



Town of Middlesex Vermont



**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

DEDICATION



Longtime Middlesex resident Ada Alger turned 100 on October 20, 2022, officially becoming our town's oldest resident. Still as sharp as a whip and living with her daughter in a Church Street home she's owned since 1947, Ada was born Ada Lewis, one of ten children in North Duxbury. When her father lost his job with Green Mountain Power because the Duxbury station washed away in the 1927 flood, the Lewises moved to Route 2 in Middlesex where her father

opened a gas station near what is now Route 100B. High school was too far away for her to walk, so her formal education ended in eighth grade only to be resumed later when she went to work for the Vermont State Hospital in the 1960s. In the meantime, she worked at Camp Meade down the road. Ada married Russell Alger in 1943 after he proposed by letter upon enlisting to fight in WWII. Once they were married, he went off to war and she didn't see him for two years! After that, Russell stayed with the military and Ada's small-town world was no more as they lived in Alaska, Japan, Germany, Virginia, Illinois and Texas, returning to the Church Street home with their three children – Steven, Nancy and Denise - in 1968. That's when Russell went to work at the Vermont State Hospital along with Ada who became a highly skilled member of the staff. She's witnessed plenty of changes in Middlesex, not the least of which is construction of I-89 and Church Street turning into a quiet dead-end road after the State moved 100b. She says she actually misses the cars driving by. Sadly, she also watched in horror as her church across the street went up in flames three years ago. Ada credits her longevity, in part, to exercise she got while working in Russell's vast garden. In addition, she has an active social circle of friends who gather once a week at Waterbury café and she laughs a lot. An avid reader, Ada has one piece of advice: "Get an education!"

The 2022 Town Report is, fittingly, dedicated to Ada Alger. May we all be so lucky to live so long and with such grace, wit, and cheer!



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS

There will be no in-person Town Meeting this year as permitted under H.42. All active voters will be mailed complete Town Meeting and Washington Central Unified Union School District ballots instead. Early/Absentee Central Vermont Career Center ballots are available by request. Call 802-223-5915 and, of course, they will be available in Town Hall on Town Meeting Day. (See below.)

Voting will also take place from 7 AM – 7 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 (Town Meeting Day) in Town Hall at 5 Church Street. Please bring the Town and WCUUSD ballots you were sent. Otherwise, you will have to complete a short affidavit before voting.

In addition, the Select Board will hold an informational meeting about items on the ballot at 6 PM, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, via Zoom* (details below.) You may also participate in the meeting by coming to Town Hall and Zooming in there.

***To Join Zoom Meeting go to:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7393380675>

Meeting ID: 739 338 0675

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,7393380675#

Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX FEES

ZONING AND ACCESS PERMIT FEES:

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

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

ZONING FEES:

Residential or alteration/addition/accessory structure under \$25,000.....	\$ 80.00
Single-family dwelling, garage or other construction over \$25,000.....	\$205.00
Commercial Project (new construction or alteration/addition.....)	\$330.00
Change of Use	\$ 80.00
Home Industry	\$130.00
Sub-Division Fees (per lot*)	\$150.00/lot
Boundary Line Adjustment (separate application required)	\$ 80.00

*"Per lot" means the altered original lot plus each newly created lot
(Above fees include a \$15.00 recording fee.)

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

Hearings:

Development Review Board \$150.00 + \$10/per abutting owner notification

Access Permits:

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

Access Permit Fees..... \$ 35.00

Dog Licenses:

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1, 2023

Dog Fees for 2023

Neutered/Spayed \$ 9.00

Natural \$13.00

If Registered After April 1, 2023

Neutered/Spayed \$ 11.00

Natural \$ 17.00

Marriage Licenses \$ 60.00

Certified Birth/Death/Marriage Certificates (may be produced only after completion of application) \$ 10.00

Recording Fees:

Land Records (per page) \$ 15.00

VT Property Transfer Tax Return \$15.00

Survey Maps (Mylar) \$ 25.00



IMPORTANT NUMBERS – KEEP THEM HANDY!

Middlesex Fire Department...Emergency 911
 Middlesex Fire Department...Station (802) 223-5525
 Middlesex Fast Squad 911
 Montpelier Ambulance..... Emergency 911
 Vt. State Police..... Emergency 911
 Vt. State Police..... K Troop (Non-Emergency) (802) 229-9191
 Zoning Administrator Kevin Thompson (802) 595-3464
 Fire Warden (Burn Permits) Jason Merrill..... (802) 793-6069

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE:

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Closed Fridays

Office # (802) 223-5915
 Fax# (802).223-1298
 Clerk Email:..... clerk@middlesexvermont.org
 Asst. Clerk Email:.....assistant.clerk@middlesexvermont.org
 Treasurer/Tax Collector Email:.....treasurer@middlesexvermont.org
 Website:..... www.middlesexvermont.org

LISTERS:

Office Hours: Varies
 Telephone: (802) 223-5915 E-mail: listers@middlesexvermont.org

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Town Shed, 481 Shady Rill Road..... (802) 229-0838
 Road Foreman Eric Metivier802) 752-5092
 Email: eric.metivier@middlesexvermont.org
 Road Commissioner Vic Dwire (802) 522-8271
 Email: vic.dwire@middlesexvermont.org

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - Ela Chapin

Phone (802) 821-1004
 Email ela@elachapinvt.com

<p>MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES Middlesex Select Board 1st & 3rd Tuesday Fire Department..... 1st & 3rd Tuesday Conservation Commission..... 4th Tuesday Planning Commission 3rd Wednesday</p>
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TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Erika Holm 802-249-2127
Elizabeth Fortman, alternate 802-249-1058

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Cheryl Grandfield 802-223-5915

BANDSTAND: Martha Pellerin & Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand

Elliot Burg 802-272-4920

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mark Harris, Chair 802-522-7362
Randy Drury 802-793-7635
Elias Gardner 802-778-0899

CEMETERY CONTACTS

Middlesex Cemetery Commission (Carr, North Branch and Village cemeteries)

Janet McKinstry, Chair 802-223-5997
Gary Lamell 802-223-2710
Evelyn Gant 802-223-6488

Middlesex Center Cemetery - Private
(Lot Sales) Steve Martin

802-371-8697

CV FIBER DELEGATE

David Lawrence 802-249-0235

CV REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Ronald Krauth 802-229-5496

CV SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Adele McDonough 802-229-9874
John Udis 802-272-8842

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Vacant

E-911 COORIDINATOR

Mitch Osiecki 802-760-9674



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIR

Vacant

FIRE WARDEN

Jason Merrill

802-229-4797

HEALTH OFFICERS

Dr. Robert Penney

802-734-6075

Elizabeth Fortman (Dpty)

802-249-1058

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Dorinda Crowell

802-223-7781

John Demeter

802-272-3548

Theo Kennedy

802-223-4748

Chris McVeigh

802-272-7871

Mary Just Skinner

802-223-7123

Jan Thouron

802-793-1177

LISTERS

Shelly Desjardin

802-223-5915

Annette Halasz

802-223-5915

Gary Waring

802-223-5915

MODERATOR

Susan Clark

802-223-5824

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mitch Osiecki

802-760-9674

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Vic Dwire

802 522-8271

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sandy Levine, Chair

802-223-1192

Jon Leibowitz, Vice Chair

802-778-0899

Nicole D'Agostino

802-461-5143

Theo Kennedy

802-223-4748

Mitch Osiecki

802-760-9674



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mitch Osiecki 802-760-9674

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Vic Dwire 802-522-8271

SELECT BOARD

Hood, Peter, Chair 802-371-8042

Liz Scharf, Vice Chair 802-223-9189

Rany Drury 802-793-7635

Vic Dwire 802-522-8271

Liz Scharf 802-223-9189

Phil Hyjek 802-223-0521

TOWN CLERK

Sarah Merriman 802-223-5915

TREASURER

Dorinda Crowell 802-223-5915

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

George Longenecker 802-229-9787

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Kevin Thompson 802-595-3464



ELECTED OFFICIALS

OFFICE	NAME	EXPIRES	TERM
Moderator	Susan Clark	2023	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2024	3 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf, Vice Chair	2024	2 yr
	Randy Drury	2025	3 yr
	Vic Dwire*	2023	2 yr
	Phil Hyjek	2023	3 yr
Budget Committee	Mark Harris, Chair	2024	3 yr
	Randy Drury	2023	3 yr
	Elias Gardner	2024	3 yr
	Vacant	2023	3 yr
	Vacant	2025	3 yr
Listers	Shelly Desjardin*	2025	3 yr
	Annette Halasz*	2024	3 yr
	Gary Waring*	2023	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2023	3 yr
Treasurer	Dorinda Crowell	2023	1 yr
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Vacant	2023	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Janet McKinstry, Chair	2024	3 yr
	Evelyn Gant	2025	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2023	3 yr
Planning Commission	Sandy Levine, Chair	2024	3 yr
	Nicole D'Agostino	2025	3 yr
	Theo Kennedy	2023	3 yr
	Jonathan Leibowitz	2025	3 yr
	Mitch Osiecki	2024	3 yr

* means an official appointed by the Select Board until the March 7, 2023 Town Meeting



APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer	Erika Holm
Assistant Town Clerk	Cheryl Grandfield
CVFiber Delegate	David Lawrence
CV Regional Planning Commissioner	Ron Krauth
CV Solid Waste Management District	Dell McDonough
	John Udis, alternate representative
Conservation Commission	Matt Schley, Chair
	Larry Becker
	Ross Lieblappen
	George Longenecker
	Adrienne Magida
	Lee Rosberg
	Dave Shepard
	John Udis
Development Review Board	Peter Raymond, Chair
	Stacey Skadberg, Vice Chair
	Sandra Levine
	Mitch Osiecki
	Larry Rooney
Emergency Management Committee	Emergency Management Coordinator
	Eric Metivier
	Dr. Robert Penney
	Liz Scharf
	Erika Holm
	Jeff Koonz
	Chris McVeigh
Emergency Management Coordinator	Vacant
Fire Warden	Jason Merrill
Heath Officers	Dr. Robert Penney
	Elizabeth Fortman, Asst.
	Mitch Osiecki
Recreation Director	Vic Dwire
Road Commissioner	Liz Scharf
Town Service Officer	George Longenecker
Wrightsville Beach Board Member	Kevin Thompson
Zoning Administrator	



WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Middlesex are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Middlesex Town Hall, 5 Church Street, in the Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between 7 o'clock (7:00 a.m.) in the forenoon, at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business pursuant to H.42 (2023). The Select Board will hold an Informational Meeting via Zoom* at 6 PM, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, concerning the Articles below, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (h)(2)(A).

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

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

ARTICLE 3: 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 5:00 PM, August 20, 2023; the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, November 20, 2023; the third installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, February 20, 2024, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, May 20, 2024, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 V.S.A. § 4773)



WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 7, 2023

- ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote that taxes payable in installments will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 0.5% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter at a rate not to exceed 0.5% per month or a fraction thereof from the due date of each installment? (32 V.S.A. §4873)
- ARTICLE 5: To vote a fiscal year 2023-2024 budget of \$1,657, 287 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town adopt the Middlesex Land Use and Development Regulations as approved by the Select Board on November 1, 2022?
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Asset/Equipment Fund to fund future purchases of Town assets as defined by the Capital Improvement Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Asset/Equipment Fund?
- 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 \$4,500 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$32,022 to support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$2,500 to support the North Branch Nature Center? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Area Senior Center Association (WASCA) and their Meals on Wheels program with deliveries to Middlesex clients? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to Youth First Mentoring (formerly, Girls/Boyz First Mentoring)? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,168 to support the following organization, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:
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Family Center of Wash. Cty	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of CV	\$250.00
Good Samaritan Haven	\$250.00
Green Mt. Transit Agency	\$250.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
MOSAIC (Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$250.00
Our House of CV	\$250.00
People’s Health & Wellness	\$250.00
VT Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$249.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
VT Family Network	\$250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$250.00
Wash. County Diversion	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Wash. County	\$175.00

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:

- Peter O. Hood, Chair
- Elizabeth Scharf, Vice Chair
- Randy Drury
- Vic Dwire
- Phil Hyjek

Approved at a Special Meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 24, 2023, on the condition that H.42 becomes law, which it did on January 25, 2023.

I attest that this Warning for the 2023 Town Meeting was approved by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 25, 2023.

Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

***To Join Zoom Meeting**

go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7393380675>

Meeting ID: 739 338 0675

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,7393380675#

Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592



TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 7, 2023

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT March 07, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote that taxes payable in installments will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 0.5% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter at a rate not to exceed 0.5% per month or a fraction thereof from the due date of each installment? (32 V.S.A. §4873)
MODERATOR 1 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	GARY LAMELL <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SUSAN CLARK <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LISTER 1 YEAR OF A 3 -YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.	LISTER 2 YEARS OF A 3 -YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	YES <input type="radio"/>
TOWN CLERK 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	SHELLY DESJARDIN <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
SARAH MERRIMAN <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LISTER 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	ARTICLE 5. To vote a fiscal year 2023-2024 budget of \$1,657, 287 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
TREASURER 1 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	ANNETTE HALASZ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DORINDA CROWELL <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PLANNING COMMISSIONER 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	YES <input type="radio"/>
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES 1 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	ELLE (ELIZABETH) O'CASEY <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
SELECT BOARD 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	ARTICLE 3. 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 5:00 PM, August 20, 2023; the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, November 20, 2023; the third installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, February 20, 2024, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, May 20, 2024, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 V.S.A. § 4773)	ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town adopt the Middlesex Land Use and Development Regulations as approved by the Select Board on November 1, 2022?
BRIGID BROWNING <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STEPHEN J. DENNIS <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
SELECT BOARD 2 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE	<input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
VIC DWIRE <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Asset/Equipment Fund to fund future purchases of Town assets as defined by the Capital Improvement Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
THERESA MANN <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BUDGET COMMITTEE 3 - YEAR TERM Vote for not more than TWO	YES <input type="radio"/>	ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Asset/Equipment Fund?
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING



TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 7, 2023



ARTICLE 9.
 Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund?
 (By Select Board)

YES
 NO

ARTICLE 10.
 Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$4,500 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)

YES
 NO

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 Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$32,022 to support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library?
 (By Petition)

YES
 NO

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People's Health & Wellness	\$250.00
VT Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$249.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
VT Family Network	\$250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$250.00
Wash. County Diversion	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Wash. County	\$175.00
	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT





SELECT BOARD REPORT

In 2022, the Select Board tackled big issues that have been on the backburner for years: bringing the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department under the town umbrella, developing a sustainable capital-planning system, and taking the first steps toward addressing an aging and cramped Town Hall. Halfway through the year, the Board returned to in-person meetings with Zoom availability.

After years of discussions about how to transition the MVFD from a separate 501(c)3 organization and making it a true Town department, the MVFD and Select Board began to move in that direction by inviting the fire department to meet with the Select Board once a month to update the Board on their activities and requirements. After holding a public hearing at its October 4, 2022, meeting, the Board voted to integrate the MVFD into the town effective January 1, 2023, with full approval of the fire department. On January 3, the Board and MVFD celebrated the merger at the Welch Park fire station with cake and a display of new air packs.

