or CPR: email or call Marge Bower, Director of the Fast Squad. [margebower@comcast.net](mailto:margebower@comcast.net) home - 299-1935.

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**MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We have had a total of 66 calls. The break-down is as follows:

Vehicle accidents I-89:	22	canceled on 6 of these calls
Vehicle accidents Non I-89:	8	canceled on 2 of these calls, 1 nothing found
Vehicle Fire I-89:	2	(1 was anti-freeze)
Vehicle Fire Non I-89:	1	
Hazards:	10	
Structure fire Middlesex:	5	
Structure fire mutual aid	5	(Tanker responses: 9)
Medical Emergency:	1	
Gas odor:	2	
CO detector	2	
False alarm	5	
Brush fire:	2	
Unpermitted burn:	1	

To give a snap shot of how busy we can get: 1020 PM 31 Oct FAST Squad call, 5:28AM 01 Nov vehicle accident I-89, 8:34 AM 01 Nov vehicle accident US Rt 2, 2:39 01 Nov Propane odor in house. Four different calls in just over 14 hours. None of the vehicle accidents were weather related.

In addition to the calls members of the Fire Department responded to, members also volunteered over 145 service hours to the Department and Middlesex. This is unofficial tracking, members provide many more hours to the Department.

*We are always in need of new members and not just fire-fighters and EMTs.* We have many jobs around the station which residents could join the department to help do. Some of the things we could use help with are: vehicle and equipment maintenance, input call reports, keeping our computer updated, cleaning trucks, and cleaning the station. If you believe you can help the Department in any way we would like to talk with you.

Our annual schedule is as follows: all events start at 7:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month fire training, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday business meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday work session. In December the Annual Meeting and business meeting take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and training takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

As for the future, we will be looking at replacing our 1983 rescue in the next 1-2 years. As we did with the tanker we will find the least expensive route to take. We are just looking into the requirements we need. We will keep you updated as we get closer.

*Doug Hanson, Chief*  
*Jeff Koonz, President*

## FOOD SHELF

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This year, the Middlesex Food Shelf (MFS), a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, is co-directed by Eric Scharf and Eva Jessup, two Middlesex juniors at U-32 High School. Located in the Middlesex United Methodist Church, the food shelf is open Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. In 2018, the food shelf had an average of 6 households and 14 people being served per week. For Thanksgiving, the food shelf gave out 20 free turkeys and fixings to Central Vermonters. This was made possible from a generous grant from the Central Vermont Women's Giving Circle. Additionally, Honi Bean-Barrett has spearheaded the Rumney School satellite food shelf for students who need a snack during the day. She also oversees the food donation box, which is located in the lobby of Rumney School.

The MFS is open to anyone, and primarily serves the people of Middlesex, Barre, Montpelier, Moretown and Berlin. It derives most of its revenue from the Middlesex Community Fall Harvest Dinner and food drive, and the Town Meeting Spaghetti Supper and food drive, supplemented by generous individual monetary donations throughout the year. To make a tax-deductible donation, look for the jar on the Town Clerk's desk or send a check payable to "The Middlesex Food Shelf" c/o David Carkeet, 418 Macey Road, North Middlesex, Vermont 05682. Food donations are always welcome, especially seasonal garden produce, eggs from your overly-productive chickens, dry goods and toiletries.

We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers for taking time out of their Saturday Mornings to keep the food shelf running and help Central Vermonters in need. If you would like to consider volunteering, contact [escharf20@gmail.com](mailto:escharf20@gmail.com) (Eric) or [ejessup20@wcsu32.org](mailto:ejessup20@wcsu32.org) (Eva).

Thank you!

*Eric Scharf and Eva Jessup*  
*Co-directors, Middlesex Food Shelf*

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

In 2018, the Society confirmed that our Middlesex, chartered in 1763, was named after the area that the Earl of Middlesex, Charles Sackville, ruled in Great Britain. (Middlesex, UK, is located on the outskirts of London.) The group applauded news that Nicolas Hecht has signed a purchase and sales agreement with Canadian National Railway to buy the railroad station property, including the grain storage building and the land under the railroad station. Milford Leonard's handmade bee-lining box was exhibited at the "Middlesex Makers and Creators" event at Camp Meade. Our fall presentation at Town Hall was "The Return of Crazy Chase," a performance of fiddle playing and songs created by Allen Church of Morrisville, who's made a mission of collecting stories about Middlesex's most famous cross-dressing musician.

We have fewer than 15 copies left of the first complete history of our community, *Middlesex in the Making*, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman. Designed by former resident Kate Alberghini, the book includes over 200 photographs as well as over 70 interviews with the town's oldest residents. It traces the history of the town from its earliest Abenaki roots to the changes of the 1950s and 60s. Copies can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office, at the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting or through the authors directly. The group continues to discuss whether and how to do an expanded third edition with additions and corrections to the original text.

**Please, Middlesex residents! We need a space for the Society's collection of valuable documents, artifacts and memorabilia. These items document our community's history and belong to all of us; they deserve and will reward public viewing. We would be honored to have a designated area in the Town Hall to display our town's history.**

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

Membership is open to anyone interested in Middlesex history and costs one dollar (\$1) per person per year, \$15 for businesses. New active members are needed! We hope our efforts will help citizens increase their sense of pride in our town's traditions and their sense of responsibility in planning for the future. Please help us preserve our town's history by renewing your membership at the Middlesex Historical Society table **on Town Meeting Day**, by sending dues or donations to Patty Wiley, President, 262 Westwood Dr., Montpelier, VT 05602 or by bringing them to the town clerk's office. Book orders may also be sent to this address.

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

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## LISTERS REPORT

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The Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) as calculated by the State is now 97.3%. This compares with 101.24% the previous year. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) has been increased to 6.76%, up from 3.91%. These indicators are well within specified state limits. Taxable properties in town numbered 904 in 2018, about the same as last year, and the town-wide assessment now totals \$238,583,700.

The Statewide Property Parcel Mapping Program, which was funded by the VT Department of Transportation, is now complete. Middlesex's tax maps are now updated and available in the town offices and on Middlesex website: <http://middlesexvermont.org>.

The number of properties enrolled in the Current Use program was 99 in 2018. The number of Veteran Property Exemptions remained at 11. Each exemption is equal to a \$40,000 property tax value deduction for the particular property for which the owner is eligible.

Fourteen grievance hearings were held in June, resulting in a change to the fair market value for 13 of the 14 properties. None of these changes in assessed value were appealed to the Board of Civil Authority.

Twenty-three residential sales were recorded in Middlesex between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, compared with just 11 sales in the previous period. Sales of residential properties ranged from \$55,000 (house and .65 acres on Route 12) to \$340,000 (house and 17 acres on Brook Road). Land sales ranged from \$17,000 (37.4 acres on Notch Road) to \$150,000 (46 acres on East Bear Swamp Road) to a 1.8 acre parcel on South Bear Swamp Road that sold for \$8,500.

Also of note, a parcel on Zdon Road sold for \$1,362,500 (house and 649.45 acres), and a commercial property in the village sold for \$2,125,000 (6.8 acres and commercial rental units).

The Listers' regular office hours are on Wednesdays, generally from 9:00am to noon. The Listers may also be reached by email: [middlesxlisters@comcast.net](mailto:middlesxlisters@comcast.net).

*Dick Alderman, Amy Whitehorne, and Eric Young*  
*Middlesex Listers*

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## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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The Middlesex Planning Commission (MPC) has continued its work in preparing for the updated town plan; which was last updated in 2013. The MPC developed a town questionnaire that was distributed via Front Porch Forum and has seen very active participation via that electronic survey. The MPC feels that the results secured from the electronic survey, along with feedback provided from What's Next Middlesex is valuable information and will allow for appropriate changes and adjustments to the Middlesex Town Plan.

In October the MPC approved, with conditions, a zoning application for KCOS Holdings, LLC for additional development at 58 Center Road.

The MPC also received a presentation from the group at Planetary Matters, detailing development interest at the former Camp Meade and surrounding property holdings.

Finally, the MPC would like to thank Steve Martin for his many dedicated years of service on the MPC, his leadership and commitment to the commission has been appreciated and will be missed.

Respectfully,

Middlesex Planning Commission

*Barry Bolio, Chair; Sandy Levine, Vice-Chair; Mitch Osiecki, Secretary; Troy Sumner*

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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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The Middlesex Recreation Department continued work on some ongoing infrastructure projects. In particular:

- Development of a maintenance program to improve the quality of the baseball/soccer field turf.
- Some modest improvements have been made to Walter Kelley Park. More work is needed, of course.
- The tennis courts have been outfitted with new nets. The playing surface of the tennis and basketball courts are in need of a facelift, however. That is a relatively high priority project at this point.

Interest in the Middlesex Learn to Swim Program continues to be strong. We offer discounted swim lessons in partnership with the Montpelier Pool. Although feedback from participating families continues to be favorable, we're continuing to look for ways to increase the options available to interested families. Plans are already underway to add the Waterbury Recreation Department as a second partner. Thanks to the Select Board for its continued enthusiastic support of this program.

### **Plans for 2019 include:**

- Further enhancement of the facilities at the Walter Kelley Park.
- I'm hoping to begin a project to resurface the town basketball and tennis courts.
- An outcome of the What's Next Middlesex Forum was the formation of a volunteer group interested in exploring the development of various recreational trails in town. We are at a very early stage, of course, but we're all pretty excited about the possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mitch Osiecki , Recreation Director*

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

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## ZONING REPORT

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Permitting activity was about average in 2018, with 37 applications submitted, for roughly 50 projects. The number of applications for zoning permits fluctuates considerably from year to year, of course.

Four new building lots were created and seven new homes (six single-family dwellings and one manufactured home) were approved. The remaining projects were mostly minor residential permits (garages, sheds, additions, etc.).

Two applications were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. One of those a conditional use hearing for a home industry and was approved. The second was a conditional use hearing for a commercial project, which was also approved. This project also required a hearing before the Planning Commission, and was approved by that body as well.