The air packs cost \$70,000 and were paid out of the \$515,000 the Town received last year as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - federal legislation that released monies to states to disburse to counties and municipalities so they could rebuild from the pandemic. The Board devoted a special meeting on April 26th to developing a list of ARPA priorities. (It should be noted that ARPA funds cannot be spent to offset certain costs – such as lowering the tax rate.)

Taking advantage of a 100% matching grant, the Board allocated \$100,000 of this ARPA money to CVFiber in May to help defray the expense of bringing fiber internet to underserved areas of Middlesex. Thanks to the grant, that allocation doubled into a \$200,000 donation credited to Middlesex. Later in the year, the Board approved an easement granting CVFiber utility access to a pole on town property near the Highway Department.

Meanwhile, at the request of the Board, the Budget Committee turned its attention to developing a Capital Improvement Plan in response to the 2020 Town Meeting in which voters told the Board they wanted a detailed accounting of future big-ticket expenses. The Budget Committee, of which new Board member Randy Drury is a member, has assumed long-term oversight of the plan and has worked with the Select Board to develop a budget that would include replenishing existing funds and, with voter approval at the Annual Meeting in March, a new Asset/Equipment Fund to pay for vehicles and heavy equipment.

The Board wishes to thank the Budget Committee and especially its chair, Mark Harris, for working so diligently to draw up the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mark and others on the committee invested substantial time and energy analyzing the FY24 budget, making suggestions about where to cut and where to use ARPA funds, and assessing the Town's immediate and long-term capital needs for the CIP. Their efforts will leave a lasting impression on the Town's future for decades.

A big part of the CIP concerns what to do about Town Hall, a 110-year-old building with limited access, a stuffed vault, outdated wiring, and insufficient office space.



SELECT BOARD REPORT (cont'd)

Addressing deficiencies in the Town Hall was also a request from voters at the 2020 Town Meeting.

Select Board Vice Chair Liz Scharf and active resident Sandy Levine have been pivotal in applying for grants to pay for a feasibility study into whether the current building can be saved and improved. Resident Dave Magida stepped up to the plate and has used his expertise in planning buildings for Norwich University to help focus the goals for Town Hall. After sending out requests for proposals, the Board chose Vermont Integrated Architects to conduct the study, which should be available later this spring.

Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission – which has updated the Town Land Use & Development Regulations now up for a townwide vote on the March 7, 2023, ballot – the Board dissolved the Zoning Board of Adjustment and merged its duties into a Development Review Board. The DRB handles all permit appeals and assumes the permitting duties once handled by the Planning Commission, such as reviewing applications for major subdivisions. This leaves the Planning Commission free to, well, plan.

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed, updated zoning regulations at its September 20, 2022, meeting after the CVRPC presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed changes on August 2nd. With no substantial alterations to the regulations as submitted by the Planning Commission, on November 1, 2022, the Board approved the proposed zoning regs which are now before the voters.

After Shane Brickey resigned in June, the Board hired Middlesex resident (and MVFD Chief) Eric Metivier to be the new Road Foreman. Later in the year, the Board approved a decision by Eric and Road Commissioner (and Select Board member) Vic Dwire to hire another town resident to join the Road Crew – Richard Dudley.

Regretfully, longtime Board Member Phil Hyjek announced he is not running for reelection in 2023. A former chair of the now-defunct ZBA, Phil was instrumental in helping to modernize the town's computer system and was always very good at ensuring the Board didn't accidentally violate the Open Meeting statutes. His contributions will be missed, though he probably won't miss having to show up every other Tuesday night.

That said Phil - and anyone with an internet connection - can tune into a Select Board meeting (held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month) by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7393380675>

Or please attend in person by visiting Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Middlesex.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Elizabeth Scharf, Vice Chair

Randy Drury

Vic Dwire

Phil Hyjek



SELECT BOARD REPORT (cont'd)

SELECT BOARD ANALYSIS OF THE FY24 (2023-2024) TOWN BUDGET

While last year's town budget was the most difficult budget that we have ever had to develop, this year's budget process was the most complex. The pandemic continues to have a substantial financial impact on our town. Inflation remains high due to labor and supply chain shortages. All of these economic factors combine to have a negative impact on our town budget.

The Select Board has tried to take a comprehensive look at our long-term capital spending needs through the Capital Planning process. As a result, and with the approval of the voters, we have included funds that will, in the future, reduce the financial impact of large purchases such as trucks and other equipment, Town Hall repair or replacement and other items that could be categorized as capital expenditures.

As we have done in the past, this report will identify areas where increases are substantial and discuss the reasons behind the increases. You should note that there are areas showing a large percentage increase, but that increase is actually small when expressed in real dollars. In general, we'll ignore those line items unless there is something that warrants explanation.

General Government increased by 7.33% due to anticipated increases in legal fees. Other increases, in this category, were minimal.

Administration All of our Lister positions have finally been filled, which has a corresponding impact on wages of over 30%. The other factor contributing to an increase in this category is the replacement of our server. Overall, the increase is 13.05%.

Town Hall The costs for operating Town Hall increased by 33.03%; however, these were mostly small money items related to utilities and maintenance.

Public Safety was almost level funded with an increase of .74%. We again reduced the budget for speed enforcement because the sheriff's department has not been able to provide coverage. The cost of ambulance service increased just slightly more than the speed enforcement decrease resulting in the low percentage increase in this area.

The **Fire Department** had a small increase (2.27%) in its operational budget and a 5.42% decrease in its debt service budget resulting in an overall budget decrease of 1.24%.

Public Works, by far the largest part of the town budget, has many sub-categories, but for ease of explanation we'll review the budget as a whole. Overall, the budget increased by 12.12%. Winter maintenance increased due to the need to purchase new tire chains for our vehicles. Specialized services increased because we are required to build a salt shed so that salt runoff can be contained. Gas and diesel increased due inflation. The paving fund, bridge fund and town garage fund have



SELECT BOARD REPORT (cont'd)

been moved to the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) budget. Construction had the greatest increase due to the anticipated costs of mud season mitigation (remember last year's mud season?). Finally, debt service increased by 61.32% due to the purchase of a new truck and last year's purchase of a new grader.

The **Recreation** budget increased by 20.76% due to the increase in maintenance costs.

Zoning/DRB Zoning and the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been consolidated into the Development Review Board. The budget remains relatively unchanged.

Planning Commission This budget decreased by 15.29% because of a decrease in operational costs.

Capital Improvement (CIP) This is a new budget category that supports the long-range CIP process. A number of budget items from other categories have been moved here, including the Town Hall building fund, town garage building fund, bridge fund, paving fund and the tennis/basketball court resurfacing fund.

In summary, the Town's budget for 2023-24 increased by \$153,880.00, or 10.24%. The budget increase is greater than we would have liked, and we know that it will be a burden for some residents; however, as it was last year, it was again difficult to balance the need for town services with an increase that taxpayers can afford.



ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT

The last year has had its challenges. However, the road crew persevered. First, we would like to acknowledge the unfortunate and untimely passing of road crew member Steve MacLaren. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Additionally, this past year has seen the worst mud season in recent history, multiple trucks out of service for months at a time waiting on parts, and the resignation of the previous Road Foreman.

A big thank you is owed to Road Commissioner Vic Dwire and former Road Foreman Gary Lamell for stepping in and assisting the road crew during the transition to the new Road Foreman Eric Metivier, a Middlesex resident. A new road crew member, Richard Dudley, who is also a Middlesex resident, was hired.

Despite all the setbacks and hurdles, the road crew was able to finish up the ditching project on Bolduc Road, ditch the near mile long paved section of Center Road, and remove about 1,500 feet of asphalt and add gravel to prepare for the long-awaited repaving of Center Road. Approximately three quarters of a mile of the southern end of Brook Road was ditched as well. Ditching was also done on Center Road from Zdon Road north approximately a mile and the north Brook Road Center Road intersection up to the top of Picard corner.

With the help of McCullough Crushing, we were able to process nearly 5,000 cubic yards of winter sand, as well as producing almost 2,000 cubic yards of road gravel using the asphalt millings from the Center Road project and the bigger stone that was screened out during the processing of the winter sand.

We took delivery of our new tandem dump truck on December 1st, and it has proven so far to be a good replacement for our older one. December 2022 brought a severe winter storm that knocked out power to most of the townspeople. The town garage was out of power for five days adding to challenges of maintaining the roadways during and after the storm.

As the Road Foreman, I cannot thank the road crew enough for their hard work and dedication. Without them none of our progress would have been accomplished. We look forward to the upcoming construction season as it will be a busy one ditching, replacing cross culverts and resurfacing dirt roads, and repaving the upper section of Shady Rill Road.

Sincerely,

Road Foreman Eric Metivier

The Middlesex Road Crew: Jay Files, Charles Pelchar, Richard Dudley

Road Commissioner: Vic Dwire



FIVE-YEAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN

Summer-2023

May-June: Ditch, and pavement preparation for repaving the upper section of Shady Rill Road.

July-August: Service work, some gravel resurfacing to Brook Rd. Add Gravel to East Hill Rd. Service work the upper section of Center Rd. Road side mowing.

September-October: Full service on South and North Bear Swamp Rd, and Macey Road.

Summer-2024

May-June: Full service on Culver Hill Road.

July-August: Full service on Portal Road, road side mowing.

September- October: Service work on West Hill Road, and Wood Road.

Summer-2025

May-June: Full service on Davy Road, and Upper Sunny Brook Road.

July: Service work on Lower Sunny Brook Road, Lower Barnett Hill Road, and Old Brook Road, road side mowing.

August-September: Service work on Zdon Road, and Notch Road.

October: Service work on Norton Road.

Summer-2026

May-June: Service work on Three Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road and Rich Road.

July: Full service on East Bear Swamp Road, and road side mowing.

August-September: Service work on Molly Supple Hill Road, and East Hill Road.

October: Service work on Shady Rill Road, and McCullough Hill Road

Summer-2027

May-June: Service work on Center Road, and Leland Farm Road.

July-August: Service work on Culver Hill Road, Government Hill Road, and French Road, road side mowing.

September-October: Service work on Portal Road, and Bolduc Road.

<p>Service work: Shoulder cutting, ditching, and culvert replacement if needed Full service work: Resurfacing gravel, brush cutting, ditching, and culvert replacement if needed. Mud season mitigation: excavation, drainage, fabric</p>



FIVE-YEAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Capital Plan for Equipment Replacement

Equipment Name	Replacement Schedule	Replacement Year
1983 Tanker/Chloride Trk	As Needed	No Date
1989 Morbark Chipper	As Needed	No Date
2007 Caterpillar 420E Backhoe	21 years	2028/2029
2008 Kobelco 140SR Excavator	16 years	2024/2025
2018 International Dump Truck	7 years	2025/2026
2019 Freightliner Dump Truck	8years	2027/2028
2021 John Deer 772GP Grader	15 Years	2036/2037
2021 Ford F-250 Pick Up	8 Years	2029/2030
2023 Kenworth T880 Dump Truck	8 Years	2030/2031



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending June 30, 2022, the budget passed was \$1,382,738. Primarily due to mid - year wage adjustments and equipment breakdowns, total expenditures for the fiscal year were higher than budgeted at \$1,403,886.95. The Special Articles expenses of \$67,930 were also higher than the approved budget of \$65,468. The special article for the Putnamville Speed Enforcement signs (approved in the previous year's special article) incurred an additional cost due to one of the signs having to be relocated by order of AOT.

The good news is, revenue of \$1,566,719.18 was higher than anticipated with a significant amount relating to the collection of some delinquent taxes along with associated penalties/interest, and unanticipated state aid payments.

As reported last year, Middlesex was awarded \$515,348 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to assist in the recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID19 pandemic. As of December 31, 2022, \$70,000 was expended to replace the outdated breathing apparatus for the Fire Department and \$100,000 towards a matching grant to CV Fiber. The balance of the funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and be expended by December 31, 2026, or the funds must be returned. These funds are not reflected in any budgeted or income reporting data as part of this annual report.

The accounting firm of Batchelder Associates completed a full review of the financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. There were no weaknesses or deficiencies found. A copy is available for review at the Town Clerk's office or on the Town's website: 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 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,657,287 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 10.24% increase over 2022-2023. In addition, "Special Articles" requests totaling \$110,690 is being presented to the voters for consideration. This reflects an inflated 64.13% increase over last year, primarily due to funding the proposed new CIP: Asset/Equipment Fund. (For more information on this fund, please refer to the Select Board & Budget Committee reports) Once the establishment of the fund is approved by the voters, any future year appropriations will be included as a line item under the CIP: Funding section of the annual budget along with the other funds the town currently maintains.

Please refer to the Select Board & Budget committee reports for an overview of the entire proposed 2023/2024 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorinda Crowell

Treasurer



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office in 2022 returned to what passes for the new normal these days. The Plexiglas screen at the front counter remained, but we dropped the mask requirement, research appointments and reinstated the candy bowl. Many paid their taxes in person or brought their dogs in for licensing, but not in numbers as before, which was disappointing, though understandable. Apparently, this slog of a pandemic isn't over.

Another reason for the decrease in office visitors was the rise in virtual research. Thanks in large part to our restoration fund and pandemic funding from the State of Vermont – which is eager to offer people alternatives to researching in person – we were able to put 22 years of land records and ALL our survey maps online. A grant from the State paid for 100% of our new recording equipment – scanner, computer, stamper, printer and installation. Want to test it out? Just go to <https://middlesexvermont.org/search-middlesex-land-records-survey-maps/>

Voting, too, was largely absentee as more and more voters grew accustomed to the convenience of receiving ballots in their mailboxes and voting at their kitchen tables. For the second year in a row, the March 2022 Town Meeting was held by Australian ballot only (i.e., no in-person meeting at Rumney School). Of the 582 votes cast, 488 were absentee and 94 were in person. As a reminder, unlike the standard Town Meeting paper ballot – which normally includes only elections for Town officers and certain questions such as whether to pass updated zoning regulations – the Town Meeting ballots in 2022 and 2021 reflected the entire Warning, right down to special articles. As in the Town Meetings of the past where voting on those articles was from the floor, every article passed.

(Side note: looking back at the 2020 Town Meeting, the last meeting before the pandemic erupted, 143 voted by absentee. Though, to be fair, those ballots were only for the Town officers.)

The trends continued in the August Statewide Primary and November General Election thanks to a decision by the Secretary of State's Office to mail every active, non-challenged voter ballots for both elections. Even so, of the 1,021 who voted in the November General Election, 203 chose to come to Town Hall to cast their ballots. Though basically half the turnout of the November General Election, 315 out of 589 voters came to Town Hall on Election Day for the August Primary. (Side note: 745 voted in the August Statewide Primary in 2020 – 634 by absentee.)

What these trends portend for the future of local, community-based government, I'm not sure. With land records now easily available online, along with a portal to pay for taxes, dog licenses and zoning permits, with more and more voters casting their ballots weeks before Election Day, are we better off with this technology? Its convenience can't be beat, but I hate to think of us in our pods interacting with one another via text and email only. Pretty sure that's not why we continue to live in a small town with its dirt roads and crappy internet.



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

On that note, I'd like to point out that I'll hit my ten-year anniversary as your Town Clerk this March. Not a day goes by when I don't thank my predecessors like June Lakin, who wisely rebound delicate historic land and town records using preservation-grant monies, and Cindy Carlson, who must have wondered what the Town was in for when she trained me to take over her job. It's still sobering to read the tidy cursive on the stamps of those who've come before: Janet McKinstry, Telma Patterson and the legendary Sandy McCullough. Thank you, ladies, and you, too, Eugene, wherever you are.

These days, I'm aided by the cheerful assistance of Cheryl Grandfield who does double duty as an Assistant Town Clerk and bookkeeper. Her diverse skills are especially helpful when residents call with property tax questions, as often happens, and in dealing with complicated state grants. She's a whiz at dealing with financial issues. Being Southern, Cheryl is naturally easy going, welcoming and unflappable. Cherry on the top? She's a longtime Middlesex resident, too!

I've held a lot of jobs in my time – newspaper reporter, author, flipper of McDonald's hamburgers – but none has been so precious and so honorable as serving this community. Thank you for your support, patience and, most of all, your good humor when I've screwed up.

We won't see each other at Town Meeting this year, but we'll be here in Town Hall for voting from 7 AM – 7 PM on March 7, 2023, Town Meeting day. Please remember to bring the ballots you were sent. We hope to have free COVID tests and, of course, candy.

Until we meet again!

Sarah Merriman

Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant



BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Town Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2024 is \$1,657,287, a 10.24% increase (\$153,880) over the FY 2023 budget of \$1,503,407.

Major drivers of the budget increase are:

- A 7.33% increase (\$7,389) in planned General Government expenditures
- A 13.05% increase (\$28,382) in Administration; the majority of which (\$19,000) is a replacement of the town's computer server
- A 12.12% increase (\$101,950) in the Public Works budget, largely driven by:
 - Specialized Services (\$10,000) (for work requiring contractors)
 - Gas & Diesel cost increases (\$6,000)
- Construction budget increases for Ditch Stone & Mud Season Mitigation (\$42,500)
 - Debt. Service increase (\$43,785) due to the purchase of a new dump truck
- A 21.74% increase (\$10,000) in the new Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) budget to restore the annual Paving Fund contribution to \$30,000 from \$20,000 it was reduced to in the 2022/2023 budget.

The proposed budget does not include Special Articles, which are subject to approval by voters on Town Meeting day.

The Budget Committee appreciates the effort and collaboration by the Select Board during the budgeting process, and recommends approval of this budget.

Time was also spent this year executing the new CIP process, and our efforts produced the following:

- Educational meetings with impacted town departments about the CIP process and its value
 - The creation of a new CIP funding section in the annual budget, to consolidate and track all future capital-related funding needs
 - The creation of Special Articles 7 and 8:
 - Article 7 to establish an Asset/Equipment fund
 - Article 8 to request \$50,000 for this new fund
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BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd)

Below is a snapshot of current (FY 22/23) and proposed (FY 23/24) Capital funding.

FUND	ENDING BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2022	FY 22/23 CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 12/30/22	PROPOSED FY 23/24 CONTRIBUTIONS
Town Hall Fund	\$58,238.90	\$10,000		\$68,308.02	\$10,000
Bridge Fund	\$32,024.82	\$6,000		\$38,063.3	\$6,000
Conservation Fund	\$18,062.52	\$5,000		\$23,085.76	\$5,000
Paving Fund	\$259,492.82	\$20,000	\$(174,213.20)	\$105,428.64	\$30,000
Court Resurfacing Fund	\$3,228.74	\$5,000		\$8,732.05	\$5,000
Recreation Fund	\$5,004.49	-		\$5,009.63	-
Town Garage Fund	\$20,009	\$5,000		\$25,034.22	\$5,000
Asset/Equipment Fund	NEW	-		-	*\$50,000
Totals	\$396,061.29	\$51,000	\$(174,213.20)	\$273,661.62	\$111,000

*pending approval of special articles 7 and 8

Respectfully submitted,

Budget Committee / *Mark Harris (Chair), Randy Drury, Elias Gardner, and Theo Kennedy*



COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

2022/2023 Budget	Budget FY 2021/22	Actual FY 2021/22	Budget FY 2022/23	Budget FY 2023/24	\$ Change	Percentage Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Wages: Selectboard	3715	3546.42	4566	3864	-702	-15.37%
Wages: Selectboard Clerk	23328	29320.85	28221	29633	1412	5.00%
Wages: Payroll Tax(SS&MED)	2353	2678.98	2508	2562	54	2.15%
Wages: Retirement	1458	1808.18	1905	2000	95	4.99%
Insurance: Health	7872	8047.95	9776	8183	-1593	-16.30%
Insurance: Property & Casualty	8538	7056.63	8538	8538	0	0.00%
Insurance: Workers Compensation	863	649.18	130	145	15	11.54%
Insurance: Unemployment Comp	181	0.00	116	116	0	0.00%
Advertising/Printing	500	547.81	1000	1000	0	0.00%
Selectboard Courses	200	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Town Email	0	1076.28	1000	1350	350	35.00%
Town Property Maintenance	2500	0.00	1000	1000	0	0.00%
Welch Park	500	1004.54	500	1000	500	100.00%
Discretionary Fund	8000	0.00	4028	4000	-28	-0.70%
Legal Fees	2000	5827.50	3000	7500	4500	150.00%
Town Report	2800	3565.58	3000	4000	1000	33.33%
VLCT Dues	3224	3224.00	3224	3443	219	6.79%
County Tax	18500	18317.00	19256	20573	1317	6.84%
CV Solid Waste	1724	1724.00	1724	1724	0	0.00%
CV Reg Planning Comm	2207	2206.72	2366	2366	-0	-0.00%
Conservation Commission	500	0.00	500	500	0	0.00%
Elections	1500	3399.41	2000	2500	500	25.00%
Misc Expense	500	6.72	500	250	-250	-50.00%
Grant Matches	0	0.00	2000	2000	0	0.00%
Covid-19	0	1885.96	0	0	0	0.00%
Tax Abatements	0	26.41	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	92963	95920	100858	108247	7389	7.33%
ADMINISTRATION						
Office: Wages(Clerk, Ass't Clerk, Treas, Bookkeeper)	93160	85270.73	84914	90765	5851	6.89%
Listers: Wages	30302	7881.15	21216	28357	7141	33.66%
Delinquent Tax Collector: Wages	2837	205.70	2912	2912	0	0.00%
ADMIN: Payroll Tax (SS&MED)	9662	6620.73	8342	9336	994	11.92%
ADMIN: Unemployment	470	267.69	281	116	-165	-58.72%
ADMIN: Retirement	1403	3987.52	5221	5482	261	5.00%
ADMIN: Insurance: Life/LTD/AD&D	381	568.23	840	840	0	0.00%
ADMIN: Insurance: Health	7564	19395.69	28560	28804	244	0.85%
ADMIN: Insurance: Workers Comp	425	0.00	541	598	57	10.54%
Office Supplies	3000	3924.66	1500	1500	0	0.00%
Equipment Repair	1000	0.00	1000	1000	0	0.00%
Equipment Purchase	1000	0.00	1000	20000	19000	1900.00%
Lister Computer Upgrade	15000	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Telephone	5000	4886.53	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Postage	3000	2532.98	3000	3000	0	0.00%
Auditing	8200	8500.00	9000	10000	1000	11.11%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	2500	940.60	1000	1500	500	50.00%
Clerical Mileage	175	163.11	200	200	0	0.00%

**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (cont'd)**

2022/2023 Budget	Budget FY 2021/22	Actual FY 2021/22	Budget FY 2022/23	Budget FY 2023/24	\$ Change	Percentage Change
Clerk's/Listers Courses & Training	1000	402.50	1000	750	-250	-25.00%
Lister NEMRC Assessor Contract	0	9335.05	18000	12000	-6000	-33.33%
Lister/Parcel Mapping	0	227.00	0	250	250	0.00%
Copier Lease	2000	1306.52	2000	1500	-500	-25.00%
Computer Maintenance	19000	18147.48	22000	22000	0	0.00%
Consultant Fees	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	207079	174564	217527	245909	28382	13.05%
TOWN HALL						
Electricity	3000	2743.71	3500	3500	0	0.00%
Heat	1500	2898.17	2000	3000	1000	50.00%
Grounds	1500	1403.56	960	1080	120	12.50%
Building Repairs	5000	3100.69	2000	3500	1500	75.00%
Town Hall Building Fund	0	0.00	0	0		0 Moved to CIP
Street Lights	2000	2030.16	1000	2000	1000	100.00%
Janitorial	1500	1467.94	1500	1500	0	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN HALL	14500	13644	10960	14580	3620	33.03%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Wages: Health Officer	520	340.00	811	852	41	5.06%
Wages: Animal Control Officer	520	0.00	676	710	34	5.03%
P/S : Payroll Tax (SS & MED)	80	26.01	114	119	5	4.39%
P/S: Workers Compensation	38	0.00	7	12	5	71.43%
Courses/Seminars	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Ambulance	67871	73337.36	72000	75000	3000	4.17%
Speed Enforcement	7500	1357.14	5000	2500	-2500	-50.00%
Dog Pound	300	0.00	300	300	0	0.00%
Emergency Management	500	0.00	500	500	0	0.00%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	77329	75061	79408	79993	585	0.74%
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
FD-Insurance: Property & Casualty	6871	8610.93	6713	7500	787	11.72%
FD-Insurance: Workers Compensation	1217	1501.13	1217	1300	83	6.82%
FD-Supplies	300	482.23	400	600	200	50.00%
FD-Equipment Repair	10000	4347.94	10000	9000	-1000	-10.00%
FD-Equipment Purchase	4200	2729.78	4200	4200	0	0.00%
FD-Telephone	1560	1539.48	1560	1560	0	0.00%
FD-Fast Squad	1000	482.02	1000	1000	0	0.00%
FD-Electricity	2400	1768.41	2300	2415	115	5.00%
FD-Fuel - Heat	4000	4400.11	4300	4515	215	5.00%
FD-Building Maintenance	3000	2479.10	3000	4250	1250	41.67%
FD-Radio Dispatch	26630	27538.00	28394	28394	0	0.00%
FD-VSFA/Dues/Accounting/Training	1000	699.00	1875	1875	0	0.00%
Courses & Seminars	1000	476.79	300	300	0	0.00%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	250	0.00	250	250	0	0.00%
FD-GAS & Diesel	1750	400.95	1200	1500	300	25.00%
FD-Stipends	3000	13245.00	18000	18000	0	0.00%



COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (cont'd)

2022/2023 Budget	Budget FY 2021/22	Actual FY 2021/22	Budget FY 2022/23	Budget FY 2023/24	\$ Change	Percentage Change
FD-Communication/Radio	1200	1026.38	1200	1200	0	0.00%
E911 Signs	0	-20.00	0	0	0	0.00%
FD Sub-Total	69378	71707	85909	87859	1950	2.27%
FIRE DEPARTMENT DEBT SERVICE						
Fire Station Bond	40000	40000.00	40000	40000	0	0.00%
Fire Station Interest	15833	14063.10	15833	12356	-3477	-21.96%
VTECH Freightliner Tanker - PRIN	14594	14593.43	14594	14593	-1	-0.00%
VTECH Freightliner Tanker - INT	2187	2436.41	1751	1313	-438	-24.99%
F/D DEBT SERVICE Sub Total	72614	71093	72178	68263	-3915	-5.42%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	141992	142800	158087	156122	-1965	-1.24%
PUBLIC WORKS						
Winter Maintenance						
Road Salt	15280	10304.94	15280	15840	560	3.66%
Winter Sand	21000	21132.70	21000	25500	4500	21.43%
Trucking	20400	26832.25	25000	20000	-5000	-20.00%
Weather Consulting	600	0.00	600	0	-600	-100.00%
Tire Chains				10000	10000	100.00%
WINTER MAINT. SUBTOTAL	57280	58270	61880	71340	9460	15.29%
Summer Maintenance						
Seed	3342	822.13	2000	2000	0	0.00%
Hot Mix/Cold Patch	1000	1406.79	1000	1000	0	0.00%
Stone Ditch Lining	7812	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Hay, Mulch, Netting	8400	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Road Gravel	27171	29473.28	40000	30000	-10000	-25.00%
Roadside Mowing	14000	2040.00	7000	7000	0	0.00%
Chloride	21840	33177.24	23000	23000	0	0.00%
Rental Equipment	3000	1572.50	3000	3000	0	0.00%
Tree Service	5000	6600.00	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Green-Up	500	0.00	500	500	0	0.00%
Storm Water Discharge Fee	1350	1350.00	1590	1590	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Summer Maintenance	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Unforseen Road Repairs	5000	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Trucking	0	1045.00	0	0	0	0.00%
SUMMER MAINT. SUBTOTAL	98415	77487	83090	73090	-10000	-12.04%
Equipment Maintenance						
Equipment Repairs & Vendors	24000	35248.21	38000	38000	0	0.00%
Equipment Parts & Supplies	8500	28467.08	20000	20000	0	0.00%
Plow & Sander Equipment	8000	8331.45	8000	8000	0	0.00%
Bulk Oil & DEF	5000	3410.65	5000	5200	200	4.00%
Used Oil Recycling	0	0.00	0	400	400	0.00%
Inspections	500	522.70	750	750	0	0.00%
Towing	0	2110.00	2500	2500	0	100.00%
Tires	9000	9536.04	9000	9000	0	0.00%
EQUIPMENT MAINT. SUBTOTAL	55000	87626	83250	83850	600	0.72%



COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (cont'd)