### Zoning Applications Submitted in 2018

- 7 New & Replacement Dwellings (including manufactured homes)
- 29 Residential alteration, addition, garage, accessory structure, etc.
- 11 Subdivision or Boundary Line Adjustment
- 3 Commercial, Public Facility
- 50 Total Projects Submitted (some permits included multiple projects)

And in closing, a reminder that Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standards (VT-RBES) are in effect. Any new construction of a residential dwelling or garage, and also additions or alterations of a conditioned (heated or cooled) space require that the builder complete an RBES Certification. In order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, which is required upon completion of your building project, you must first file a copy of your RBES Certification in the Middlesex Land Records, in accordance with 30 V.S.A. §51.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mitch Osiecki, Zoning Administrator*

E-mail: [mdxzoning@gmail.com](mailto:mdxzoning@gmail.com) Phone: 760-9674

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## TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee has been working since 2001 as an ad hoc group of volunteers, with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. We generally get together once a month (except in the summer), get a lot accomplished, and there are cookies at every meeting. We welcome your participation!

Most of our energy this year was spent organizing the "What's Next Middlesex?" vision-to-action forum held in October (described below). Other projects and updates:

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

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

No technological expertise is necessary (and we can set you up with a computer if you need it). Via phone and internet, participants are able to see and be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, and hear and speak to the assembly. Our goal is to allow this remote participation while maintaining a vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room. We've been offering this service since 2008, and have heard from attendees and remote participants that the experience has been very positive. To learn more about this free service, please contact Lauri Scharf, [rtpmiddlesext@gmail.com](mailto:rtpmiddlesext@gmail.com) or 802-223-9189 (by Friday, 2/22).

### **Community Communication and Engagement**

• **Front Porch Forum:** Middlesex's use of Front Porch Forum (FPF), our free online "bulletin board," has continued to grow every year. As of January, 2018, Middlesex's FPF had 1,249 members out of an estimated 690 households (we added about 57 members just this year). We posted approximately 2,750 messages addressing how to keep your windshield from icing, which painter to hire, great stuff to give, loan, or sell, education and road discussions, bears, dogs, cats, informative and often comical postings from our town clerk, and more. Since we launched our FPF in 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee, folks in Middlesex have posted about 21,180 messages. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum. Go to [www.FrontPorchForum.com](http://www.FrontPorchForum.com).

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

• Other Solutions Committee projects have included: promoting child care for community meetings with Rumney Community Connections; helping coordinate town meeting dinner hosted at Rumney School to benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf and other volunteers!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Selectboard on our annual "Welcome New Voter" letter with info on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex; distributing Front Porch

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## TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

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Forum information on how to participate in town meeting; and more.

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

**Have a suggestion the Solutions Committee could help with?** Please stop by one of our meetings, share your ideas and have a cookie. Contact Susan Clark, 223-5824, [sclarkmountains@gmail.com](mailto:sclarkmountains@gmail.com).

### **“WHAT’S NEXT MIDDLESEX?” AND THE MIDDLESEX MAKERS EVENT**

**“What’s Next Middlesex”** was a free, community-wide celebration and “vision-to-action” forum on Oct. 26-27, 2018. It featured great food, neighborly conversation, and a chance for people who live, work or own in Middlesex to share their ideas for Middlesex’s future.

Initiated by the Town Meeting Solutions Committee and broadly supported by Middlesex’s board and committees, “What’s Next Middlesex” was organized by dozens of Middlesex volunteers. Committees worked from May to October to plan and publicize this special event, working hard to gain diverse participation.

Over 200 Middlesex residents turned out to celebrate our community and explore ideas for the future at the event. With facilitated large- and small-group discussions and prioritizing, four volunteer action groups emerged from the event:

1. Middlesex Outreach Team (with a focus on improving communication and engagement)
2. Trails
3. Infrastructure (Village and town planning)
4. Community Spaces and Events

The four groups are continuing their work and invite your participation. For contacts on how to get involved, go to [www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org](http://www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org).

As a partner event to “What’s Next Middlesex?” on October 12 **“The Makers of Middlesex”** celebrated the many talents and creations of people who live, work, and find inspiration in Middlesex. The event featured both professionals and hobbyists, and included woodworking, poetry, construction and excavation, knitting, jams and jellies, historic inventions, homemade venison jerky, music, paintings, and much more. In addition to the 40+ Middlesex folks who shared their wonderful talents, special thanks go to co-organizers Ryan Geary and Susan Warren, and to hosts at Camp Meade: Red Hen Bakery, The Mud Studio, Nutty Steps and The Hive.

Thanks to the VT Community Foundation and Washington Electric Coop Community Fund

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Clark, Chair*

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARMENT

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The Washington County Sheriff's Department was very productive throughout the County during fiscal year 2018. In addition to transporting prisoners, mental health patients, juveniles and serving civil process, we made a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the nine (9) patrol contracts with towns within the County and though Grant Funding from Governor Highway Safety for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol) patrols.

County wide, our patrol efforts during FY 18 generated 2395 incidents reports, 802 Traffic Citations, 1386 Traffic Warnings and 58 Civil violations.

During the year we continued reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Education class at the East Montpelier Elementary School and assisting with Hunter Education at the Barre City Elementary School. The Department also took part in instructing a Snow Mobile Safety course offered in Barre Town. We reached out to the community in many ways, including updates and education through our Facebook page, press releases and putting out signs over the Christmas Holidays/New Year's Holiday, reminding people to drive safely. The Department also has a car seat tech, who participated in car seat events and assisted in providing and installing numerous car seats. The Department also took applicant fingerprints of over 2000 people.

During the FY 18 year the Washington County Sheriff's Department was contracted by the Town of Middlesex to provide motor vehicle patrol. During these patrols we provide motor vehicle enforcement and preventive patrols to deter offenses. The Department also has an agreement with the Vermont State Police to be first responders to calls as requested if we are patrolling the town at the time of the complaint – this allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints.

The following Vermont Traffic Complaints and Warnings were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town during FY 18, as well as incidents generated:

### **Ticket Report:**

#### Tickets

2 CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation

11 FYY - Stop Sign

2 IS - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit

1 ISL - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit

4 NL - Operating Without A License

2 OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- First Offense

1 OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- Second Offense

8 S02 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit - Work Zone

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

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2 SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit

6 VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration

**Warning Tickets**

1 CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device – 1st violation

12 DEF - Condition Of Vehicle

2 DIS - Inspection Sticker Not Assigned To Vehicle

1 DLT - Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic

2 DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate

1 DP2 - Failed To Display Front And Rear Registration Plates

1 ESA - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed For Conditions And Hazards

1 ESD - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist

1 FTC - Following Too Closely

13 FYY - Stop Sign

1 INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance

1 ISL - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit

1 LK - Lights

2 NR - Persons Required To Register

1 S02 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit

5 S02 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit -Work Zone

2 SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit

12 SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit

14 VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration

Total Ticket/Warnings: 113

Incident Reports: No incidents in FY18

Total Incidents: 09

The Washington County Sheriff's Department will continue to work to keep your community a safe place to live.

Professionally,

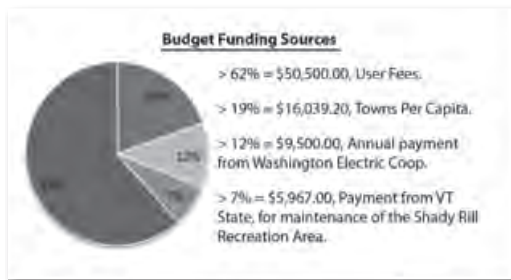
*W. Samuel Hill*  
*Sheriff*

## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT



The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District was formed in 1985 and is made up of the four member towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the district and Beach Manager Collin O'Neil has responsibility for all operations and staffing. In 2017 the Beach District had a total

budget of \$81,000, 19%, or \$16,039.20 came from a per capita charge from each of the member towns. The remainder comes mostly from user fees and an annual payment from Washington Electric Coop.



It was a beautiful summer at the beach and many locals and visitors enjoyed time within the park and reservoir. With steady attendance, season pass sales, boat rentals, picnic shelter rentals, and disc golf, the park's revenue was up over 2017. We are very frugal with expenses, never the less the budget is always very tight. We needed to replace our pickup truck in 2018, and the garden tractor for 2019. Park savings will help pay for the tractor, and amazingly the new truck was generously donated to Wrightsville.

For 2019, we look forward to another year of providing the services that a wide demographic uses regularly. We will complete the accessible path to our small picnic shelter, possibly install a third picnic shelter above the beach area, and the usual on-going small improvements and repairs park-wide. As part of our Recreation Fitness efforts, we look to expand our organized programming too.

Thanks to the member communities for your continued support of Wrightsville Beach. For 2019 we will continue to offer all residents of the member communities a 10% discount off Season Passes, and a 15% discount off boat rentals. The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach.

*Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair*  
*Jon Copans, Montpelier*  
*Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager*

*Kim Kendall, East Montpelier*  
*Jane Dudley, Middlesex*

Special Articles  
and  
Funding  
Requests  
\$250 or Less

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## ARTICLE 9: MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION FUND

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Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board). See Page 45 for the Conservation Commission report.

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## ARTICLE 10: CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

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Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation continues to play an important role in addressing the needs of businesses in our community. By fostering entrepreneurs, supporting manufacturing, and assisting communities to plan and implement strategies, CVEDC is able to play a positive role in expanding the economic quality of life that supports this region.

While we continue to assist businesses with real estate, finance, and regulatory supports, CVEDC has significantly expanded our focus on workforce development. We are working to create collaborations that will lead to a qualified pool of skilled labor matched with high-wage jobs. Currently the growth of many businesses has been slowed or stalled due to a lack of candidates with the required skills. At the same time, we are searching to find ways to keep our youth in Vermont. By engaging with students earlier and introducing them to the opportunities that exist within our community today through career exploration opportunities, we hope to help address the needs of businesses and the workforce that makes them successful. At the same time, we continue to work directly with businesses to upgrade and enhance their current workforce to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Each year we ask for the support of the communities we serve through a request for funding. These monies are leveraged with State and Federal dollars, as well as revenue generated through private sector support, to provide significant business resources at no cost to current and future businesses. This year CVEDC asks for your continued support with level funding of \$600.00. We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future to build a strong and vibrant regional economy.

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$600**

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**ARTICLE 11: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**

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

It is expected that 47 Middlesex residents will receive over 1,000 home visits in calendar year 2018, for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. CVHHH expects the breakdown to be as follows: 1,065 home health care, 173 hospice care, 486 long-term care and 15 maternal child health. This total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefit from health promotion services such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings. These figures have been prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2018 - August 31, 2018 and are not expected to vary significantly.

The objective in requesting funds from all 23 towns CVHHH serves is based upon population and CVHHH believes that a minimum of \$2.25 per capita will assist in properly serving each town's residents. CVHHH subsidizes much more care than what is covered by the town's allocation through other sources of funding including Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, grants, CVHHH fundraising events and private donations from the community.

**Contact:**

CVHHH

Kim Farnum

Manager, Community Relations &amp; Development

600 Granger Road

Barre, VT 05641

kfarnum@cvhhh.org

802.224.2234

**Funding request: \$4,050**

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## ARTICLE 12: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (RUMNEY)

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Community Connections, a non-profit organization that has been running before and after school care and programs for 16 years within the WCSU and Montpelier school districts, including Rumney Memorial Elementary School, is seeking funding for the **2019/2020** school year, and is asking Middlesex residents to approve funding of \$3,000 at this year's town meeting. This has been the amount asked for and approved in previous years.

- 1. How Many Middlesex residents were served by your organization last year and in what ways?* Over 100 elementary students in before and after school care, representing roughly 60% of the Rumney Elementary population.
- 2. On what basis is your request for funds made (e.g. population, # of people served, matching/local funding, or some other clear formula)?* Community Connections has been an important part of Rumney for many years, and this funding is very important to the continuation of this program.
- 3. From what sources does your organization receive its funding?* Mostly, Community Connections relies on fee-based funding, but smaller amounts of funding such as this are vital. Some grant funding is something that is hoped for; grants are sought after and applied for on a continuing basis.
- 4. Please describe concrete ways that your program benefits from Middlesex support:* Funding support from Middlesex goes directly in helping pay for program employees (4 part-time and one full-time coordinator) and for program healthy snacks and activity supplies.
- 5. In what ways are Middlesex residents actively involved in your organization (e.g. as volunteers, board members or employees).* Currently, we have a Middlesex Resident who is working as a part-time employee. Local volunteers are often a part of the CC activity schedule and programs. The construction of a school garden shed/schicken coop is a good example of the community coming together to donate materials, time and \$ to a specific project.

Thank you!

### **Contact:**

Chris Malone  
Site Coordinator for Rumney Elementary  
Community Connections  
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Middlesex, VT 05602  
(802)223-5429 x 1108  
Email: [cmalone@u32.org](mailto:cmalone@u32.org)  
Website: [www.communityconnections.us](http://www.communityconnections.us)

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

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**ARTICLE 13: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING**

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Girls'Boyz First provides opportunities to strengthen the central Vermont community by building and supporting relationships between youth (and their families) and adult mentors, mentor pairs and the larger central Vermont community. We provide our mentees with high-quality, long-term mentoring relationships that inspire support and enable them to realize their full potential and prepare for successful futures as productive, responsible caring individuals.

For 21 years, Girls/Boyz First mentors have modeled and reinforced the importance and value of education, developed problem solving and goal setting skills with their mentees and have guided them toward making positive life choices. GBF mentees are between 8 and 18 years old and desire to have an extra adult in their life to spend time with. Mentors spend a minimum of 2 hours a week participating in activities with their mentees. Since 1998, over 150 adult community mentors have worked with more than 200 children. In Vermont, where teen suicide is higher than the national average, mentoring is prevention at its best.

Girls/Boyz First's annual budget is \$56,285. In 2017-18 Girls/Boyz First served 10 Middlesex youth. Middlesex's \$1,500 contribution will go towards general operating expenses.

**Contact:**

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring  
Contact: Wendy Freundlich,  
802-224-6500,  
73 Main St, #33 Montpelier, VT 05602  
[wendy.freedom51@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.freedom51@gmail.com)

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

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## **ARTICLE 14: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY**

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One of the busiest public libraries in Vermont, the Kellogg-Hubbard is an independent nonprofit organization that serves Middlesex and five other communities. Five hundred twenty-one (521) Middlesex residents have active library cards, and last year they borrowed over 14,000 items, plus e-books, which are not tracked by community.

In addition to very actively using their library cards to borrow books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and e-books, many Middlesex residents attend the numerous programs offered by the library. Last year the library offered 502 programs, with attendance totaling 9,990. We offer dozens of services, including public computers, wi-fi, help on how to download e-books, Outreach services to daycares, occasional story times in our towns, and several free book exchanges, including one at Red Hen Bakery. We offer free museum and park passes to Fairbanks Museum, Billings Farm & Museum, Vermont Institute of Natural Resources, Vermont State Parks, Vermont Historic Sites, Shelburne Farms and Vermont History Museum, as well as reduced price passes to ECHO Aquarium and Shelburne Museum.

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

Although the amounts vary slightly each year, we generally receive 50% of our income from the member communities (Middlesex, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Worcester and Montpelier—which pays a higher rate); 25% from earnings on our endowment; 20% from fundraising and donations; and 5% from miscellaneous income.

The library budget is \$913,926 and we are asking Middlesex for \$29,801. This is \$17 per capita and is the same amount the library asked for and voters approved last year. Our request is much less than the statewide average of taxpayer support for libraries, which is over \$30.00 per capita.

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

### **Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$29,801**

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## **ARTICLE 15: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

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The Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) is a 52-year-old organization located at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. Everyone 50+ is welcome to MSAC, your home for healthy aging and lifelong learning. Vibrant, diverse programming promotes lifelong learning, healthy aging, socialization, enhanced nutrition, and access to aging resources.

Our core program is our diverse set of nearly 75 weekly classes, including movement classes, humanities classes, and arts classes that encourage mental and physical well-being. Classes are very affordable, many activities are free, and financial aid is available to all. This year, we have yoga and pilates programs on Monday at the Middlesex Town Hall to better serve Middlesex residents.

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

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

In the past year, at least 76 residents from Middlesex participated in our programs – similar to last year – so we are requesting the same amount of to \$5,500. As a supporting town, Middlesex members have reduced annual dues and can register for classes at the start of registration.

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

### **Contacts:**

Janna Clar, Director  
Montpelier Senior Activity Center  
58 Barre Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602  
(802) 223-2518  
Email: [jclar@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:jclar@montpelier-vt.org)  
Website: [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac)

**Funding request: \$5,500**

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**ARTICLE 16: WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER**

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In 2018, the Waterbury Area Senior Center served 12 different clients Meals on Wheels in Middlesex. The Center delivered over 3,600 meals to recipients in Middlesex. This year we are again asking for \$10,000 from Middlesex for support of our Meals on Wheels program. This money will cover the cost of delivering Meals to 4 residents of Middlesex for a year. We currently deliver 5 days a week driving more than 45 miles each day. Our drivers are volunteers and get reimbursed at \$.58 per mile or \$6,786 for Middlesex a year.

Meals on Wheels not only provides a nutritious meal, but also a friendly visit, and a safety check that helps keep seniors living independently in their homes, this helps save billions of tax dollars in avoided hospital, health care and nursing home costs. The Waterbury Area Senior Center is free and open to all. We do not charge a membership fee. We do ask for a \$4.50 donation for meals if you are 60 and older, but we cannot charge due to the receiving Title III of the Older Americans Act. Currently, the average cost to cover all our costs for each meal delivered is \$10.80. Last year, Middlesex clients donated about \$1.40 per meal.

Annual Budget \$252,000 FY19

\$65,000 in Title III Federal Reimbursement for 21,000 meals for FY 2019

**Contacts:**

Phil Walbridge, Board Chair  
Waterbury Area Senior Center  
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Waterbury, Vermont 05676  
(802) 244-1234  
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Website: [www.wasca.org](http://www.wasca.org)

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

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**ARTICLE 17: FUNDING REQUESTS \$250 AND UNDER**

To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,771 to support the following organizations:

Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$250.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$250.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$250.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$249.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
Mother Up!	\$250.00
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$250.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$249.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$199.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Washington County	\$175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,771.00</b>

Descriptions of these organizations and their services follow on pages 71 - 91.

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## ARTICLE 18: CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION

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In 1998 the first draft of the comprehensive energy plan was written outlining the ways in which Vermont could reduce its energy use and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. This plan was updated in 2011 and then again in 2016. The current plan calls for 90% renewable energy by 2050. However, Vermont is off target from meeting this goal and in fact, statewide emissions have gone up 16% since 2016 rather than down. There are a lot of solutions on the market that if implemented could help Vermont transition into a sustainable economy, create green jobs and reduce emissions. Unfortunately, these solutions are not being promoted enough by the state leadership. 350VT decided to pursue a Town Meeting day resolution for this reason.

In addition, the purpose of this resolution is a tool to get people in their communities talking about climate change and the solutions that can be implemented to help reduce carbon emissions and move towns off of fossil fuels in a fair and equitable way, so that solutions are accessible to everyone.

The passage of the resolution will send a message to state leaders that Vermont residents are in support of the goals laid out in the Comprehensive Energy Plan, halting any new fossil fuels infrastructure, and moving Vermont towards 100% renewable energy by 2030. Though a piece of this resolution is about putting pressure on legislators to figure out how to address this enormous and scary problem, it is also about figuring out what we can do at the local level - at the town level - to conserve energy and reduce emissions. This can look like adding solar to school buildings, weatherizing Town buildings or starting a local fund to help low-income residents weatherize their homes. The hope is that we can transition toward renewable energy in a fair and equitable way, so that noone is left behind. 38 other towns in Vermont have already signed a resolution!

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Mother Up!: Families Rise Up For Climate Action  
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Burlington, VT 05401

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[www.350vermont.org](http://www.350vermont.org)

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## CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

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Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has served the education and literacy needs of Middlesex adults (ages 16 through senior citizens) for over 50 years.

CVABE's free instructional services include: basic reading, writing, math and computer literacy; high school diploma and GED preparation and credentialing; career and college readiness; and English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship.

On average, 6 Middlesex residents benefit annually from CVABE's free programs, and last year 5 Middlesex residents enrolled. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: securing a job, earning a high school credential, budgeting and paying bills, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, etc.

Based on the average of 6 Middlesex residents served annually, CVABE's projected budget for serving Middlesex residents during our 2019 fiscal year is \$18,330. Your vital town support helps pay for student instruction, educational books and supplies, training of community volunteers who help teach students, and outreach to Middlesex residents who require our education services.