2022/2023 Budget	Budget FY 2021/22	Actual FY 2021/22	Budget FY 2022/23	Budget FY 2023/24	\$ Change	Percentage Change
Construction & Paving	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Guardrails	0	0.00	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Small Equipment Purchase	1500	5609.46	1500	1500	0	0.00%
Grants: Town Match	0	4138.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Town Garage Building Fund	0	0.00	0	0	0	Moved to CIP
HWY/MISC Sub-Total	23288	42912	24500	24500	0	0.00%
CONSTRUCTION						
Gravel	7000	3192.00	10000	10000	0	0.00%
Ditch Stone	1600	10621.64	5000	10000	5000	100.00%
Hydro Seeding	1750	5145.64	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Ledge Removal	6000	0.00	6000	6000	0	0.00%
Erosion Matting	600	0.00	600	600	0	0.00%
Mud Season Mitigation	0	76294.73	0	37500	37500	0.00%
CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL	16950	95254	26600	69100	42500	159.77%
Public Works Sub Total	681229	755625	769809	827974	58165	7.56%
PUBLIC WORKS DEBT SERVICE						
2023 Kenworth Dump	0	0.00	0	40000	40000	100.00%
2023 Kenworth Dump - INT	0	0.00	0	5580	5580	100.00%
2021 John Deere Grader	0	0.00	18700	18700	0	100.00%
2022 John Deere Grader-INT	0	0.00	6872	6414	-458	100.00%
2019 Freightliner Dump	21409	21408.57	21409	21409	0	0.00%
2019 Freightliner Dump-INT	3475	3467.85	2783	2087	-696	-25.01%
2018 International Dump-PRIN	20355	20354.80	20355	20355	0	0.00%
2018 International Dump-INT	1921	1893.20	1282	641	-641	-49.99%
P/W DEBT SERVICE -Sub Total	47161	47124	71401	115186	43785	61.32%
TOTAL HIGHWAY	728390	802749	841210	943160	101950	12.12%
CEMETERY						
Labor	6900	4830.00	6900	6900	0	0.00%
Materials	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Repair to Cemetery	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CEMETERY	6900	4830	6900	6900	0	0.00%
RECREATION						
Wages: Recreation	5411	4598.00	6500	6825	325	5.00%
REC: Payroll Tax	414	355.07	497	522	25	5.03%
REC:Workers Comp Insurance	248	364.84	296	263	-33	-11.15%
Dues, Conferences, Travel	100	0.00	100	0	-100	-100.00%
Wrightsville Beach Dues	2750	2712.00	2750	4520	1770	64.36%
Town BOR- mowing, brush hog, aerating	3580	3296.34	4720	5250	530	11.23%
Recreation Supplies (seed, soil, fertilizer)	500	0.00	500	0	-500	-100.00%
Portalet Rental Recreation field	600	1730.00	900	1000	100	11.11%
Learn to Swim Program	500	0.00	600	0	-600	-100.00%
Recreation Equipment (nets/hardware)	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Ice Rink	0	0.00	500	500	0	0.00%



COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT (cont'd)

2022/2023 Budget	Budget FY 2021/22	Actual FY 2021/22	Budget FY 2022/23	Budget FY 2023/24	\$ Change	Percentage Change
Tennis/Basketball Court Resurf. Fund	0	0.00	0	0	0	Moved to CIP
Walter Kelly Park-Mowing & Portalet	2600	2964.50	3120	3110	-10	-0.32%
Facility Maintenance	500	0.00	500	1850	1350	270.00%
Band Stand	0	0.00	0	1500	1500	100.00%
TOTAL RECREATION	17203	16021	20983	25340	4357	20.76%
ZONING/DRB						
Wages: Zoning	7034	5334.00	8486	8911	425	5.01%
Zoning: Payroll Tax	538	420.31	649	682	33	5.08%
Zoning: Workers Compensation	260	0.00	39	44	5	12.82%
Mileage/expenses	150	210.90	150	250	100	66.67%
Advertising	50	200.85	400	400	0	0.00%
Zoning: Legal/enforcement	2000	4180.00	3000	3000	0	0.00%
Postage	0	210.00	0	300	300	100.00%
Courses/Seminars	500	0.00	250	250	0	0.00%
Total Zoning/DRB	10532	10556	12974	13836	862	6.64%
PLANNING COMMISSION						
Advertising	500	614.01	1000	750	-250	-25.00%
Mail Drop/Postage	500	220.23	1000	800	-200	-20.00%
Printing & Copying	500	558.39	1000	150	-850	-85.00%
Consultation	9500	8409.32	3500	3500	0	0.00%
PC Legal	0	40.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Future Grant Match	0	0.00	2000	2000	0	0.00%
Grant-Village Improvement 07110-MP-2020	0		0	0	0	0.00%
Grant-Village Improvement 07110-MP-2021	900	900.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Grant Match - VTTRANS Bike/Sidewalk Scoping	6000	6000.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Planning Commission	17900	16742	8500	7200	-1300	-15.29%
Total Operating Budget	1314788	1352887	1457407	1601287	143880	9.87%
CIP FUNDING(Capital Improvement Planning)						
General Government						
Town Hall Building Fund	10000	10000.00	10000	10000	0	0.00%
Highway:						
Highway Garage Building Fund	5000	5000	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Bridge Fund	6000	6000.00	6000	6000	0	0.00%
Paving & Construction Fund	30000	30000.00	20000	30000	10000	50.00%
Recreation Fund:						
Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing Fund	0	0.00	5000	5000	0	0.00%
Recreation Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total CIP Funding	51000	51000	46000	56000	10000	21.74%
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	1323867	1403887	1503407	1657287	153880	10.24%



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX ANNUAL AUDIT

On September 14, 2022, Batchelder Associates, PC of Barre, Vermont, issued its audit report of the Town's finances for the fiscal year running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. At its November 1, 2022, regular meeting, the Select Board reviewed and approved the audit report which showed the Town's books are in good order and there were no weaknesses or deficiencies found.

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 <https://middlesexvermont.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2022-Audit-Final.pdf>

Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX 2023-24 PROJECTED SALARIES COMPARISONS

Select Board	F/Y 22-23 Budgeted Wages	F/Y 22- 23 Budgeted Annual Hours	F/Y 23-24 Budgeted Wages	F/Y 23-24 Budgeted Annual Hours
Chairman	\$ 844.38	Flat Rate	\$ 878.16	Flat Rate
Member	\$ 675.51	Flat Rate	\$ 702.53	Flat Rate
Member	\$ 675.51	Flat Rate	\$ 702.53	Flat Rate
Member	\$ 675.51	Flat Rate	\$ 702.53	Flat Rate
Road Commissioner	\$ 844.38	Flat Rate	\$ 878.16	Flat Rate
SB Assistant	\$ 28,221.00	848	\$ 29,633.00	848
Administration				
Clerk	\$ 27,156.00	816	\$ 28,514.00	816
Assistant Clerk/Bookkeeper	\$ 50,186.00	1664	\$ 52,695.00	1664
Treasurer	\$ 7,571.20	208	\$ 9,555.00	250
Listers				
Lister	\$ 8,736.00	300	\$ 10,903.00	416
Lister	\$ 6,240.00	250	\$ 10,903.00	416
Lister	\$ 6,240.00	250	\$ 6,552.00	250
Highway				
Foreman	\$ 76,596.00	2305	\$ 81,702.00	2305
Crew	\$ 63,830.00	2305	\$ 67,021.00	2305
Crew	\$ 58,724.00	2305	\$ 61,660.00	2305
Crew	\$ 63,830.00	2305	\$ 56,170.00	2305
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 2,912.00	100	\$ 2,912.00	100
Zoning Administrator	\$ 7,800.00	300	\$ 8,190.00	300
Assistant Zoning Administrator	\$ 686.00	30	\$ 720.00	30
Recreation Director	\$ 6,500.00	250	\$ 6,825.00	250
Animal Control Officer	\$ 520.00	26	\$ 710.00	26
Health Officer	\$ 520.00	26	\$ 852.00	26
TOTAL	\$ 419,983.49	14,288	\$ 439,380.91	14,612



DEBT SERVICE/NOTES PAYABLE

as of June 30, 2022

Item	Outstanding Principal Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Matures F/Y
Highway:			
2018 International Hwy Truck	\$ 40,709.60	3.15	2024
2019 Freightliner Hwy Truck	\$ 85,634.29	3.25	2027
2019 John Deere Grader	\$ 280,500.00	2.45	2037
 Additional Debt Service for Budget F/Y 2023-2024			
2023 Kenworth T880 Hwy Truck	\$ 200,000.00	2.79	2028
Subtotal Highway:	\$ 606,843.89		
 Fire Department:			
Freightliner Fire Truck	\$ 87,447.00	3.00	2026
Fire Station	\$ 320,000.00	4.19	2030
Subtotal Public Safety:	\$ 407,447.00		
Total Debt Service:	\$ 1,014,290.89		



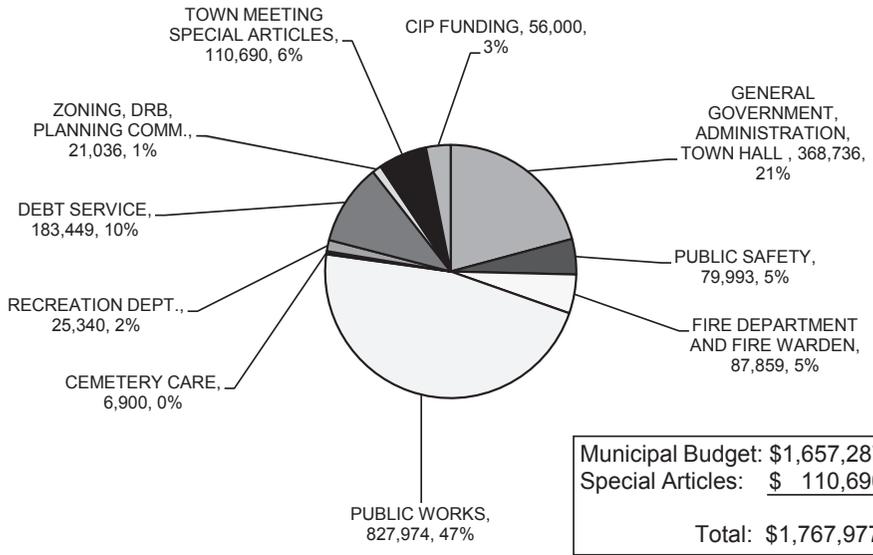
THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Fiscal Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Grand List	2,234,154	2,262,264	2,296,659	2,385,888	2,357,468
Town Budget	1,160,515	1,187,891	1,323,867	1,382,738	1,503,407
Special Articles	66,297	64,222	73,319	65,468	67,439
Town Tax Rate	\$0.420	\$0.472	\$0.527	\$0.527	\$0.595
School-Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.810	\$1.801	\$1.795	\$1.789	\$1.705
School-Non -Residential Tax Rate	\$1.561	\$1.638	\$1.646	\$1.681	\$1.631



WHERE THE \$ GOES

Town of Middlesex - Municipal Budget FY
JULY 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
See line by line detail on Town Budget Pages





ESTIMATED 2023 TOWN TAX EFFORT

2023-2024 General Government

Expenses

Budget (less Highway) 714127.00

Special Articles 110690.00

0.00

Total 824817.00

Anticipated Receipts

Interest 250.00

Zoning 5000.00

Licenses and Fees 30000.00

RR Tax 1800.00

PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment 73000.00

PILOT/ Agy of Natural Resources 55000.00

Delinquent Tax Interest 3000.00

Delinquent Tax Penalty 3000.00

Fund Balance Reduction 0.00

Total 171,050.00

Total General Government \$ 653,767.00

2023-2024 Highway

Expenses

Budget 872210.00

Receipts

State Aid to Highways 117000.00

Other Total Highway \$ 755,210.00

Sub-total \$ 1,408,977.00

Total Municipal Tax Effort \$ 1,408,977.00

2022 Grand List* \$ 235,708,940.00

2022 Homestead Tax Rate* 1.705 (State of Vermont)

2022 Non-Residential Tax Rate* 1.631 (State of Vermont)

Estimated 2023 Municipal Tax Rate* 0.748

Estimated Local Agreement Rate* 0.002

Estimated 2023 Total Town Tax Rate* 0.750

Total Non- Residential Rate* 2.381

Total Residential Rate* 2.455

**NOTE: This is only an estimate based on the 2022 Grandlist and anticipated financial receipts 2023 Grand List (property values as of April 1, 2023) and 2023 State Education Rates and 2023 Municipal rate will be used in determining 2023 Total Residential & Non-Residential Rates*



BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES



Dobet Gnahoré (photo E. Burg)

Summer 2022 marked the 16th annual concert season at the Martha Pellerin-Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand, and it was one of the best in the history of the series. Embracing the theme of “Celebrating World Music,” the Bandstand presented performances of music from West and East Africa, Latin America, Quebec and Cajun country, and the U.S.

For the first time, Middlesex hosted a Grammy Award winner: Dobet Gnahoré from the Ivory Coast, who won the honor in 2010 for Best

Urban/Alternative Performance with India.Arie, and who wowed one of our largest audiences ever.

Ms. Gnahoré was in good company in a season that also featured KeruBo, a fabulous Kenyan singer based in Burlington; trumpet virtuoso Ray Vega, who led a red-hot Latin jazz ensemble; Mal Maiz, an Afro-Caribbean big band; Va-et-Vient, a French-Canadian and Cajun trio; and Trifolium, specializing in folk and Americana.

Generous support for the concerts was provided through audience donations; by a grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts; and by these local businesses: Gold Sponsors Align to Health—Chiropractic & Functional Neurology, Bear Swamp Veterinary Service, Bliss Healing Acupuncture & Natural Health, Green Light Real Estate, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Northfield Savings Bank, Noyle W. Johnson Insurance Co., Vermont Creative Carpentry and Construction, and World Cow; Concert Sponsors Bear Creek Environmental, Flywheel Communications, Pease Farm Stable, and Three Penny Taproom; and In-Kind Sponsors Brian P. Graphic Arts, Capitol Copy, Madtech Sound & Lovetown Recording, and Margot Prendergast.

We’d also like to thank Mary Nealon, who retired from the Bandstand Committee in 2022 after years of tireless work supporting the performing arts in Middlesex; and the Middlesex Select Board, which voted in December 2022 to add a budget line item for the Bandstand.

Stay tuned for news on our 2023 concerts, on six successive Wednesdays starting July 5. You can access up-to-date Bandstand information on Facebook (search “Middlesex Bandstand”) and at middlesexbandstand.com (where we also have a gallery of photos from past years’ concerts).

See you at the Bandstand in July!

Middlesex Bandstand Committee

Linda Belt-Burnier

Paul Boffa ((802) 522-4810)

Elliot Burg ((802) 272-4920)

Sally Fox

Wendy Freundlich

Ron Sweet



FIRE DEPARTMENT

We had a total of 74 calls this year, 6 more than last year. The break-down as follows:

Vehicle vs animal I-89	7	TT slide off I-89	1
Vehicle slide off I-89	3	Vehicle accident I-89	7
Vehicle accident non I-89	7 (MA in 1)(MA out 2)	Tree in road	5
Vehicle Rollover non I-89	4 (MA out 1)	Vehicle fire I-89	5
Smoke in building	2 (MA out 1)	Structure Fire MA out	3
Brush fire	4 (MA out 1)(MA in 1)	False Smoke Alarm	1
False Fire Alarm	8 (MA in 1)	False CO Alarm	2
Structure Fire	4 (MA in 3)	Vehicle Fire non I-89	2
CO Alarm	1 (MA in 1)	Tree on power line	5
Downed power lines	1	Rescue	2

*MA = Mutual Aid

The big change for this year is the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department is, effective 01 January 2023, the Department moved under the Town. What does this mean? Not many changes, the members are still volunteers and the Fire Department still runs day to day operations. Our budget is now really part of the town budget and the Select Board approves the Chief elected by the members. We are working with the Select Board on our activities and the needs of the Department.

The exciting news for the Department is we purchased eight new MSA air packs for use on both of our engines and rescue. Our old air packs were close to no longer being supportable. This is a big step up for the Department and part of improved working relationship with the Select Board.

As for the future, we still need to replace our 37-year-old Rescue. We are looking into the requirements we need. The rough cost estimate is in the \$100,000 to \$125,000 range. We will keep you updated as we get closer. With the purchase of a new rescue our vehicle replacement requirements will be complete and we should not have to replace any of our vehicles for at least five years.