CVABE's six learning centers include centers in downtown Montpelier and downtown Waterbury. We also offer instruction at libraries, workplaces, and other assessable locations. For more information, contact CVABE's administrative offices at Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, 46 Washington Street, Suite 100, Barre, VT 05641, or call 802-476-4588, email us at [info@cvabe.org](mailto:info@cvabe.org), or visit [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org).

### Contact:

Brian Kravitz  
CVABE Development and Outreach Coordinator  
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.  
46 Washington St., Suite 100  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
(802) 476-4588  
Website: [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)  
Email: [bkravitz@cvabe.org](mailto:bkravitz@cvabe.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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## CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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Central Vermont Council on Aging is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to Central Vermont Council on Aging, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from the town of Middlesex helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in the town of Middlesex. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to the seniors in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Middlesex for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

**Contact:**

Zoe Macdonald  
Development Operations Assistant  
Central Vermont Council on Aging  
59 N. Main Street, Suite 200  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
zmacdonald@cvcoa.org  
Senior Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

**Funding request: \$250**

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## THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

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The Children's Room deeply appreciates the annual support from the Town of Middlesex, and looks forward to the continued support in 2019 in the amount of \$250.

We are a 35-year-old, non-profit, volunteer-run, organization, serving families and caregivers with children ages birth to six. Our drop-in center is a support facility and hub of area parenting and care-giving resources, programming, and educational opportunities.

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

Our sign-in sheets indicate we served over 300 families last year, consisting of roughly 2,600 child visits and 1,500 adult visits. These visits include nine Middlesex families that utilized our services during the year, on numerous occasions.

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

**Contact:**

Naomi Alfini, Executive Director  
47 Stowe Street, Waterbury, VT 05676  
802-244-5605  
childrensroom@wwsu.org

**Funding request: \$250**

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## CIRCLE

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

During the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) Circle provided the following services to Middlesex residents. (Due to confidential reasons, details are non-specific.):

- Advocates responded to 12 hotline calls and in-person meetings with people who identified themselves as Middlesex residents.
- 3 Middlesex residents received support with housing issues.
- 2 received help with civil legal issues.
- Advocates helped 1 Middlesex resident file a temporary protection order.
- 2 individuals residing in Middlesex received support during their hearings for final protection orders.

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 5,781 hotline calls, an average of 481 calls per month. Shelter services were provided to 12 women and 9 children for a total of 2,8693 bed nights.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 138 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 139 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 1,900 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

### Contact:

Karol Diamond

Circle

P.O. Box 652

Barre, VT 05641

Administrative office: (802) 476-6010

Email: [staff@circlevt.org](mailto:staff@circlevt.org)

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

**Funding request: \$199**

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## COMMUNITY HARVEST OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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Community Harvest of Central Vermont (CHCV) is a volunteer-driven program bringing our community together through gleaning. We recover surplus food produced on Central Vermont farms that would otherwise be wasted. We redistribute this recovered food to those in our community who have limited access to healthy, fresh local food. The produce recovered comes from 40 local farms and is donated to 20 recipient sites feeding 9,000 individuals throughout Central Vermont.

Recipients include area food shelves, senior meal programs, and other programs as well as the Vermont Foodbank – all serving low-income Vermonters. During 2018, thanks to the generosity of local farmers and volunteers, CHCV donated 148,000 serving of healthy fresh food to Vermonters in need.

In addition, we provide a diverse group of community volunteers the opportunity to help their neighbors in need and gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system. CHCV promotes community connections and involvement with farms by bringing people into farm fields to work together and learn how fresh food is grown in their community. Over 275 Central Vermont residents of all ages volunteered in 2018. Based in Berlin, CHCV was founded in 2014 and since then has donated 171,000 pounds or 515,400 serving of nutritious food to those that need it most. CHCV's 2019 budget is \$37,745. Town funds would support staff necessary to coordinate harvest, processing, and delivery of produce. For more information or to become involved: [www.communityharvestvt.org](http://www.communityharvestvt.org) or 802-229-4281 or [CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com).

**Contact:**

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CHCV Executive Director  
Community Harvest of Central Vermont  
146 Lord Road  
Berlin, VT 05602  
(802) 229-4281  
[CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com)

**Funding request:** \$250

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## FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Among the 34 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 were:

- 1 family who consulted the center's child care and resource referral services
- 5 families who received assistance paying for child care
- 2 children and a caregiver who participated in the center's playgroups which are free, open to all families with children ages birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements
- 3 individuals who received food and household items from the Food Pantry to help supplement their families' nutritional and basic needs
- 13 individuals served by the center's specialized Home Visiting services
- 8 children and parents who attended the Center's Community Events
- 2 individuals who received Reach Up Job Development skills

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

**Contact:**

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Family Center of Washington County  
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Montpelier, Vermont 05602  
(802) 262-3292, ext 129  
Website: [www.fcwcvt.org](http://www.fcwcvt.org)  
Email: [joannj@fcwcvt.org](mailto:joannj@fcwcvt.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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## GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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We are a small local nonprofit with an annual budget of \$104,721. Our mission is to bring community to families with new babies. We do this through our in-home and community-based programs that are available at no charge to any local family with a new baby. Our largest program, the Postpartum Angel Family Support Program, matches families with a trained volunteer for up to 12 weeks of in-home postpartum support and respite. Our volunteers also provide in-arms cuddling to newborns boarding at CVHC for health reasons. Our Birthing Year workshop series covers a range of early parenting topics, and our Nest parent drop-in space hosts formal and informal gatherings for parents with infants and toddlers, in a welcoming and developmentally-appropriate space. Families are also eligible for assistance through our Emergency Fund and Free Carrier Programs.

Six Middlesex families accessed our services during the most recent fiscal year. One family received 16 hours of in-home support from a Good Beginnings volunteer. The other families attended events at our Nest parent drop-in space and/or participated in our free early parenting workshops.

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

**Contact:**

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont  
174 River Street, Montpelier, VT 05602  
info@goodbeginningscentralvt.org  
www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org  
802.595.7953

**Funding request: \$250**

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## GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY (GMTA)

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

**In FY18, GMT provided ongoing individual special transportation services to Middlesex residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled transportation totaling 1,664 trips.**

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

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a request of level funding for FY20 from the Town of Middlesex. **We respectfully request \$249 for FY20 to be placed before the Middlesex voters for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMT's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMT serves.

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

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in continuing this mutually beneficial partnership. Please contact Chris Loyer, Public Affairs Coordinator with questions at 802.540.2451 or [cloyer@RideGMT.com](mailto:cloyer@RideGMT.com)

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GMTA  
Green Mountain Transit  
15 Industrial Parkway  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 540-2451  
EMAIL: [cloyer@RideGMT.com](mailto:cloyer@RideGMT.com)

**Funding request: \$249**

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## GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for Green Up Day. Green Up Day celebrated 48 years in 2018. The success of Green Up depends upon two essential ingredients: the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and the financial support from the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. Green Up Vermont is not a state agency; 75% of its budget comes from corporate and individual donations.

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

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

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 4, 2019, the first Saturday in May.

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$100**

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## HOME SHARE NOW

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Home Share Now works in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties plus nine adjacent towns through offices in Barre and Morrisville to develop successful home shares, an affordable housing option with positive community and environmental impacts. Last year we served 712 individuals, supporting 110 of them in home sharing matches. In Middlesex we've served 5 people. This number does not include people living outside of Middlesex who would have considered a home share there. We are the only organization offering this service in central Vermont.

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

Home Share Now must raise \$250/person to enroll a household. Home Share Now facilitates exchange of services (transportation, meal preparation, pet care, companionship) for housing at a reduced cost. While the majority of Home Share Now's participants are seniors and/or financially insecure, we have no qualifiers; therefore, every person in Middlesex has the ability to use our services to age safely at home, to save money, to maintain independence, to shorten a commute, to share meals, or to lessen their home energy needs.

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

**Contact:**

Tom Decker, Executive Director

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802-479-8549

Home Share Now

105 North Main Street Suite 103; Barre, Vermont 05641

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

**Funding request: \$250**

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## MONTPELIER VETERANS COUNCIL

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Each Memorial Day for 35 years, the Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council has placed over 2,500 American flags and markers on veterans' graves in over 26 local cemeteries, including two in Middlesex. The cost of these flags and markers has been covered by personal contributions and funds from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 792, American Legion Post #3 in Montpelier, the Montpelier Elk #924 and local communities.

Because of rising costs, we ask for assistance with this annual memorial honoring our families and friends who served their country. Unpaid volunteers place these flags and markers and consider their privilege. Will you please support our effort with a donation today?

**Contact:**

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Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 792  
21 Main Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802) 229-9043

**Funding request: \$250**

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## MOTHER UP!

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Climate change is a clear and ongoing threat to communities worldwide; however younger generations will face greater dangers and uncertainties as the impacts of climate change unfold and worsen over time. Parents in Vermont understand the grave threats to their children. In the winter of 2016, we asked parents what worried them, and they responded with ecological collapse, environmental toxins, economic disparity and limited opportunities for their children, safety, health and well-being (including mental health), racism, islamophobia, and the state of our political climate. From our parent survey, we understood their needs to be connected to other parents with a shared reality, help and support in parenting and activism, and empowered participation.

Mother Up!: Families Rise Up for Climate Action is a program that gives all parents the ability to transform concern for their children's health and future into community connections and collective action.

Mother Up! is an inclusive and welcoming program for all interested families, no matter their configuration, socioeconomic background, race, or sexual orientation. We remove barriers to families' involvement in the climate movement, by offering childcare and a free meal during our monthly gatherings, so that parents can be in community with other adults, share concerns and take action together, while children are cared for and stay connected to nature's gifts through crafts, stories, and play. Mother Up! is a program of 350Vermont (350VT) that was initiated in 2015.

Our Mother Up! group in Central Vermont currently serves families from the towns of Middlesex, East Montpelier, and Montpelier, and does climate action that benefits all these communities. We meet every third Friday of each month at NBNC in Montpelier, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Open and free to families.

Mother Up! is asking for a \$250 donation from the town of Middlesex to help us continue offering a free meal and childcare once a month to families who wish to participate in local and statewide climate action to protect people and the planet. The donation would be directed towards our food and childcare expenses

Contact:

Geraldine Vatan  
Mother Up! organizer  
110 Portal Road  
Middlesex, VT 05602  
tel:802-505-6391

**Funding request: \$250**

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## OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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

In 2017, OUR House handled 134 cases of physical or sexual abuse in Washington County. Of those, 83 cases involved children under age 18. Out of those cases, 75 were sexual abuse, 8 were severe physical abuse resulting in long-term injuries and 42 were at risk of harm or neglect or witnesses to violence.