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 with. 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, 1st Tuesday of the month fire training, 3rd Tuesday business meeting, 4th Tuesday work session. In December the Annual Meeting and business meeting take place on the 1st Tuesday and training takes place on the 3rd Tuesday.

Eric Metivier, Chief

Jeff Koonz, President



MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

Middlesex FAST Squad provides local, early response to EMS emergency calls in Middlesex. The name FAST stands for First Aide Stabilization Team, and the service has evolved to a staff of fully credentialed and licensed EMTs, advanced EMT and paramedic.

There were 135 EMS calls to Middlesex in 2021, compared to 118 in 2020. As always, an appreciative THANK YOU shout out for the EMS providers of Montpelier Fire and Ambulance who provide outstanding EMS care and transport in Middlesex. We note that Montpelier Ambulance is usually staffed with a paramedic to provide a higher level of treatment should patients require. Kudos to all providers that have taken on the additional hours of training and responsibility to care for our residents and visitors.

We have added responders during 2021 but could add another person who lives /works in Middlesex and is often able to leave their job or home for the 30-45 minutes as EMS responder when the call comes in.

Our added responders include Patty O'Neill who has experience with FAST squads, was previously an EMT and currently taking the EMT class to get her EMT license again. Patty will be transitioning to the Director of the FAST squad when she is done with the class. Peter Fitz NRP is a full-time paramedic in Morrisville and is the Director of Worcester's FAST squad. Maggie Burke-Grenier is a full time AEMT with Waterbury Ambulance. Maggie and Peter bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to our FAST squad. There is a new EMS license for first responders, which 2 of our firefighters have taken and passed the class. We now wait for the legislators and Vt Dept of Health to define what and how this class of licensing can be utilized.

Stay safe. Get vaccinated against COVID. Patty, Jeff, Bob and I have been providing vaccines as part of the EMS initiative throughout Vermont. Clean hands, tight masks and distancing also work.

Call 911 when you need emergency help, Be prepared for questions - Dispatchers have punched the button to get us going! as they talk to you. Have your driveway marked so we don't waste time "guessing", Turn on all the house lights also says, "I'm Here!" Secure pets away from doors and paths to the patient for their safety and comfort if you can.

I am still looking for someone to help the fire department with the JD 911 driveway marker, sales order processing and delivery. Training provided!

For more information about joining the fast squad, or general EMS, email Marge Bower, interim Administrative Director of the Fast Squad. margebower@comcast.net.



CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Town of Middlesex, Cemetery Commission, reports that the three town owned cemeteries were kept looking their best during the summer of 2022. Thank you to our mowers for a job well done.

One full casket burial was accomplished during the summer, with its fees and paperwork delivered and filed at the town clerk's office. Three cremation burials were discussed with plans made, but were 'put on hold,' and/or, rescheduled for a later date, to accommodate family needs.

Three lots of varying sizes were sold, with fees delivered, and paperwork presented, in a timely manner, at the town clerk's office, for recording. Burials in some of these lots, are tentatively scheduled for Spring 2023.

A research project was done at the request of one family. They were interested in the purchase date and deed, and the location of each occupant of their family lot.

Report respectfully submitted.

Town of Middlesex – Cemetery Commission

Evelyn Gant, Chair

Gary Lamell, Field Expert

Janet McKinstry, Clerk/Treasurer



Carr Cemetery



North Branch Cemetery



Village Cemetery



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middlesex Conservation Commission's (MCC) mission is to conserve the town's natural and cultural resources. The MCC works with the Town's other governmental entities, 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 normally meets at Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00 PM; during the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were conducted via Zoom. The MCC has recently resumed in-person meetings and continues to offer the Zoom option for all who are interested.

Summary of 2022 Activities:

Middlesex Town Forest (MTF) – As in the previous two years, the pandemic did not allow for organized hikes in the MTF, but the forest and Chases Mountain Trail were heavily trafficked by town residents and non-residents alike. The MCC and many wonderful volunteers worked to upkeep the trail network throughout the year and completed trail improvement projects such as the installation of some new trail signs, the clearing of downed trees and other brush interfering with trails, etc. The MCC thanks our volunteers and the Middlesex Trails Group for their great efforts.

The MCC began an effort to clean the Town-owned Chase Mountain cabin. This effort proved to be difficult due to both rodents and significant deterioration of conditions, however the effort will be resumed in 2023. The MCC has not yet determined the final use for the cabin, though proposed ideas have included renting the cabin for camping or converting the cabin into an educational facility.

Class IV Roads and Legal Trails – The MCC worked closely with the Middlesex Trails Group (a sub-committee of the MCC) to continue assessing Class IV roads and Legal Trails throughout the town. Many of these roads are passable for recreational purposes (hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, 4-wheeling) but are rarely used for such due to their unknown/unpublished status. The MCC will continue to assess these roads and to make residents aware of their recreational potential.

Green Up – MCC members were joined by over 70 other participants for a very successful town clean up! Volunteers collected over 50 tires, 100 bags of trash, and filled a scrap metal bin to its brim! The MCC is considering slight changes to the program for 2023 in order to facilitate even more volunteerism and to make the overall trash disposal process more simplistic.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION (cont'd)

Cross Vermont Trail / 3-Mile Bridge Waypoint – The MCC continues to collaborate with and support the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA). The town of Middlesex helped to support the construction of the new bridge over the Winooski River which officially opened in May 2022. Upkeep of the Three Mile Bridge Wayside is being done by the CVTA and they are appreciative of their permitted use of the parcel.

Additions and Departures - The MCC did not undergo any changes in membership in 2022. We thank all of our members, volunteers, and others for their continued commitment!

General Information – 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,
Matt Schley
Larry Becker
Ross Lieblappen
George Longenecker
Adrienne Magida
Lee Rosberg
Dave Shepard
Jon Udis



MIDDLESEX TRAILS COMMITTEE

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 normally meets at Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00 PM; during the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were conducted via Zoom. The MCC has recently resumed in-person meetings and continues to offer the Zoom option for all who are interested.

Summary of 2022 Activities:

Middlesex Town Forest (MTF) – As in the previous two years, the pandemic did not allow for organized hikes in the MTF, but the forest and Chases Mountain Trail were heavily trafficked by town residents and non-residents alike. The MCC and many wonderful volunteers worked to upkeep the trail network throughout the year and completed trail improvement projects such as the installation of some new trail signs, the clearing of downed trees and other brush interfering with trails, etc. The MCC thanks our volunteers and the Middlesex Trails Group for their great efforts.

The MCC began an effort to clean the Town-owned Chase Mountain cabin. This effort proved to be difficult due to both rodents and significant deterioration of conditions, however the effort will be resumed in 2023. The MCC has not yet determined the final use for the cabin, though proposed ideas have included renting the cabin for camping or converting the cabin into an educational facility.

Class IV Roads and Legal Trails – The MCC worked closely with the Middlesex Trails Group (a sub-committee of the MCC) to continue assessing Class IV roads and Legal Trails throughout the town. Many of these roads are passable for recreational purposes (hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, 4-wheeling) but are rarely used for such due to their unknown/unpublished status. The MCC will continue to assess these roads and to make residents aware of their recreational potential.

Green Up – MCC members were joined by over 70 other participants for a very successful town clean up! Volunteers collected over 50 tires, 100 bags of trash, and filled a scrap metal bin to its brim! The MCC is considering slight changes to the program for 2023 in order to facilitate even more volunteerism and to make the overall trash disposal process more simplistic.



MIDDLESEX TRAILS COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Cross Vermont Trail / 3-Mile Bridge Waypoint – The MCC continues to collaborate with and support the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA). The town of Middlesex helped to support the construction of the new bridge over the Winooski River which officially opened in May 2022. Upkeep of the Three Mile Bridge Wayside is being done by the CVTA and they are appreciative of their permitted use of the parcel.

Additions and Departures- The MCC did not undergo any changes in membership in 2022. We thank all of our members, volunteers, and others for their continued commitment!

General Information – 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,
Matt Schley
Larry Becker
Ross Lieblappen
George Longenecker
Adrienne Magida
Lee Rosberg
Dave Shepard
Jon Udis



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

In 2023, **the Society will celebrate its 30th anniversary.** We are proud of our accomplishments, and our collection of valuable documents, artifacts and memorabilia continues to grow. 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 be offered a home to display our town's history.

Our Society needs new members to implement our major goals for 2023. We would like to publish an expanded hard-copy third edition 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. With help from knowledgeable residents, we would like to create an e-book as well, making the book accessible to historians and townspeople online.

We plan to hold a public film presentation in 2023, to show our neighbors and friends resident filmmaker Susan Bettmann's documentary about a Middlesex native, "Joe Picard: Man of the Land," as well as resident filmmaker David Smith's captivating elegy, "Eyesore," about the demise of the old, haunted house in Middlesex village.

The railroad station's roof is undergoing repair and owner Nicolas Hecht is raising funds to complete that essential task and other improvements. We offer a 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic places on the Middlesex website. 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. Our goal is to help citizens increase their sense of pride in our town's traditions and their sense of responsibility in planning for the future. We do all our fundraising through dues at Town Meeting so we hope to greet our neighbors in person this spring and ask for your support in pledging an extra dollar or two in dues to make up for the pandemic-years.

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



MIDDLESEX RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As we turn the calendar to a new year, please join me in quietly hoping that we're that much closer to finally emerging from the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A couple of hopeful signs:

- The Middlesex teams had terrific seasons competing in the Central Vermont Little League.
- In addition, the fall soccer program was very popular. I am pleased to report that we concluded the soccer season by hosting a day long soccer jamboree with pre-K/K and Grade1/2 teams from Middlesex, Worcester, Berlin, East Montpelier and Calais. It was our first time doing so, but the day was a big success.

Plans for 2023 include:

- I'm hoping to resume the popular Learn To Swim program this year.
- I'm also planning to give the Ed Weed memorial next to the Bandstand a makeover.
- Sprucing up and developing facilities at the Walter Kelley Park.
- Resurfacing of the town basketball and tennis courts is still a high priority.
- Upgrades to the baseball and soccer field this summer are also in the works.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Osiecki, Recreation Director



LISTERS REPORT

In 2022, the Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was calculated by the State to be 81.78%. This compares with 89.89% the previous year. Also, the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) was adjusted to 16.74%; in 2021 it was 13.82%. Both of these indicators are within specified state limits, but it is worth noting that they are on the rise, suggesting another town-wide reappraisal is in the near future. Taxable properties in town numbered 929 in 2022, for a town-wide assessment totaling \$250,438,800; this is up from \$249,993,200 in 2021.

The number of properties enrolled in the Current Use program decreased by six to 103 in 2022. The value of Current Use exemptions now totals \$14,145,760.

In 2022, there were 10 Veteran Property Exemptions, for a total of \$400,000 in exemptions. The Veteran Property Exemption equates to a \$40,000 deduction in the property tax owed on the particular property for which the owner is eligible (one deduction per eligible veteran).

Ten grievance hearings were held in June, resulting in a change to the fair market value for 8 of the 10 properties.

Thirty-Three residential sales were recorded in Middlesex during 2022, compared with to Forty-one sales in the previous period.

Property inspections for 2022 have been contracted out to NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center). NEMRC has more up to date computer equipment than what is available to the board of listers and with the increase in property transfers (partly due to Covid-19) more help is needed to keep up with the work flow. You may see them around town this spring with the "Listers" signs on their vehicles.

Annette Halasz/Shelly Desjardin

Middlesex Lister



PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Village Area – With the assistance of a grant from VTrans, the Middlesex Planning Commission completed work on the design and costs for improvements to better support walking, biking, and slowing traffic in the Village area along Route 2. We are looking now for opportunities to fund these improvements and have them included as part of VTrans’s road work and budgets going forward. These efforts can help Middlesex bolster business development in the Village area while making the area safer and more pleasant for residents and visitors.

Trails & Overlooks – Initial work is completed for trails, signs and two overlooks along the Winooski River behind Camp Meade. This was supported with a Better Places Grant from the State of Vermont and the work was completed by Camp Meade owners. There is permanent public access to these trails. These trails and overlooks enhance recreation and can hopefully be the start of a longer trail network in the future.

Energy Plan – We completed the adoption process for the Enhanced Energy Plan which was approved by voters and is now part of the 2022 Middlesex Town Plan. This will guide energy development in Town.

Zoning – We completed work on an update to Zoning and Subdivision regulations which were unanimously approved by the Selectboard and will be on the ballot for voter approval on Town Meeting Day 2023. The updated regulations simplify some permitting, provide clearer guidance for development in Town and incorporate new state requirements.

Permitting – We streamlined permitting by working with the Selectboard to create a Development Review Board to replace the permitting functions that were previously split between the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission. Middlesex now has only one panel that reviews permits, and the Planning Commission no longer reviews permits.

Information – More information on our work and projects can be found on the Planning Commission page of the What’s Next Middlesex website.

Respectfully,

Middlesex Planning Commission Sandy Levine, Chair; Jon Leibowitz, Vice-Chair; Mitch Osiecki, Secretary; Theo Kennedy; Nicole D’Agostino.





TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Solutions Committee is an ad hoc group of volunteers that has been working since 2001 with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and our town's civic affairs in general. Due to the pandemic our committee has again functioned more like a network this year, collaborating on projects wherever we could be useful.

Town Meeting and Elections:

In 2022, like many towns across Vermont and New England, Middlesex took a break from our face-to-face town meeting due to the pandemic. We look forward to the return of our in-person floor meeting in March 2023.

While we did send our annual "Welcome New Voter" letter, many of our committee's usual efforts— helping organize a town meeting meal, child care, transportation, and more—were set aside due to this year's circumstances. Instead, we focused on making the temporary town meeting hearing/voting process as informed as possible. Our efforts included creating a Candidates Profile page on the www.whatsnextmiddlesex website. In cooperation with the Vermont League of Women Voters, we solicited and publicized statements from all local candidates to support Middlesex residents' informed voting.

Solutions Committee members also co-hosted a candidates' forum for the Washington-5 House seat in advance of the August 9 primaries; and supported the League of Women Voters in distributing information about forums on statewide candidates/topics such as Vermont's U.S. Representative, Secretary of State, and proposed amendments to the Vermont Constitution.

Front Porch Forum:

The pandemic highlighted the value of Front Porch Forum (FPF), the free online "bulletin board" with a built-in local events calendar. A shout-out to Middlesex's Selectboard, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, and others who have used FPF to keep the community updated! As of January 2023, Middlesex's FPF had 1,623 members from an estimated 735 households. This year Middlesex posted about 3,050 messages including lots of stuff to sell, give, or borrow, suggestions about brush hogging, roof shoveling and firewood, updates about lost pets and escaped livestock, and more. FPF was launched in Middlesex in 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee, and since then Middlesex has posted 33,539 messages. Find out more at www.FrontPorchForum.com.

While FPF is a great place to air ideas, it is not designed for controversial debate—that is better accomplished at facilitated meetings. The Solutions Committee is committed to creating additional venues for discussion and we welcome your ideas for improving communication in Middlesex.



TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Middlesex Operator's Manual: Your Help Invited!

The Solutions Committee created the *Middlesex Operator's Manual: A Citizen's Guide to Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Town* over ten years ago, and it's time for an update. Designed to help residents understand and get involved in the community, this resource answers questions ranging from "Who maintains this road?" and "How does Town Meeting work?" to "Who do I call about my neighbor's barking dog?" and "Why does Middlesex have two zip codes?" ... and a lot more. If you can help with the research, writing, design, online interface, or just want to learn more, please be in touch!

Thank You to all Solutions Committee members and supporters. The Solutions Committee welcomes your participation! Have a suggestion? Please contact Susan Clark, 223-5824, sclarkmountains@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Clark, Chair*



ZONING REPORT

There were 39 permit applications submitted in 2022, of which 2 were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and 4 to the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is the successor board to the ZBA and will conduct all zoning reviews and appeals previously handled by the ZBA and site plan review that was the responsibility of the Planning Commission. This change puts all reviews under one board and will help simplify the review process.

Zoning Applications Approved in 2022

- 1 Minor Subdivision (by ZA) 2 new lots created
- 4 Boundary Line Adjustments
- 7 Single Family Dwellings
- 18 Residential Alterations including additions, garages, decks etc.
- 2 Commercial Projects
- 1 Home Industry
- 3 Change of Use

A reminder about Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standards (VT-RBES): any new construction of a residential dwelling, addition or garage with conditioned space (heated and/or cooled) requires that the builder complete an RBES Certification. In order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy which is required upon completion of any building project, you must first file a copy of your RBES Certificate with your application for a Certificate of Occupancy.



CENTRAL VT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Regional Commissioner

Ron Krauth

Transportation Advisory Committee

Ron Krauth

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

FY22 Middlesex Activities

- ❖ Updated Middlesex's parcel data and maps.
 - ❖ Conducted Speed study and placed counters along Route 2 in Middlesex Village.
 - ❖ Provided consultant services in the update of zoning regulations.
 - ❖ Served as the municipal project manager for the Walkable Middlesex sidewalk design project.
 - ❖ Supported the development of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Town; Drafted an application to the Vermont Community Development Grant program to study capital improvements to the Town Hall.
 - ❖ Identified funding programs to explore for an engineering alternatives study for major town facilities.
 - ❖ Provided information and guidance on ARPA project eligibility and prioritization process.
 - ❖ Researched historic preservation grants for Middlesex Town Office.
 - ❖ Incorporated Planning Commission text and formatted Enhanced Energy Plan; prepared for adoption.
 - ❖ Provided guidance on opportunities to connect low-income residents with energy assistance, resulting in collaboration between Energy Committee, Capstone Community Action, and Middlesex Community Fund to develop a revolving loan fund to cover upfront cost of weatherization services.
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CENTRAL VT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (cont'd)

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ ***Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:*** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
 - ❖ ***Brownfields:*** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
 - ❖ ***Transportation Planning:*** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
 - ❖ ***Emergency Planning:*** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
 - ❖ ***Climate and Energy Planning:*** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
 - ❖ ***Natural Resource Planning:*** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
 - ❖ ***Regional Plans:*** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
 - ❖ ***Geographic Information System Services:*** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
 - ❖ ***Clean Water Service Provider:*** Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets
 - ❖ ***Special Projects:*** Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
 - ❖ ***Grants:*** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.
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CENTRAL VT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.00 for fiscal year 2024.

Middlesex's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Adele McDonough.

CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC is located in Barre City, Vermont. We work with the State of Vermont to recycle TVs, computers and computer peripherals, architectural paint, household batteries, mercury bulbs and thermostats for free for Vermont residents. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be recycled in curbside recycling. In FY22, 403,896 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill.
 - **Grants:** In FY22, CVSWMD awarded \$33,218 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Through our Municipal Services Program (MSP), the city of Barre received \$5,000 and the town of Chelsea received \$2,764 for solid waste management projects. Samuel Morey Elementary School and Walden School were granted \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively through our School Zero Waste (SZW) program to reduce solid waste and achieve sustainability goals. And, finally, the Green Mountain Returned Peace Corp Volunteers received \$285 from our Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP) for their Pedals for Progress collection event in Montpelier. Green-Up Day grants of \$400 are available to each of CVSWMD's member municipalities.
 - **Household Hazardous Waste:** In FY22, CVSWMD held five one-day collections throughout the District and helped 637 resident households dispose of their hazardous waste. CVSWMD continues to work to acquire land and site a year-round collection facility within the District that will be conveniently accessible to all residents, and small business generators of waste.
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CENTRAL VT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT cont'd

- ***School Program:*** The School Zero Waste Program continued to deliver services to CVSWMD member schools in FY22. A total of 941 students in grades K-12 were reached through the delivery of 97 programs and initiatives that included: programs on living sustainably, recycling, and composting; support of student Farm-to-School groups, recognition of student leadership efforts in on-campus food scrap disposal, school community zero-waste events, field trips to the Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), and support for the 2022 VT Youth Climate Rally.
 - ***Compost and Zero Waste:*** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, recycling bins, and kitchen compost buckets to district residents at discounted rates. We also continue to offer our Event Kit and Bin Loan programs on a first-come, first-serve basis to help reduce and manage waste at events held within the District.
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CVFIBER

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipal entity governed by volunteer delegates who are appointed by our 20-member Central Vermont towns. Our aim is to provide access to fast, dependable, and affordable Internet service, with the first priorities being those who are unserved or underserved.

CVFiber will provide homes with speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 2 Gigs, and businesses with speeds ranging from 1 Gig to 10 Gigs. Speeds will always be symmetrical, for example, 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, for the best interactive experience for education, telemedicine, conference calls, business, gaming, and more. Providing rural Vermont with this level of service will enhance education, enable our workforce, create opportunities, and support the State's economy.

The 1,200-mile CVFiber community broadband network will cost an estimated \$60 million and take approximately three years to construct, provided funding, material, and labor are available. It is anticipated that Federal grants will fund 50% to 60% of the construction with the remainder funded through debt financing. CVFiber cannot receive town tax dollars and will support its ongoing operations with subscription revenues. Initial construction started in December 2022. CVFiber plans to construct up to 550 miles of its community broadband network in 2023.

To keep costs to subscribers down, 13 member towns have allocated \$833,000 of town American Rescue Plan Act funds to CVFiber. These funds are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) for a total contribution of \$1.67 million. Town allocations are used within the town and directly benefit residents. The VCBB is extending the dollar-for-dollar match through May 2023, providing each of our member towns the opportunity to allocate up to \$100,000 for a total contribution of \$200,000. Please contact me for more information (jdiamantides@cvfiber.net). Thank you for your support.

By providing symmetrical high-speed broadband access, CVFiber and the other Vermont Communication Union Districts are closing the rural digital divide by providing future generations with capabilities that we cannot imagine. The education and work opportunities made available by symmetrical high-speed broadband access will be as transformational to rural Vermont today as electrification was in the mid-twentieth century.

Connectivity is only the beginning. Please visit us at cvfiber.net.

Jerry Diamantides

Chair, CVFiber Governing Board



CROSS VERMONT TRAIL

We are celebrating the first year of the Cross Vermont Trail Winooski Bridge being open to the public! Since the ribbon cutting last June, a steady stream of people have enjoyed the bridge and the first 1.5 miles of new trail leading to it. The bridge won “Project of the Year” at the 2022 Vermont Bike-Ped Conference.

Winooski Bridge Ribbon Cutting was held June 4, 2022. Over 70 people gathered on the bridge (it held!) and cheered as the large red ribbon was cut with lopping shears. More seriously, we dedicated the bridge to the memory of Esther Salmi and Tom Smith. “Their commitment to fitness and respect for the environment live on in those who appreciate the outdoors.”

You can help us keep the momentum going. Ambitious work is planned for the year ahead, and you can help. Contact us at crossvermont.org to learn more.

CVTA is working to:

- Build many more miles of trail on either side of the Winooski Bridge - up to the U-32 School and on across East Montpelier from the Montpelier Bike Path to the Montpelier & Wells River Railtrail east of Route 14. This remainder of the Winooski Bridge trail project is being completed and opened in phases over the course of 2023 - 2024.
- Secure permission from additional landowners to keep moving the Cross Vermont Trail route off of the road. In 2022 we closed on four additional permanent trail easements, and are looking ahead to many more.
- Provide leverage to community partners to achieve our larger vision of joining together local paths into a logical network connecting villages, schools, and wild natural areas. With the ultimate goal of a complete off road trail across the whole State.
- Maps and signs all along the trail route will be getting a long due reboot in 2023, with a special focus on improving accessibility and inclusiveness.

CVTA’s mission is to create and maintain a multi-use trail across Vermont through the Winooski and Wells River Valleys between Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River. Our vision is: public recreation that is inviting and accessible to all; safe off-road travel to desired destinations; convenient locations for healthy outdoor activity; permanent greenway for easy local access to the natural world; and collaboration of landowners, community groups and local governments to foster regional trail networks with the Cross Vermont Trail as the connection among them.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association, formed in 1999, is an incorporated, private non-profit organization that is member-based and volunteer-driven. CVTA is funded by winning competitive grants and through individual donations from trail users. Residents of all towns through which the trail route passes are invited to get involved. Get better trails near where you live. Maps, guidebook, and more information on the trail routes are available at <https://crossvermont.org/>, or call at 802-498-0079.

Greg Western, Executive Director

P.S. Join us at this summer’s Central Vermont Cycling Tour, a group bike ride on scenic back roads around Montpelier, starting and ending at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks. Always the last Sunday in June - 6/25/2023.



LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Washington and Orange counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Barre Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since response efforts began, we hosted over 100 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,900 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, skilled nursing facilities, shelters, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered locally.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools, shelters, senior housing, farms, food distribution sites, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,337 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with



LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT cont'd

breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 58% percent of students in Washington County, and only 54% in Orange County, agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it’s also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS

I began my career in public safety at the age of 15, when I became an active member of the Hardwick Rescue Squad. I was active with the Rescue Squad until I left for Champlain College. In May of 1984 I received a degree in Law Enforcement and was hired as a patrolman by the Barre City Police Department. My first day in Barre City was July 2nd, 1984. I worked for the Barre City Police Department for just over 20 years.

Having had a very rewarding career with the Barre City Police Department, I was appointed Washington County Sheriff, by Governor Douglas and was sworn in on July 12th, 2004, filling the vacant Sheriff's seat. My last day of my final term as your Sheriff will be January 31, 2023. I will have served for just over 18 ½ years as Sheriff, just over 38 ½ years in Law Enforcement in Central Vermont, and over 42 in Public Safety.

I am proud to have been serving the County and to have been the second longest serving Sheriff in the History of Washington County. Sheriff Henry C Lawson was the longest serving Sheriff, serving 24 years, from 1929 to 1953. I am also happy to have served in the office my uncle Harold Potter held as Sheriff, from 1960 to 1968. Sheriff Potter lived in the house which is now my office and ran the County Jail (which is now the County Offices).

I have enjoyed working with each town and with the Citizens of Washington County. Working through problems and issues and working towards solutions. I have had a very rewarding and memorable career working with the people in Washington County and throughout the State.

Your next Sheriff will be Marc Poulin. Marc, a long time Deputy and past Lieutenant with the Department, will serve you well and I will make myself available through his first year, if he needs any assistance with the transition.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you for the past 18 plus years.

Locally:

During the fall of 2021 we lost our full time Patrol Deputy. He left us to become a police officer in Nashville, TN. In the spring of 2022, we were able to fill that patrol position. We are happy to once again able to fulfill our patrol contract with you. County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2022 generated 1219 total incident reports, to include 862 Traffic Stops, 368 Vermont Traffic Citations and 486 Traffic Warnings.

During our patrol efforts in Middlesex the following Vermont Traffic Complaints, Warning and Incidents were recorded by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol. Through all the issues we all deal with in today's world, we take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work, for all of us.

Professionally,

W Samuel Hill, Sheriff



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS

Incidents:

Call Type	Call Type
Traffic Stop	17
VIN Verification	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Motorist Assist	3

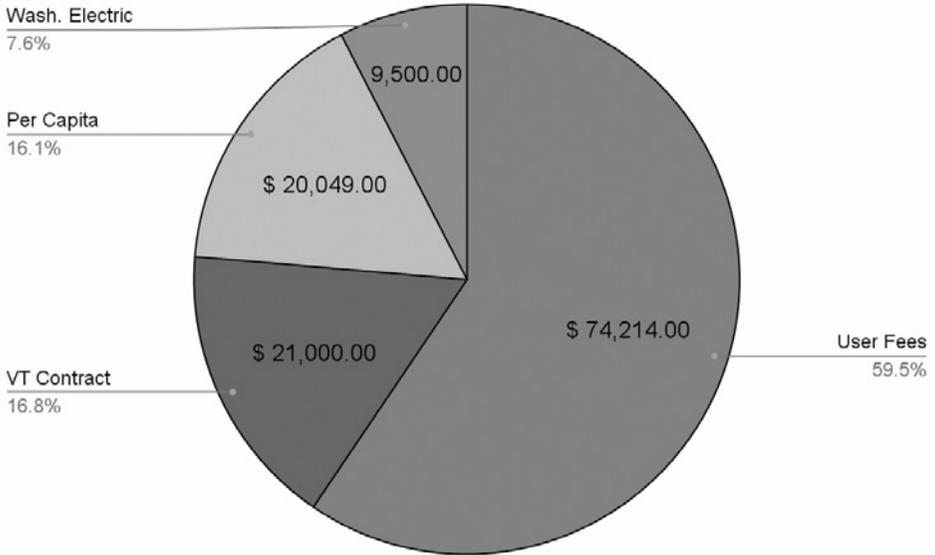
Tickets/Warnings:

Ticket Type	Ticket Violation	Ticket Violation
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Traffic	FYY - Stop Sign	1
Traffic	ISL - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Traffic	LBR - 11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local	2
Traffic	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	1
Warning	BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Warning	DLT - Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic	1
Warning	FYY - Stop Sign	2
Warning	FYY - Yield Sign	1
Warning	IRV - Interstate Highway Regulations	1
Warning	ISL - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Warning	LBR - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	1
Warning	LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	1
Warning	SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Warning	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days of Vt. Registration	2



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District formed in 1985 is made up of the four member “District” towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. The five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight of the District. Administrative and Bookkeeping assistance is contracted through the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The Beach Manager is responsible for all operations, staffing, and more.



Heatwaves in May seem to be the new normal, the rest of the season was comfortably warm, with minimal rain, pretty ideal. We sold 527 Season Passes, rented boats 961 times, and our group sites 162 times. We also provided residents of our 4 District towns \$3,643.00 in discounts off Season Passes, Boat & Group Site rentals. In 2022 the Beach District had over 17,000 user visits, and total revenue of ~\$123,750.00. \$74,214.00 from User Fees, the rest comes from the following three sources: \$1.50 Per Capita Assessment to the 4 District towns; Washington Electric Coop, and from the Vermont State Contract to maintain the Shady Rill Recreation Area, and the Boat Launch.