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

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$250**

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## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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People's Health & Wellness Clinic has been providing primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents since 1994. High quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services are provided at no cost to our patients. We also continue to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance program.

In Calendar Year 2018, People's Health & Wellness Clinic served 484 unduplicated individuals, who came for 1,190 clinical visits, requiring 2,374 patient interactions. 180 of these patients were new to the clinic. We had 818 medical visits and 671 medical consults. 149 individuals came for 212 dental hygiene visits and 62 referrals to dentists for more advanced treatment. We provided 179 pharmaceutical samples, immunizations, and vouchers, and wrote hundreds more prescriptions. Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and financial assistance programs, such as Vermont Health Connect, Medicaid, Ladies First, and hospital patient financial assistance programs. 105 patients were assisted with enrollment in these programs.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2018, over 60 volunteers gave over \$95,000 worth of their time serving our patients. Over \$69,000 worth of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and other services were donated for our patients.

***3 separate Middlesex residents sought our services in 2018, 2 of whom were new to the clinic. They required 8 separate patient interactions. They came for 1 medical visit and 8 dental visits. Middlesex patients had 2 case management interactions and 1 patient received assistance enrolling in health insurance.***

As a federally-deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of Middlesex for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the central Vermont community. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229 or [rebecca@phwcvt.org](mailto:rebecca@phwcvt.org).

**Contact:**

Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein, MPH  
Executive Director  
People's Health & Wellness Clinic  
553 North Main Street  
Barre, VT 05641  
Phone: 802-479-1229  
Fax: 802-479-5444  
[phwcvt.org](http://phwcvt.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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## SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

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The Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County (SACT) is requesting to be placed on the Town of Middlesex ballot for the 2019 Town Meeting with a funding request of \$250.00.

The purpose of SACT is to provide advocacy and support for people of all genders who have experienced sexual harm, and to educate for a community free of sexual violence. With an annual budget of approximately \$300,000.00, SACT supports the residents of Washington County, VT with a 24-hour hotline, an emergency shelter, in-person accompaniment to Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations, medical and legal advocacy, and much more.

Enclosed is a copy of the SACT 2017-2018 Annual Report to Municipalities. SACT is currently unable to provide a community specific breakdown of requests for services; identification of residency is not a requirement to receive services and service users receive a high level of confidentiality and anonymity. Municipal funding supports general operations.

**Contact:**

Anne Ward, MEd Executive director  
sactwc@aol.com 802-476-1388.  
The Sexual Assault Crisis Team  
4 Cottage Street  
Barre, Vermont 05641

24-Hour Hotline: (802) 479-5577

**Funding request: \$250**

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## T.W. WOOD GALLERY

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

The Gallery started in 1896 and is a small nonprofit organization. We are unique in being a historical Museum with a large permanent art collection that also exhibits contemporary Vermont artwork. We regularly exhibit Middlesex artists work. *There is no admission fee to the Gallery to avoid any financial barriers of visitors to view the art.* We raise funds from memberships, donations, art sales & camps, grants, town support etc.

Education is a primary goal for the Gallery for both the local community members and out of town visitors alike. This takes the form of offering many different free events including changing art exhibits with opportunities to meet local artists, tours to school groups, seniors etc. lectures, Art Talks, film showings, poetry readings, book signings, opening art receptions and more.

The Gallery runs a popular fee based summer art camp and vacation art camp programs for children from 7-13, an afterschool arts program for children and art classes for teens and adults. These fee based programs generate income to help support Gallery programs. *The Gallery is requesting \$250 to support our free art exhibits and educational programs for Middlesex residents.* The \$250 support costs for 100 residents to visit the Gallery and participate in free events. If the Gallery charged a \$5.00 fee the cost for 100 residents would be \$500. We are requesting half of that. Our annual budget is \$166,816.

Over 90 Middlesex residents/families are on our mailing list. Two Gallery Board members are Middlesex residents, Cindy Griffith and Theo Kennedy. All Board members volunteer many hours at the Gallery. We benefit from additional volunteers that fill vital roles. The Gallery offers scholarships and a Middlesex family has benefited in the past.

Thank you for your past support,

**Contact:**

Ginny Callan  
T. W. Wood Gallery  
46 Barre Street Montpelier, VT 05602  
Phone: 802-262-6035  
gcallan@twwoodgallery.org  
twwoodgallery.org

**Funding request: \$250**

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**VT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

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The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), a non-profit organization founded in 1926, we are the *only* private non-profit organization in the state to provide comprehensive support services to all Vermont residents with a visual impairment. VABVI provided these services to 1,770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 104 adults and 13 students in Washington County.

Each year we serve over 1,500 clients from birth through end of life. Our mission is to enable Vermonters whether blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, to cultivate adaptive skills and to improve their quality of life. VABVI empowers our adult clients to make the living and care choices that work best for them individually including the option to continue living independently. For every dollar we spend 91 cents goes directly to our client services.

The number of adult clients we serve has increased by 65% in the last 12 years. In fiscal year 2018, we served over 1,300 adults. There are an estimated 13,000 Vermonters who are currently blind or visually impaired. As the “Baby Boomer” generation ages this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We estimate that by 2020 we will be serving a minimum of 1,550 adult clients. People are living longer and longer so the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future.

**Contact:**

Katie Shappy  
Development Officer  
VABVI  
60 Kimball Avenue  
So. Burlington, VT 05403  
kshappy@vabvi.org

**Funding request: \$249**

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## VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

For fiscal year 2018(October 2017 to September 2018), VCIL responded to over 3,700 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 315 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 149 households with information on technical assistance and 532 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

**Contacts:**

Sarah Launderville, Executive Director  
VT Center for Independent Living  
11 E. State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(800) 229-0501  
Email: [slaunderville@vcil.org](mailto:slaunderville@vcil.org)  
Website: [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

**Funding request: \$199**

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## VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

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On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources.

Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **20+ years** of the program, nearly **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.5 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. **In 2019, we will accept application for “drafting site” facilities.**

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2018 was \$211,600, of which \$111,864 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature.

### **Contacts:**

Tom Maclay, Chair Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265  
14 Crab Apple Ridge  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 828-4582  
Website: [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org)  
Email: [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

**Funding request: \$100**

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

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This is a request on behalf of the Washington County Diversion Program, for Middlesex to support our work with a stipend of \$250.00. These funds will help us provide our programs and services to the all the citizens of Washington County, including Middlesex residents.

The Washington County Diversion Program (WCDP) is a voluntary, confidential restorative justice program that provides an opportunity for participants (individuals charged with a crime or delinquency) to make amends and avoid a criminal record. Cases are referred by the State's Attorney to Diversion on an individual basis. Diversion follows a balanced and restorative justice model by putting right the wrongs that have been done and addressing the needs of all stakeholders, including the victim, the community and the offender. Participation is voluntary; but requires individuals to accept responsibility for their unlawful action(s).

Our philosophy is that ordinary citizens who volunteer their time and energy are more effective in addressing those who have committed crimes than our court system can be, especially for low-level offenders charged with an illegal act.

WCDP runs five separate programs: Court Diversion, Pretrial Services, the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Program, and the Driving with License Suspended Program.

Due to a heavy caseload, the financial and volunteer support of our local communities is critical to our success. Thank you for providing the support of our work that you have in the past, and for taking the time to consider this request.

We would welcome any Middlesex residents who'd like to join our volunteer ranks! Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering on our Community Restorative Panel.

**Contact:**

Catherine Kalkstein  
Washington County Diversion Program, Inc.  
322 North Main Street, Suite 5  
Barre, VT 05641  
(802) 479-1922  
Website: [www.wcdp-vt.org](http://www.wcdp-vt.org)  
Email: [Catherine@wcdp-vt.org](mailto:Catherine@wcdp-vt.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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## YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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The Bureau's mission is "To provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont." We accomplish this through a variety of services including: youth & family counseling; emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; support for pregnant/parenting teens; adolescent substance abuse treatment; a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; a teen center; support for youth involved in foster care; and a 24 hour on-call service. Last year, **16 Middlesex** residents were served by the Bureau through one or more of the services identified above.

The Bureau has been providing services to Middlesex residents for 45 years. This year's funding request represents a cost of approximately \$11/person served. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most services provided to Middlesex residents have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. For example, one night of emergency shelter if needed is \$30; and round-trip transportation for services provided from our main office directly in Middlesex are approximately \$16/trip. The Bureau's annual operating budget is approximately \$2,300,000. Middlesex funds will be applied to general support for services delivered to Middlesex residents.

**Contact:**

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

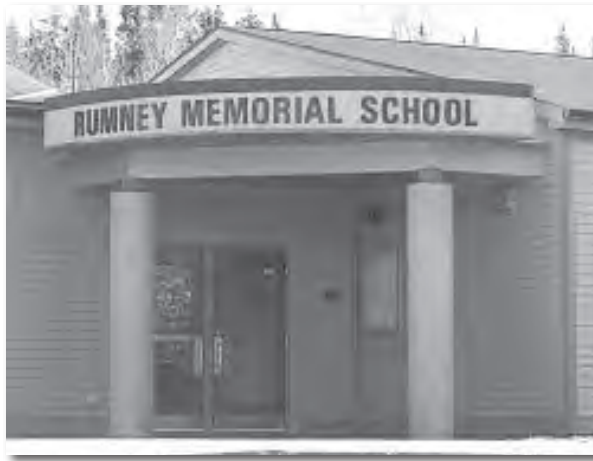
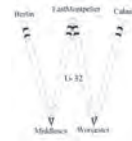
**Funding request: \$175**

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**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL  
SUPERVISORY UNION**

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**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

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

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**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019 WARNING**

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**MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING**


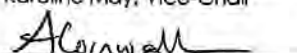

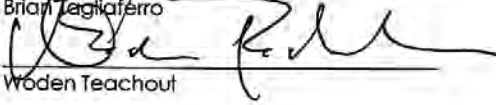
The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 7 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

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

One (1) School Director  
One (1) School Director  
One (1) U-32 Director

Two (2) Year Term  
Three (3) Year Term  
Three (3) Year Term

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

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher McVeigh, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Karoline May, Vice-Chair  
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Alison Cornwall, Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Tagliaterra  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Woden Teachout

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT: MARCH 5, 2019

MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 5, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

ARTICLE 1.

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, for a Two (2) Year Term. Vote for not more than ONE.

KATY CHABOT .....☐

Write-in: .....☐

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, for a Three (3) Year Term. Vote for not more than ONE.

MARYLYNNE STRACHAN .....☐

Write-in: .....☐

For U-32 DIRECTOR, for a Three (3) Year Term. Vote for not more than ONE.

ADRIENNE MAGIDA .....☐

CHARLES MERRIMAN .....☐

Write-in: .....☐



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## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Middlesex Community,

It continues to be a privilege to serve the Middlesex community and in particular, it's children. Rumney has had many positive community building enriching events this year from the unveiling of a new playground to student-town elder videos which enlivened the "What's Next Middlesex" weekend. Parents gathered together in groups over the summer to help revamp our school communications giving us the new "Rumney Rocks" newsletter. I appreciate so much the parents and townspeople that have joined in all of these efforts. This is a great community!

Across academic areas we have been focusing on increasing student voice and choice within their learning, in particular within Reader's Workshop and Math Menu. The three strategic objectives of Clear Learning Targets, Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System, and High Quality Instruction and Interventions, as part of the WCSU Implementation Plan, continue to be at the forefront of our work at WCSU. Teacher Professional Development time has focused on scoring and reporting student work through our new parent portal in IC, piloting a variety of math programs, and introducing Math Menu in many of our classrooms. In addition, we have set student achievement goals in both math and literacy for the first time this year; highlighting our need for continuous improvement in these areas. Teachers have had opportunities to participate in SU work together in the areas of allied arts, data collection and analysis, math and literacy instruction, and trauma transformed practices. Teachers have embraced this new learning as they have visited other schools Reader's Workshops, taken on additional training, and explored and utilized new resources in literacy and math.

In addition to academics, our team has been working on strengthening our social and emotional learning supports and services. Students have opportunities within the regular classroom to explore mindfulness practices, brain-based learning strategies, and develop their capacities to solve problems through restorative practices. In fact, according to our climate survey, 94.2% of staff feel the school provides an atmosphere where every student can succeed. 82.3% of parents agree that their child is safe going and coming from school, and 100% of staff felt they were effective working with heterogeneously grouped classes. We continue to see improvements overall in bus behavior as well as a decrease in severe student behavior incidents.

This gives us a lot to celebrate! This year we have also been working to involve more student voice K-6 in our monthly All School Meetings. Each grade level and our incredible allied arts programs have shared during our "Celebrations of Learning" where families can come in and see the wonderful learning experiences students are enjoying. It is great so many students are sharing the mic and building the communication skills that will help them throughout their lives. As a part of this celebration we also draw 8 student names to come for a Cocoa Talk with the principal and share their perspectives on how things are going and what we could improve together. Students have great perspectives and it is amazing to see a group of K-6 students share in the leadership of their school.

Rumney and Middlesex have much to celebrate this year in the steps forward we are taking as a community. I look forward to seeing what great innovation comes out of the bright minds and big hearts in this learning community!

Warmly, Aimee Toth

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## RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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This past year has been momentous in many ways. The Rumney Board participated in the Act 46 process. We worked with the other WCSU Boards to collectively submit an alternative governance proposal under Act 46 for the State Board's consideration. The State Board summarily rejected that alternative governance policy model and instead issued an order forcing the merger of the Rumney Board with the other four Boards of the Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) to create a new entity entitled the Washington Central Unified School District. The State Board issued its final order on November 30, 2018.

At its October 24, 2018 Board meeting a majority of the Rumney Board voted to join the legal challenge to any State Board forced merger order. Many, many towns subjected to forced merger have joined the litigation opposing forced merger. A lawsuit was filed in Washington Superior Court on December 21, 2018. As of this January 22, 2019, writing, the plaintiffs have asked the Superior Court to enjoin or stay the State Board's order until a Court has finally determined the legality of the State Board's Order.

As of the date of this report, January 22, 2019, the Superior Court has not scheduled a hearing for argument on the requested injunction.

Nonetheless, the entire staff at Rumney Memorial School continues providing the comprehensive care and environmentally nurturing atmosphere for our students to learn academically and develop socially. Our staff employs all deliberate care to ensure that each of our students, to the extent possible, is provided the environment and structure necessary for her or his best learning and development.

Of course, bumps in the road appear but our experienced, skilled staff from the folks who maintain our facilities, to teaching staff and our administrators, each and every one of whom contribute to the overall success of our school community, meet those challenges with our students' best interests at heart.

As with most years, crafting an annual budget presents the challenge of funding Rumney's

multifaceted obligations in a sustainable manner. This year, the Board has recommended a budget in the amount of \$3,268,467.00 which represents an increase of \$2,184.00 over last year's budget. It also puts us close to the penalty zone. The Board hopes that we will not be in the penalty zone but, if certain factors beyond our control come to fruition, we may be in the penalty zone by approximately \$27,202.00. The penalty zone means that we need to raise an additional \$27,202.00 to fund the \$27,202.00 amount in the penalty zone and pay that amount to the State. Despite this factor, the Board has recommended this budget because in our collective judgment it is a budget which will serve the formative interests of our students' emotional and academic wellbeing.

This year, the Rumney Board is not presenting a budget to the Town for a vote at Town Meeting. Several reasons drive this decision. First, the uncertainties of Act 46 and whether the Superior Court will issue an injunction. Second, the State Board of Education failed to timely provide sufficient information for clear presentation of budget issues to our community. Third, if the Superior Court did not put the merger on hold, then a vote on Town Meeting Day would have become void. In consideration of these contingencies, the Board voted to schedule a School District Meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Thank you for your consideration.

We cannot thank our community enough for its consistent support of the Rumney Memorial School through its collective volunteer efforts and its support of our budgets of the many years that we've been in existence. It is deeply appreciated and we hope and believe that we meet the trusting obligation you bestow upon us.

Respectfully submitted by THE RUMNEY  
SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
*Alison Cornwall (Clerk), Karoline May (Vice  
Chair), Chris McVeigh (Chair) and Brian  
Tagliaferro and Woden Teachout*

## RUMNEY SCHOOL PROJECTED SALARIES

### Rumney Memorial School District

#### Salary Projection

As of October 25, 2018

	<b>Projected Salaries</b>
Babcock Christine	\$54,089
Bador Sabrina	\$27,011
Barracks Alissa	\$39,129
Bean Barrett Honi	\$14,278
Breidenstein Joanne	\$26,991
Bristol Julie-Marie	\$22,827
Campbell Jennifer	\$51,325
Caswell Lauren	\$46,696
Comtess Peter	\$14,697
Costello Diana	\$70,633
Danyew Christa	\$27,350
Davis April	\$17,559
Diddlemeyer Daniel	\$55,020
Donovan Jennifer	\$33,354
Emmons Linda	\$70,633
Grossi Sharon	\$40,025
Hedler Chip	\$66,708
Israel Martha	\$54,766
Joslyn Tamara	\$26,350
Kobb Jessica	\$70,633
Lanpher Alaria	\$28,707
Leach Rosemary	\$21,265
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$30,577
Mahony Alyson	\$33,896
Malone Christopher	\$35,205
Morgan Caitlin	\$50,552
Murray Deanna	\$43,903
Pelkey Matthew	\$66,708
Picard Nathan	\$41,071
Robitaille Heather	\$69,003
Sheldon Megan	\$33,425
Thompson Connor	\$17,246
Toth Aimee	\$87,975
Weiss Benjamin	\$68,642
White Tamara	\$22,379
Woodard Reney	\$8,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,489,222</b>

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

## U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 WARNING

### U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 2 as outlined below.

**Polling Places and Times:**

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

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

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

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

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

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 128/131 at 6:00 PM on March 4, 2019 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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

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

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

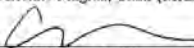
**ARTICLE 3.** To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

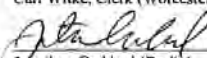
Clerk	\$500.00
Directors	\$850.00 each
Chair	\$875.00
Treasurer	\$1,500.00

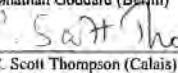
  
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**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

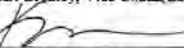
  
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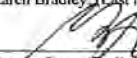
  
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Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)

  
C. Scott Thompson (Calais)

  
Karl Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)

  
Karen Bradley (East Montpelier)

  
George Gross (Berlin)

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 BALLOT

Union High School District No. 32

OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 5, 2019

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

ARTICLE 1

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

Mary Ormsby.....☐  
Write-in.....☐

ARTICLE 2

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

Mary Ormsby.....☐  
Write-in.....☐

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of the Union  
School District officers as follows:

Clerk: \$500.00  
Directors: \$650.00 each  
Chair: \$875.00  
Treasurer: \$1,500.00

YES ☐ NO ☐

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## U-32 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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Over the last year, the U-32 School Board has worked hard to help our school meet our mission to “nurture and inspire in all students the passion, creativity and power to contribute to their local and global communities”. At the same time, we have focused on big changes mandated by the State Board of Education through Act 46. At the end of November, the State Board ruled that the six Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) school boards must merge into one board by July 2019. While there is a lawsuit pending, at present WCSU is operating under the assumption we will comply with the State Board’s ruling. As part of this process, a new school board will be elected this spring; it will need to quickly review recommended budgets from the transitional board (comprised of two members from each local board) before proposing a single school budget to the voters of our five towns.

To that end, the U-32 School Board and administration prepared the U-32 portion of that budget in a manner very similar to past years. Our recommendation for the U-32 portion increases expenses by just under 3%, including increases to employee salary and benefits per our teacher contracts, our WCSU assessment which covers special education and transportation expenses, increased tuition for U-32 students taking classes at the Central Vermont Career Center in Barre, and our food service program. With our recommended budget, there would be a reduction of an estimated six positions in non-licensed teaching personnel. More information about the final budget proposal and tax implications will be available once the new board issues a warning this spring.