Beyond supporting our residents’ physical & mental health, Wrightsville significantly impacts the region’s economic vitality via: payroll; visits to retailers & restaurants by visitors from other Vermont communities, tourists, and through our supplies purchases from local businesses, and use of local contractors.



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT cont'd

In an effort to keep up with growing Group Site demand, we created a 3rd Group Site, which was immediately popular. We also made improvements to the Large Shelter area to improve the site for use during rainy periods.

We greatly appreciate the support from area residents and specifically their purchasing of Season Passes. Our mission is to provide you with swimming and other recreation options, at a cost that everyone can afford. To accomplish the mission, we need your continued support. We will continue to operate responsibly, and provide the best recreational product possible to help you recreate outdoors.

For 2023 we will add more boats to enable them to be rented for off-site use.

Like last season all residents of the District towns get 10% discount off Season Passes and Group Site rentals, and 25% off boat rentals. This means any Season Pass holding District Resident gets 50% off boat rentals.

The following 5 volunteer Board Members donate their time to help Wrightsville operate. Their time is valuable, and we greatly appreciate them for using some of it for Wrightsville!

Carl Witke, Worcester, (Chair); Kim Kendall, (Secretary), East Montpelier;
Jon Copans, & Dan Currier (Treasurer), Montpelier; George Longenecker, Middlesex.

Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager



Special Articles and Funding Requests \$250 or Less



ARTICLE 10: CENTRAL VT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home care, hospice, and maternal-child health care. We also offer public foot-care and flu vaccine clinics. In addition, we offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups.

CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all Central Vermonters regardless of a person’s ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters’ care needs are met. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Middlesex Jan 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	783
Hospice Care	125
Long Term Care	21
Maternal Child Health	14
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	943
TOTAL PATIENTS	47
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	57

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022, and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding is imperative in ensuring that CVHHH will provide services in Middlesex through 2023 and beyond.

Contact:

Sandy Rouse, President & CEO or
Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development
600 Granger Road, Barre
(802) 223-1878
kfarnum@CVHHH.ORG

Funding Request: \$4,500



ARTICLE 11: KELLOGG HUBBARD LIBRARY

Our mission, updated for 2022, is to empower community members to become lifelong learners by providing easy access to materials, online resources, programs and a welcoming place. Our vision is to be a resilient, inclusive and innovative library that continually learns and adapts to meet the changing needs of our community.

The Kellogg-Hubbard is an independent nonprofit Library serving six communities. Our multimedia collection includes 70,000 items, plus access to another 100,000+ digital items. We offer free programs from preschool story times to youth after-school activities to adult scholar-led lectures and home delivery for our housebound patrons. We are back to pre-pandemic foot traffic; community groups are booking our meeting rooms regularly and our public computers are packed every day.

618 Middlesex patrons borrowed 11,593 physical items from our collection last year plus digital content through the *Flipster*, *Kanopy* and *Libby* apps that we can't track by town.

The Library is funded annually through tax support from our member municipalities (55%), endowment income (26%), private contributions and fundraisers (18%) and miscellaneous income (1%). Like most Vermont libraries, our funding requests are per capita based. This year we are requesting level-funding from Middlesex, \$32,022 or \$18 per capita. The state *average* per capita support for Libraries is \$37.60. Our total budget is \$1,012,289. The Middlesex representative to our board of trustees is Sarah Seidman and our Co-Directors are Jessie Lynn and Carolyn Brennan. Please reach out to find out more and **thank you for your continued support!**

Contact:

Carolyn Brennan, Co-Director

Kellogg-Hubbard Library

135 Main St.

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 223-3338

Email: cbrennan@kellogghubbard.org

Website: www.kellogghubbard.org

Funding request: \$32,022



ARTICLE 12: NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER

North Branch Nature Center's mission is Connecting People with the Natural World. For 27 years, NBNC has offered place-based nature education and community science programs for people of all ages, as well as free year-round access to our 28-acre preserve Montpelier, less than two miles from the Middlesex town line.

Annually, more than 3,900 people attend our programs, and we estimate 27,000 trail visits (activities include walking, running, picnicking, snowshoeing, skiing, biking, and swimming). Each year we serve a minimum of 250 Middlesex residents through programs including summer camps, after-school programs, Forest Preschool, and our wide array of festivals, classes, lectures, community science opportunities, and outings for youth and adults. We also have several dedicated volunteers from Middlesex who help with everything from managing invasive species, to cataloging our natural history library, to serving on our board of directors, to contributing to community science projects like our annual early spring amphibian conservation program.

NBNC is committed to making our programs open and accessible to all by keeping prices low and offering scholarships. Our buildings are fully accessible, and in 2023 we are building an accessible trail and making accessibility improvements to our existing trails.

NBNC's 2022 annual budget is \$1,148,425. The Middlesex appropriation will support scholarships, accessibility improvements, and our core programs. For more information, please visit NorthBranchNatureCenter.org. Thank you for your support!

Contact:

Emily Seiffert, Development/Communications Director

EmilyS@NorthBranchNatureCenter.org

802.229.6206

NBNC

713 Elm Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

Funding Request: \$2,500



ARTICLE 13: WATERBURY SENIOR CENTER

The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association (WASCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the planning, development, and coordination of comprehensive services including social, educational, charitable and nutritional programs that support older persons in leading healthy, independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and the community as long as possible.

Our seniors can once again gather in our dining room and meeting space Monday through Friday to enjoy great food, good company, and a wide variety of engaging activities. Through our partnership with Meals on Wheels, we're helping more and more seniors live independently by providing nutritious meals, along with a friendly "hello," and informal wellness-checks.

However, we know there are difficult times ahead. From food to fuel, we're all experiencing higher costs, and seniors living on fixed or low incomes are especially impacted. At the Center, we're rolling up our sleeves to manage increasing expenses without compromising the quality of our services.

We are proud to report that WASCA delivered over 18,000 meals to homebound seniors in our area towns in FY22. Our FY23 budget is \$217,383 which yields a per meal cost of \$12.07. We receive \$3.80 per meal in Federal funding through the Older Americans Act, leaving a shortfall of \$8.27 per meal. Over the last year, the number of Middlesex residents requesting our services has doubled. Given the current trends, we anticipate delivering 3,000 meals to Middlesex residents in the coming year. With support from our communities, the Center will continue to thrive. We are asking you to help fund the vital work we do.

Contacts:

Justin Blackman, Board Chair
justin@wasca.org

Maureen White, Treasurer
maureen@wasca.org

Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association
14 Stowe St
Waterbury, VT 05676
802-244-1234

Funding request: \$10,000



ARTICLE 14: YOUTH FIRST MENTORING

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring is becoming Youth First Mentoring in our commitment to inclusivity. We have served youth in Washington Central Unified Union School District and Montpelier for the past 23 years. Mentees benefit from an additional healthy adult relationship in their lives, meeting weekly with their mentors to develop strong decision-making skills and healthy life choices as they move through adolescence. Youth who have mentors are more likely to graduate high school, get along better with their siblings and parents and avoid risky behaviors like alcohol and drug use.

Currently, we have four mentees from Middlesex and two mentors. Through the third year of the pandemic, our mentors have stayed connected with their mentees, virtually and in person when possible. Our mentor pairs take walks or go on hikes, do farm chores or build treehouses, ride bikes or cook together.

Whether sticking to familiar, comforting activities or finding creative new adventures, the bond between our mentor pairs is powerful. Families express how helpful it is for their children to have new opportunities and extra support from mentors, so integral for our youth's mental health and sense of connection.

We respectfully request \$1,500 to sustain our program through the coming year. Youth First Mentoring's annual budget is \$60,000. The contribution from the town of Middlesex will support general operating expenses.

We are so grateful for the town's support of mentoring in our community!

Contact:

Youth First Mentoring

Contact: Sally Stroiney Russell

802-552-0249

73 Main St, #29 Montpelier, VT 05602

sally@youthfirstmentoring.org

Funding Request: \$1,500



AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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

- We made 576 homes safer by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 34,765 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level) • We collected over 132,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,900 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department. Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Middlesex. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00. These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Washington County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1- 800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Contact:

Lauren Jordan Development Coordinator
American Red Cross of Northern New England
32 N. Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05401
(800) 464-6692
Website: www.redcross.org/nne

Funding request: \$250



BIG HEAVY WORLD

In Big Heavy World's 26th year we continue to engage young Vermonters in the work of preserving and promoting Vermont-made music. Participation in these resources is free and open to the local music businesses and artists of Middlesex. Our recent projects include a USDA-supported map-based directory of Vermont's music sector; the intake of thousands of Vermont album art images into the national Digital Public Library of America initiative; and a mobile exhibit of one of the saxophones of regional blues legend Big Joe Burrell now scheduling into libraries across the state and the State House with support from Vermont Humanities. With Digital Infrastructure support from the state via the Vermont Arts Council we distributed ninety USB microphones to public libraries and are now creating a Vermont-specific on-demand music licensing platform to create a whole new revenue source for artists. Our weekly live broadcast of interviews and performances by Vermont artists, Rocket Shop, has hosted more than 700 bands and attracted a large podcast audience, too. In 2020 an international jury honored Big Heavy World with a 'Best Global Music Office Award.' Our mission is to preserve the historical record of music originating in Vermont; to create economic opportunity for Vermont's musicians and the industries vital to them; to develop community among Vermont musicians and their patrons; and to accomplish this mission in a substance-free environment that empowers and educates youth. Funding would support our operational budget of \$30,000. Your consideration of renewed support of \$250.00 is deeply appreciated!

Contact:

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Big Heavy World
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jim@bigheavyworld.com

Funding request: \$250



CENTRAL VT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Middlesex residents for fifty-six years.

CVABE serves as Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties' resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for adults (ages 16 - 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels.

By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Middlesex residents for generations to come.

Last year, 3 residents of Middlesex enrolled in CVABE's free programs. Additionally, 1 Middlesex resident volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups.

CVABE's total program budget for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$1,685,281. One hundred percent (100%) of support from Middlesex will be used for direct student services (instruction and educational materials). It currently costs CVABE \$4,433 per student to provide a full year of instruction.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction or volunteer opportunities, contact:

Barre Learning Center

46 Washington Street- Suite 100

Barre, Vermont 05641

(802) 476-4588

Montpelier Learning Center

100 State Street- Suite 3

Montpelier, Vermont 05602

(802) 223-3403

www.cvabe.org

info@cvabe.org

Funding request: \$250



CENTRAL VT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.

CVCOA connects older Vermonters to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. With a total overall expense budget for FY21 of \$4.8 million, CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide support to Middlesex residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, health insurance counseling, etc), family caregiver support, and more. CVCOA provided individualized support to 21 residents of Middlesex. CVCOA Case Manager Bill Merrylees was designated to serve older adults in Middlesex.

CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, companionship and creative encouragement, and more. We at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Middlesex for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters.

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Central Vermont Council on Aging
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Funding request: \$250



THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Children's Room has appreciated the annual support from Middlesex Town in the past, and requests your continued support in 2023, at \$250.

We are a 38-year-old, volunteer-run nonprofit that serves families and caregivers with young children (birth - 6 yrs.), by providing highly accessible opportunities for playing, learning and gathering with other families and community members. Our warm and welcoming free drop-in play center (located within Brookside Primary School in Waterbury), serves also as a support facility and hub of parenting resources. Our programs include weekly playgroups, story and music hours, local field trips, parent information forums, and large weekend events such as our annual Barn Dance and wintertime Big Toy Night. Through it all, our goal is to promote family strength, resilience, and early years child development.

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 all. After launching a series of outdoor programs and playgroups in the fall of 2021 and winter of 2022, we were excited to finally be able to reopen our play space at Brookside Primary School this past May. Families have been so appreciative to have a safe, inviting and engaging place to bring their small children, many of whom had not interacted with other children and adults before. We're now open 4 days a week for families to drop in, and we've had regular weekend offerings for working families, including the return of our Barn Dance and the Not So Scary Halloween Party.

During the last full school year (2021/22), The Children's Room hosted over 350 families in our programs, consisting of roughly 1,400 child and adult visits. Our larger events brought in upwards of 80 families at a time. These visits include fifteen Middlesex families that utilized our services during the year, on numerous occasions. Through it all, our goal is to promote family strength, resilience, and early years child development.

We know the support we provide young families is critically important, and we hope Middlesex town will support us in supporting the community in these ways. It is a pleasure to provide such a valuable resource to Middlesex families, and we look forward to future years of service. We thank you again for your past support and consideration for the coming year.

Contact:
Heather LaRocca
47 Stowe Street, Waterbury, VT 05676
802-345-7837
childrensroom@huusd.org

Funding request: \$250



CIRCLE

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

During the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) 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 received help with civil legal issues.
- 1 Middlesex resident attended numerous community support group sessions
- 3 Middlesex residents received safety planning

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 3,977 hotline calls. Shelter services were provided to 18 women and 21 children for a total of 2,744 bed nights in Washington County.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 159 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 69 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 2,200 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

If you are in danger, use a safe computer, call 911, or Circle’s confidential hotline 877-543-9498.

Contact:

Karol Diamond
Circle
P.O. Box 652
Barre, VT 05641
Administrative office: (802) 476-6010
Email: staff@circlevt.org
24-hour toll-free HOTLINE: 1-877-543-9498

Funding request: \$199



COMMUNITY HARVEST OF CENTRAL VERMONT (CHCV)

Community Harvest of Central Vermont (CHCV) brings community together through gleaning to recover surplus food grown on area farms which is then delivered to sites that serve those with limited access to healthy, fresh local food. In the process, the community has the opportunity to gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction.

CHCV partners with 55 area farms and growers to help reduce surplus food from going to waste. Hundreds of community volunteers helped glean farmers' unused produce, and we donate it to 35 area programs serving people with limited access to nutritious, fresh local food. We helped serve 10,299 individuals in Washington County in 2022, of which we estimate 200 were Middlesex residents. In addition to recovering food, CHCV connects community and helps it engage with local farms by bringing people to the fields to work together and see how local food is grown.

Over the past nine years, CHCV has recovered and donated 2 million servings of nutritious food, helping to increase food security for thousands of Central Vermonters. CHCV is the only local program helping farms donate their surplus food to community members in need.

Our fiscal year 2023 budget is \$200,359. Funds from the Town of Middlesex will be used to support harvesting, processing, and delivery of gleaned produce.

Community Harvest of Central Vermont

146 Lord Road
Berlin, VT 05602
802-229-4281
CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com
www.CommunityHarvestVT.org

Funding request: \$250



FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Family Center of Washington County provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. Our mission is building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community, and our vision is acceptance and hope for all families. We serve the diverse needs of our community's young children and families, including those who are at-risk of poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity.

In FY22 we offered services for children, youth and families that included Early Care and Education; Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention; Child Care Financial Assistance; Child Care Referral; Welcome Baby outreach to new parents; Parent Education; Playgroups; Family Supportive Housing; Family Support Home Visiting; Food Shelf and Diaper Bank; Reach Up Job Development; Families Learning Together; Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project; and Family Stability Housing support.