It has been an exciting year at U-32. Teachers are focused on proficiency-based learning, and all the assessments and grading that come with this transition. The State mandated that beginning next year, students graduate based on proficiencies instead of traditional Carnegie units. In other words, we will focus on each student’s skills and abilities and not on the number of classes they have taken. This transition has been challenging for teachers, administrators and students. The Board has set goals that support this transition and has asked the administration to report on the progress students are making toward the learning outcomes adopted a few years ago. As more data is collected about student learning, these reports to the Board have become more comprehensive and informative.

The U-32 Board has members from each of our five towns. We work closely together to ensure all students receive a high-quality education no matter what town they live in. We trust that our Supervisory Union will continue to work together for the good of all students and that the voices from all the different towns will be heard and respected. As always, it has been a pleasure representing Middlesex on the U-32 Board. I thank you for your continued support of our schools as we move forward together.

Adrienne Magida

## U-32 PROJECTED SALARIES

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

Abair Jill	\$53,526	French Adam	\$75,616	Papineau Amy	\$28,488
Abbiati Judy	\$68,642	Gadapee Bonnie	\$66,708	Pate Stephen	\$118,518
Albee Brian	\$57,494	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$45,995	Placey Rhenee	\$29,290
Allison Megan	\$59,819	Garand Laura	\$25,184	Powelson David	\$53,412
Arsenault Peter	\$59,755	George Christiana	\$23,750	Rackliff Matthew	\$27,170
Bazis David	\$66,708	Gilman Tina	\$24,280	Randall Nanci	\$30,091
Bennett Eric	\$49,348	Girouard Matthew	\$42,858	Richardson Barbara	\$19,719
Bird Alden	\$61,422	Gonzalez Zachary	\$55,510	Richardson Mindi	\$20,470
Blackburn Christopher	\$70,392	Gora Peter	\$28,374	Rimmer Paula	\$24,698
Blakely Xiomara	\$37,166	Grace Caroline	\$72,383	Roberts Caitlin	\$40,706
Boulanger Chantal	\$37,918	Green Geoffrey	\$42,858	Rosenberg Kara	\$59,883
Bove Mary	\$58,133	Grow Roger	\$53,412	Roy Georgia	\$50,606
Brophy Abigail	\$45,331	Guiffre Catherine	\$66,708	Scarzello Dylan	\$66,264
Brown Mark	\$57,994	Hannigan David	\$60,683	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$63,203
Butts Molly	\$53,526	Healy Brianne	\$52,074	Sheeler Stephen	\$56,615
Buttura Holly	\$39,742	Heintz Benjamin	\$68,881	Slade Jodie	\$22,815
Carpenter Kelly	\$22,882	Hilferty John	\$66,708	St. Peter Hollis	\$60,487
Chaloux Sandra	\$57,494	Hill MaryEllen	\$27,545	Staley Katherine	\$42,858
Chaplin Mark	\$72,383	Hoermann Tammy	\$30,281	Stevens Debra	\$24,211
Chartrand Kristine	\$53,526	Holquist Nicholas	\$66,708	Towne Stephen	\$66,708
Christiana Kendra	\$49,232	Ingersoll Jennifer	\$59,973	Ushakov Steven	\$46,646
Clark-Warner Heather	\$29,326	Jarvis Lucas	\$20,128	VanDeren Lauren	\$46,207
Cook George	\$72,248	Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$66,708	Van Orman Henry III	\$67,432
Cook Vicki	\$26,296	Junkins Drew	\$46,646	Verchereau Suzanne	\$44,788
Cooke Ellen	\$68,642	Keese Cairsten	\$55,020	Volinsky Sarah	\$70,633
Crossett Paula	\$57,494	Keys Margaret	\$66,708	Wade-Keeney Adrian	\$52,018
Crosson-Stewart Mary	\$52,074	Kiefer Julie	\$77,227	Walker Jessica	\$58,133
Cruikshank Donald	\$23,750	Koenigbauer Amy	\$59,755	Walker Katherine	\$44,130
Dalmasse Denise	\$28,253	Lakey John	\$46,249	Weinstein Robert	\$47,168
David Beatrice	\$57,494	Lakey Sam	\$40,236	Wiese Kathy	\$72,383
Davis David	\$58,133	Lang Roderick	\$23,660	Williams Christopher	\$68,642
Davis Elizabeth	\$22,815	LaPlante Lisa	\$98,666	Willis James	\$27,823
Decker Anne	\$69,468	Leiberman Karen	\$30,711	Wilson Carolyn	\$68,642
Deiss William	\$41,414	Lewton Sherry	\$40,331	Wysolmeski Erin	\$49,391
Desch Marguerite	\$70,633	Lovitz Nathan	\$50,714	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,774,330</b>
Devries Aanika	\$74,867	Lucchina Sarah	\$21,085		
Divelbliss Brian	\$76,447	Lynch Brennan	\$45,380		
Duquette Samantha	\$20,311	Magoon Heather	\$32,832		
Dunn Colleen	\$70,633	Marks Elizabeth	\$45,380		
Dunn William	\$45,122	Martin Christiana	\$47,896		
Duprey Jenniffer	\$39,442	Martin Tracy	\$47,418		
Dy Krista	\$64,182	McGinnis Devan	\$34,348		
Emerson Jody	\$92,913	McKellar Kimberly	\$32,977		
Emery Paula	\$53,366	McMahon William	\$37,918		
Falby Meaghan	\$66,708	McNaulty William	\$39,442		
Fair Patricia	\$35,470	Molina Amanda	\$89,860		
Fisher Brian	\$62,131	Monti Amanda	\$23,750		
Fitch Christine	\$49,232	Mooney Erin	\$73,930		
Fitch Lesley	\$55,778	Orellana Riena	\$33,659		
Fournier Dennis	\$52,701	Pagel Heather	\$49,183		

As of October 24, 2018.

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## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

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

As a supervisory union, our mission is:

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

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

### **Governance Changes Due to Act 46**

In June of 2015, Governor Peter Shumlin signed into law Act 46, which required school districts to examine their governance structures to meet five goals of increased equity of educational opportunities, support students in meeting the Education Quality Standards, maximize operational efficiencies, promote transparency and deliver education at a cost the parents, taxpayers and voters can afford. Since the summer of 2015, the boards in Washington Central have been discussing the direction for the supervisory union and how they will comply with Act 46.

During the winter of 2018, the boards elected to submit an alternative governance proposal for the consolidation of our governance system which would keep our six local boards intact. The Vermont State Board of Education reviewed our proposal and ultimately determined, on November 28, 2018, that the six boards in Washington Central will unify into one board. This new entity will be known as the *Washington Central Unified Union School District* (WCUUSD). During December, four of our boards choose to be party to a lawsuit that is appealing this ruling from the Board of Education.

As of the writing of this report, we are currently under the direction of the state board to move forward with a merged governance system that will take effect on July 1, 2019. This governance change will modify our election process for board members and budgets. Our current local school boards are responsible for the operations of our six schools until June 30, 2019; therefore, we need to keep the local boards constituted until December 31, 2019. To keep our local boards operational we will need to elect all open seats at Town Meeting this year (Please see the warning in this town report). Due to the state board's ruling, there will *not* be any budget vote at Town Meeting this year for either a local school budget or a WCUUSD budget.

In the state ruling of November 28, 2018, the Board of Education gave Washington Central default articles of agreement that require the creation of a transitional board.



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## WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

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This transitional board has the responsibility to recommend a proposed budget to the newly merged board and publish how town members may run for the WCUUSD board, which will be made up of two representatives from each town.

### *Timeline*

As of the publishing of this report, our critical dates are listed below. Please note that the district organizational meeting will be held in a Town Meeting style election; the floor will determine if our elections for board members and all other items will be done via an Australian ballot or in a district meeting. Please note that all dates in this report, besides the district meeting date, are being recommended to the boards by the superintendent and only the boards have authority to set these dates.

- February 19, 2019 – District Organizational Meeting
- April 2, 2019 – *Possible* elections for WCUUSD board membership
- May 7, 2019 – *Possible* WCUUSD budget vote

To keep up with the latest developments in the change of governance for our supervisory union, please either check out the Washington Central Act 46 website, contact a Washington Central school board member or e-mail [act46@u32.org](mailto:act46@u32.org).

### **Contents in this School Report**

Due to the state board ruling for the change in governance for Washington Central and postponement of our budget vote, this report will focus on the activities of the schools for this current year and the previous school year. You will see information on the audit of the fiscal year 2018, reports from the school board, principal and superintendent, list of staff and other current information. Once timelines are finalized, we will be providing information regarding the proposed budget and tax impact as we get closer to the budget vote for the fiscal year 2020.

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

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

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

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

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)**

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asked us to ensure that all students are meeting our SLO's.

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

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

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

As mentioned last year, our teachers play an integral role in articulating our expectations for students. In so doing, they ensure that the expectations for students progress coherently from one grade level or grade level cluster to the next. This year we have focused primarily on our reporting practices and our communication in an effort to ensure that both students and families are clear about our expectations for students and get feedback about their current performance and next steps in learning. We also continuously examine our practices in instruction and assessment in service to our students.

**Early Education Programs**

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an essential step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has a pre-kindergarten program that serves three- and four-year-olds from their towns for 10 hours per week. All of the programs have met high STARS quality scores. WCSU currently serves 105 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

Additionally, we are fully implementing Act 166, Vermont's universal pre-kindergarten law. Act 166 is designed to provide access to high-quality pre-kindergarten for all students. Across our five towns, 41 students are enrolled in 16 private, pre-qualified programs.

WCSU continues to provide programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities. We also partner with organizations that support children from birth to three years who have disabilities in order to ensure a smooth transition to our school system. This year we have experienced a significant increase in the number of PreK

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)**

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students eligible for services.

**Special Services**

Kelly Bushey continues as our Director of Special Services, working closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for approximately 260 students (up from 230 last year due in part to an influx of eligible PreK students) with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with state and federal laws. This work includes managing contracted services and oversight of state placed students, as well as out of district placements.

Throughout the current school year, Ms. Bushey has been leading the work related to Trauma Informed Practices across all of our schools. From securing grant funding, leading professional development opportunities, coordinating with outside agency partners in providing professional development, to supporting teams of professionals around specific students, Ms. Bushey has been a champion in this work. The behavior data across our schools is starting to show the change and growth in our capacity to support all students in the general education classroom.

As mentioned in last year's town report, Ms. Bushey has been working with outside agency partners to improve on the ways to provide supports and services to students and families across our system. The alternative program that was in the creation stages last year at this time is now well underway. We are serving a few more students in the program than we had initially planned to in year one. The students in the program have given it the name of Zenith. Students are attending to academics each morning and therapeutic supports in the afternoon. We have been working to transition students from outside placements back to the U-32 campus, as well as meet the needs of students that would have otherwise needed to be placed in an alternative setting. There are also students that are already participating in classes in the U-32 building. The program continues to be a work in progress and Ms. Bushey meets with the staff of the program on a weekly basis - monitoring student progress and providing oversight to the financial aspect of the program.

This is the first year that we have a "POD" contract with Washington County Mental Health. This contract includes eight Behavior Interventionists, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and a Case Manager. This partnership is showing to be incredibly supportive to our schools, students, and families.

As we move into the next school year, Ms. Bushey will be working with the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators and the Vermont Agency of Education to support our transition to the new special education funding law (Act 173). Beginning in FY20, the way in which the state provides funding to school districts for special education services is changing from a reimbursement model to a block grant. This will allow for more flexibility in meeting the needs of all children. Ms. Bushey will be focusing her learning on this throughout the coming months to support the supervisory union in making this change.

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)**

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**Technology**

Keith MacMartin joined the Technology Department as the new Technology Coordinator in October. The Technology Department is focusing on security and improving the efficiency of IT operations, in order to have more time to provide services to students and staff. Our student information system, Infinite Campus (IC), was moved from an on premise installation to a hosted installation, providing additional security and a dedicated support team. Progress has been made on our E-911 compliance, and we are anticipating compliance at all schools by early March. We continue to support our Google environment and the one-to-one Chromebook initiative, providing a device for all students in grades 3 through 12. This integrated environment, along with other software, allows us to serve the needs of student learning through the integration of technology in the classroom.

**Fiscal Services**

Lori Bibeau, the Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$40.4 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office, and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. In developing budgets for FY20, each school board looked carefully at their per-pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs while continuing to meet the needs of our students. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

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

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

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

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

## WCSU PROJECTED SALARIES

### Washington Central Supervisory Union

Salary & Benefit Projection

As of October 26, 2018

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

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

Accles Amy	\$60,642	Marineau Craig	\$62,150
Bates Renee	\$51,364	Mayette Sue Anne	\$70,633
Bibeau Lori	\$121,413	Meachum Michelle	\$ 4,750
Blondin Patricia	\$ 9,594	Melkonian Lauren	\$49,232
Bohn Jamie	\$53,469	Messier Carla	\$50,112
Breer Virginia	\$62,222	Metivier Krista	\$49,945
Brett Michelle	\$50,031	McLeod Sarah	\$58,000
Brigitte Kalat	\$71,005	McGlynn Margrith	\$68,642
Bushey Kelly	\$102,794	McLane Megan	\$56,380
Carter Anne	\$28,253	Miller-Arsenault Jennifer	\$104,794
Carter Robert	\$54,411	Morse Amanda	\$56,824
Caswell Jane	\$35,317	Nathanson Theodore	\$55,020
Credeen Mary	\$33,354	Newberry Holly	\$70,633
Dawkins Margaret	\$70,633	Nicholas-Fleming James	\$70,633
Deiss William	\$41,414	O'Brien Michael	\$59,210
Dentith Susan	\$70,633	Ognibene Susan	\$53,412
Dorsey Ellen	\$49,138	Paris Maria	\$68,642
Easterbrooks Brian	\$37,260	Pauley William	\$58,133
Flynn Brian	\$56,494	Perry Brittany	\$75,435
Gauthier Emily	\$46,645	Paterson Sheila	\$68,642
Gilstad Ashley	\$44,063	Powers Bess	\$68,643
Griggs Janine	\$46,646	Pryce Susan	\$57,494
Hall Sally	\$60,761	Rhodes Sonya	\$34,321
Hernandez Rachel	\$44,054	Richardson Sarah	\$66,850
Hodgson Lisa	\$44,054	Sanville Penny	\$28,988
Holden Kerra	\$84,001	Smart Stephanie	\$55,636
Howe Dana	\$21,670	Taffel Patricia	\$28,253
Johnson Jessica	\$49,180	Toffel-Murray Michele	\$34,321
Kimball William	\$127,036	Vanderlip Elizabeth	\$68,642
Kittredge Matthew	\$49,694	Wilbur Rebecca	\$31,524
Ksepka Michelle	\$60,343	Wolf Sara	\$38,808
MacMartin Keith	\$67,586	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,600,509</b>
Mankoff Joanne	\$70,633		

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## **WCSU REPORT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2018, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$8,452,586. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2018 with a \$594,483 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$304,489 operations, \$0 special education, \$205,985 office equipment and technology, \$78,453 building capital fund and \$5,556 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2019, the supervisory union budgets total \$8,914,555 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2020, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$9,287,455 which consists of \$2,187,241 for operations and \$7,100,214 for special education and transportation services.

William Kimball Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

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

Kelly Bushey

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

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## 2018 DOG REPORT

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Total Number of Dogs Registered 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018: 184

Total Fees Collected: \$1,752

Total Fees to State: \$920

Unfortunately, 27 fewer dogs were licensed this year compared to 2017. That's a shame since licensing your dog is easy, affordable and, also, the law. One tag is good for a year and costs less than a week's worth of puppy chow - \$9 per spayed/neutered animal; \$13 for all others.

Here are just some of the advantages of licensing:

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

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

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



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**2018 MARRIAGES**


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<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Date</b>
Richard Henry Mansfield	Sally Page Cargill	May 17
Paul Clarke Harrington	Nancy Marie Forsythe	June 2
Rachael Amelia Feldman	Andrick Scott Deppmeyer	June 30
Travis James Cargo	Carmen Yvette Gusan Velez	July 4
Katy Breann Crooks	Todd Arthur Murphy	August 6
Sarah Helen Robbins	Elias Kimmerly Gardner	August 4
Kate Imelda Morey	Amanda Marie Wirrell	November 2

<b>2018 DEATHS</b>
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>
Peter Michael Belanger	February 18	46
Andrew Lewis Belanger	February 18	15
Sanford E. Bullock	April 4	74
David John Heyman	July 1	95
Betty C. Crowell	August 27	91
Dwight C. Blondin, Jr.	August 28	76
Faye Shirley Sweet	October 4	78
Scott MacGregor Skinner	December 15	76

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**2018 BIRTHS**


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<b>Parents</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Month</b>
Tiffany Lynn Miller Thomas Lionel Bolduc	Kayla Lynn Bolduc	January 2
Shauna Marie Redmond Justin Paul Redmond	Maverick Paul Redmond	April 1
Kayla Marie Boyer Caleb Michael Heath	Levi Robert Heath Owen Michael Heath	May 4
Tanna Marie Elliott-Drown Russell James Drown, Jr.	Roman Elliott Drown	June 1
Ashley Marie Hanson Tyler Earl Hanson	Phoebe Ellen Hanson Dawson Earl Hanson	June 27
Joanna Elizabeth White Gregory Samuel White	Elijah Abolin Westcott White	August 8
Stacey Kight Skadberg Travis Allen Skadberg	Jacob Dorsey Skadberg	October 15
Nichole Ryan Braman Lucas Dwayne Braman	Autumn Skye Braman	October 29
Bobbie Dawn Beauregard	Selina Charlee Sargent	December 13

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## MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The Milford M. Leonard Memorial Scholarship funds were created in 1999 by bequest of Milford M. Leonard, who spent his life as a farmer, master mechanic and welder in Bear Swamp.

The Middlesex Select Board, in cooperation with the Rumney School, administers this bequest directly, offering scholarships totalling \$1,000/year to individual or groups of Middlesex residents. It was Mr. Leonard's intent that the scholarship money could be used for two purposes. One purpose would be to help someone interested in learning more about welding or mechanics, and another purpose would be to allow Middlesex children an opportunity to attend a camp that provides programs in animal husbandry, agricultural or forestry practices, or conservation.

Applications for these scholarship funds should be made by April 1, 2019, directly to the Middlesex Select Board.

Mr. Leonard was a master mechanic who could "make something out of nothing," but he was not a man who particularly liked schools or formal education. He never married, and except for his service as an airplane mechanic in WWII, he took care of his farm at the base of Mt. Hunger all his life. During his last years, he had to go to a nursing home and sell his most precious possession, his land. Mr. Leonard had no relatives except a sister, also in a nursing home. He knew if he didn't make a decision, the money from his farm would go to the town or the state, and he said he'd already paid them plenty in taxes. So although he never thought much of schools, he agreed to use the proceeds from his land to offer someone who needed it the money to learn about mechanics, welding or agriculture.

*Sarah Seidman, executrix, Milford Leonard Scholarship Fund*

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## SPREAD SOME JD!



## JD PICARD/ R. KRAUTH COMMUNITY EMS EDUCATION FUND

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

Contact Marge Bower ([margebower@comcast.net](mailto:margebower@comcast.net)) for information or to sign up!

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



## FIRE FIGHTERS WANTED

Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department is taking applications for Membership as we prepare for Spring Firefighter Boot Camp. This program is for those without experience. If you live or work in Middlesex, have the desire to learn, a positive attitude, and want to make Middlesex a safer community, Come meet us at the station at 55 Welch Park Drive at 7pm on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month.

For an application or more information contact Jeff Koonz @ [cjkoonz@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cjkoonz@myfairpoint.net) or 802-522-4222

## E-911 DRIVEWAY SIGNS To honor JD Picard's Memory

After JD's tragic death in 2008, the Picards generously donated funds to the Fast Squad help keep JD's memory alive, be sustainable, and serve Middlesex and the Fast Squad. We have 3 criteria for the money: To be lasting, emulate JD's spirit and support his memory. We purchased new chairs for our classroom, for training and CPR classes. To Honor JD's memory we have been adding JD to reflective E 911 signs and encourage



HORIZONTAL Good for posting on big trees or sides of mailboxes.

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

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

The Fire Department can provide installation if requested, and has galvanized 6 ft metal posts for \$15. To mail signs outside Middlesex include \$2, Free Delivery to Middlesex!

### TO ORDER: indicate

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

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

**OR email to**  
[margebower@comcast.net](mailto:margebower@comcast.net)  
**OR complete order form & pay at**  
**Middlesex Town Clerk office**



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Middlesex, VT 05602

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