We served 26 residents from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. *5 families received Information & Child Care Referral; *4 families received Child Care Financial Assistance; *6 children and caregivers participated in Playgroups; *2 individuals received Home Visiting services; *5 children and parents attended Community Events; and *4 young parents received wrap-around support in our Family Support Group.

Total Budget for 2021-2022 was \$2,723,049.

Funds from Middlesex and other communities are used to support the prevention and community development services offered by the Family Center, filling in the gaps from grants and state funding to enable us to deliver a wider variety of services to families, many of whom may be particularly vulnerable.

Contact:

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802-262-3292, Ext. 126 and Ext. 151
www.fcwcv.org

Funding request: \$250



GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

We are a small nonprofit with an annual budget of \$124,163. Our mission is to bring community to families and their babies. We do this through in-home and community-based services available at no charge to anyone caring for a new baby. Our Postpartum Angel Family Support Program matches families with a trained volunteer for up to 12 weeks of in-home support and respite. Our Journey Into Parenthood 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 Perinatal Support Fund and Free Carrier Program.

6 Middlesex families accessed our services last fiscal year (9 adults; 6 children).

2 families were matched with volunteers and received a combined 31 hours of in-home and virtual support.

4 families attended our community events and activities, including our weekly Acorns and Oaks caregiver meet-up, Journey workshop for expectant parents, and Climb Out of the Darkness community-building and awareness raising event.

Funding from the Town of Middlesex supports our Postpartum Angel program and specifically, staff time devoted to recruiting and training volunteers, conducting outreach to referral sources, and matching families with volunteers. Town funding also covers expenses associated with our peer support groups and free early parenting workshops.

Contact:

174 River Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
info@goodbeginningscentralvt.org
www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org
802.595.7953

Funding request: \$250



GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

Good Samaritan Haven is an emergency shelter network for people experiencing homelessness in central Vermont. Today we operate three shelters and our annual budget is \$1,404,408.

In 2022, we opened a 35-bed shelter—now our central campus—in Berlin. We also began leasing a 15-bed shelter on the South Barre Road in Barre and continue to operate our original 20-bed shelter, also located in Barre. Despite doubling the number of beds we provide, we are at capacity.

Our street outreach and resident support team serves the shifting population of unsheltered individuals on the streets and in encampments, along with the hundreds more sheltered in motels supported by State vouchers. Due to the circumstances of the population that we serve, we are unable to accurately collect and report specific data regarding the previous residency of our clients. In our experience, however, we know that most of our guests come from the towns within central Vermont or have important connections to local residents.

Good Samaritan Haven provides nutritious meals, street outreach, motel-based support services, COVID, flu, and monkeypox vaccine clinics, housing case management, transportation, and other critical services to our guests. A recent snapshot recorded 100-plus people living outside, 70 in shelters, and 300 in motels—compared to September 2020, when we were serving 20 people outside, 25 in shelters, and 218 in motels.

Funding will be used to support the general needs of our guests and the operation of our programs.

Contact:

Jocelyn Hebert, Communications & Donor Manager
GPO Box 1104
105 North Seminary Street
Barre, VT 05641
Phone: (802) 343-0080

Funding request: \$250



GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY (GMTA)

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

In FY22, GMT provided ongoing individual special transportation services to Middlesex residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled transportation totaling 66 trips.

Our 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 the private citizens to keep us strong. Without these partnerships, we would not be able to provide the critical services that we offer.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a funding request for FY24 from the Town of Middlesex. **We respectfully request \$250 for FY24 to be placed before the Town of 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.

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in continuing this mutually beneficial partnership. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact info:

Jamie Smith
Director of Marketing and Planning
802-540-1098
jamie@ridegmt.com

Funding request: \$250



GREEN UP VERMONT

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day.

We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 53rd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$100.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Population \$ Request

- 0 - 1,000 \$50
- 1001 - 2000 \$100
- 2001 - 3000 \$150
- 3001 - 4,000 \$200
- 4,001 up \$300

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2023, May 6th** and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments.

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again.

Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
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Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802) 522-7245
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Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org

Funding request: \$100



MONTPELIER VETERANS' COUNCIL

The Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council has been placing flags and markers at local cemeteries for over 35 years. Each year, the organization places over 2,500 flags in 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 as well as tax-payer contributions from Montpelier, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester. Due to the escalating costs of flags and markers, the Montpelier Veterans Council needs to ask towns to assist in these costs.

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 it their privilege. Will you please support our effort with a donation today? Any donation will help and be greatly appreciated.

Contact:

Carole Baker, Secretary/Treasurer
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council
21 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 229-9043

Funding request: \$250



MOSAIC VERMONT

Mosaic Vermont's Annual Report to Towns for FY22

- Over 5,000 direct responses to harm were provided.
- 330 individuals were served due to incidents of sexual violence. 60 were children.
- 26 people received support from an advocate at a forensic medical exam at CVMC.
- 31 children received support during forensic interviews.
- Advocates fielded 535 questions regarding housing and shelter.
- Mosaic's shelter supported 7 people, including 3 children, for 708 bed nights.
- Mosaic engages in community-wide culture-change efforts to connect, share resources, increase accessibility to programming for all people, and to help end violence. This year, advocates and educators engaged over 1,200 youth and 150 adults across 5 public schools in addition to others throughout Washington County.
- Total budget: \$459,167. Town funds support general violence response services. *"You were the only one willing to help me. That's all I needed... to talk to someone."*
~Mosaic Client

Mosaic's work is led by the people who have been impacted by sexual harm. Through the provision of services such as our 24-hour helpline; safety planning; advocacy at Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations; emergency shelter; assistance applying for victim's compensation; support in court hearings or at crime related appointments or interviews; referrals to and support in accessing community resources; parent, friend, and caregiver support; and case management; we help people begin to heal. We provide additional, specialized services for people who have experienced sex trafficking, adult survivors of child sexual abuse, and children and youth who have experienced sexual violence.

Mosaic's services are highly confidential, and people are not required to disclose their town of residence to receive services. Many do not. We are deeply grateful to the cities and towns of Washington County for your continued support as our advocates undertake highly complex and confidential work. Your steady allyship and preservation of privacy have saved lives.

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Helpline: 802.479.5577

Funding request: \$250



OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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

OUR House saw 95 sexual-abuse cases in 2022. Of those, 15 involved children under age 6. None of the cases was in Washington County.

While it is difficult to monetarily quantify a child-abuse investigation, national statistics show that on a per-case basis, traditional investigations were 36% more expensive than investigations conducted by agencies like OUR House.

Contact:

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OUR House of Central Vermont, Inc.
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(802) 272-6312
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Funding request: \$250



PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

The Clinic's oral healthcare program continues to grow in popularity and demand, due partly to a lack of dental insurance or available area dentists. Nearly half of the patients in 2022 saw our dental hygienist for cleanings, x-rays, maintenance, and referrals for more complicated procedures, including extractions and root canals.

In 2022, PHWC cared for 408 unduplicated patients, 159 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 545 medical visits, 285 dental visits, 499 mental health visits. 73 patients received assistance in enrolling in Medicaid, another health insurance plan, and financial assistance programs. Patients came from 62 cities and towns in the region.

PHWC provided 22 Middlesex residents with healthcare services in 2022 for a total of 118 different interactions, including visits with a doctor, consults, referrals, and application assistance. This also included 15 visits with a primary care physician and 10 visits with a dental hygienist.

As a federally deemed free clinic, PHWC cannot charge for services and depends on grants, donations, and municipal funding. Our annual budget is approximately \$420,000. 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. If approved, the Middlesex allocation will go to support our operations here in Barre and allow us to continue serving residents of the town.

Contact:

Daniel Barlow, Executive Director
Executive Director
People's Health & Wellness Clinic
51 Church St.
Barre, VT 05641
Phone: 802-479-1229
www.phwcvt.org

Funding request: \$250



VT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 1 adult in Middlesex and 93 adults and 24 students in Washington County.

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

Last year local towns and cities provided us with over \$27,704 in support, which went directly to client services. We hope that Middlesex will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$249 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at sgougher@vabvi.org.

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VABVI

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So. Burlington, VT 05403

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sgougher@vabvi.org

Funding request: \$249



VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VCIL)

For over 43 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'22 (10/2021-9/2022) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 158 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 6 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 172 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 80 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 91 individuals with information on assistive technology; 39 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 454 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served 29 people and provided 16 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier, and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, 4 residents of Middlesex received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

Contacts:

Sarah Launderville, Executive Director
VT Center for Independent Living
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(800) 639-1522
Email: info@vcil.org
Website: www.vcil.org

Funding request: \$195



VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK

The **Vermont Family Network** is a state-wide organization whose mission is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Town funding would support our Family Support Program, through which we offer families a variety of services such as trainings, parent matches, school meeting support, and a helpline. Our Family Support Consultants are all experienced parents of children with special needs, allowing them to relate to and understand the unique needs of families before, during and after their child's diagnosis.

As the state's Family Voices and Parent Training and Information Center, we have continued to be involved in advocacy efforts around early intervention programs, special education, and budget decisions that impact families of children with special needs.

Last fiscal year we supported 1500 families. Thank you for your consideration of funding, together we can continue to support families all over the state who have children with special needs.

Contact info:

Vermont Family Network

600 Blair Park Road

Suite 240

Williston, VT 05495

Claire Giroux-Williams, Development and Communications Manager

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800-800-4005

vermontfamilynetwork.org

Funding request: \$250



VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

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 25+ years of the program, nearly 1200 grants totaling \$2.6 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 \$5,000 to \$10,000 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.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was \$285,901, of which \$165,422 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:

Troy Dare, Manager & Engineering Technician
Rural Fire Protection Task Force
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road
Sumner, ME 04292
802-828-4582

Funding request: \$100



WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

Purpose: The **Washington County Diversion Program** (WCDP) is a local non-profit organization that provides a range of restorative justice programs for the communities within Washington County. WCDP addresses unlawful behavior, supports victims of crime and promotes a healthy community. We follow a balanced and restorative justice model that strives to put right the wrongs that have been done and address the needs of all stakeholders, including the victim, the community and those who violated the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible behavior.

WCDP runs six separate programs: Court Diversion (adult and youth), the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Program, the Tamarack Program, Pretrial Monitoring and the Driving with License Suspended Program. During Fiscal Year 2022, WCDP's with 503 participants across those programs.

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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Diversion office at 802-479-1900 x3.

Contact:

Meg Rizzo, Executive Director
322 North Main Street, Suite 5, Barre VT 05641
meg@wcdp-vt.org, 802-479-1900 x3

Middlesex Residents Served in FY22: 4

Funding request: \$250



YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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 the following services: youth & family counseling; emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; transitional living support for homeless youth; support for pregnant/parenting teens; adolescent substance abuse treatment; transitional living support for young men exiting from jail; a teen center; support for youth involved in foster care; and a 24 hour on-call service. Last year, 2 Middlesex residents were served through one or more of the services identified above.

The Bureau has been providing services to Middlesex residents for 48 years. This year's funding request represents a cost of approximately \$87.50/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 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 \$ 1,774,188. The \$175 requested will be applied to services delivered to Middlesex residents.

Contact:

Kreig Pinkham

Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

PO Box 627, 38 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05601

wcysb@wcysb.org

802-229-9151

Funding request: \$175



2022 DOG REPORT

<u># Registered</u> <u>1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>Fees to State</u>
133	\$1,278	\$666

More and more people are failing to license their dogs, a violation of 20 V.S.A. § 3581, the state law requiring that all dogs be licensed by April 1st. In 2022, 1 fewer dog was licensed than in 2021. This means there are many, many dogs in Middlesex who might not be up to date on their rabies vaccinations. It also means if dogs are lost - or found - our Animal Control Officer cannot locate their owners.

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. For your peace of mind and the safety of our community, please license your dog today. No one wants to start confiscating beloved pets for lack of tags.

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.

To make this process easier, we've attached the 2023 Dog License Renewal Form below. To license your dog, please do the following:

- Complete the form which can also be found on the Town's website at: tinyurl.com/4ja5sns8
- Include a check for \$9/spayed or neutered dog OR \$13 for natural made out to the Town of Middlesex.
- If this is a new dog OR if your dog's rabies certificate has expired, please include a copy of the new rabies certificate
- Mail the above to: Middlesex Town Clerk, 5 Church Street, Middlesex, VT 05602

OR

Stop by the office at the above address during normal business hours between 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Thursday. You can even bring your (LEASHED) dog. We have dog bones!

If you have any questions, call 802-223-5915



TOWN OF MIDDLESEX VERMONT 2023 Dog License Renewal Form

Owner's Name: _____ -

Address: _____ -

Telephone (best way to reach you): _____

Dog's Name: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____ Weight (S/M/L): _____

Color: _____ Neutered or Spayed (Y/N): _____

Rabies Date (Include Rabies Certificate if Currently Expired): _____

Veterinarian Name: _____

FEES: \$9 per fixed dog/\$13 per intact. Please make checks payable to the Town of Middlesex and mail to: Town of Middlesex, 5 Church St., Middlesex, VT 05602. Dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2023



2022 BIRTHS

Last Name	First Name
Bove	Loughlin
Boyd-Boffa	Emile
D'Agostino	Piper
Drolet	John
Gardner	Evelyn
Kalim	Idris
Leonardi	Vincent
Livingston	Eleanor
Mason	Milo
Persing	Henry
Rkiouak	Liam
Roy	Calvin
Russo	Giavanna

2022 DEATHS

Date of Death	Last Name	First Name	Suffix	Age
8/28/2022	Britton	William	JR	73 years
8/26/2022	Chase	Richard		67 years
6/10/2022	Fadden	Robert		58 years
11/29/2022	Fleury	Peter		73 years
3/24/2022	Gursky	Ashleigh		24 years
11/16/2022	Mayo	Ann		86 years
6/4/2022	Murray	Dale		75 years
1/31/2022	Sprague	Kevin		65 years

2022 MARRIAGES

1/22/2022	McCallister, Amanda Louise	Long, Alec David
3/26/2022	Cook, Charles Martin	O'Casey, Elizabeth Anne
7/9/2022	Keenhold, Bryn Whitney	McDonald, Gregory James
7/9/2022	Anzalone, Blair Marie	Legris, Douglas Harvey
7/30/2022	Ryan, Megan Marie	Coslett, Eric Dominic
8/13/2022	Finkelstein, Abigail Basya	Nealon, Sean Patrick
9/24/2022	Barsch, Schuyler Marie	Redmond, Bryan James
10/9/2022	Cook, William Adam	Hardaker, Rhonda Lyn
10/25/2022	Martin, Carly Patricia	Jackson, Taylor Christine
11/26/2022	Cohen, Maayan Raquel	Lopez-Arriba, Luis Fernando Gonzalez



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COVER NOTE:

The photo on the cover is from the apiary on Norton Road owned by Rick and Genevieve Drutchas who won the Center for Honeybee Research's International Black Jar honey contest's Grand Prize for the World's Best Tasting Honey in 2022. Rick started the Bee Haven Honey Farm over 40 years ago. He and Genevieve keep around 100 hives these days, after operating as a commercial apiary with 700 hives for many years. And for the record, all beekeepers get stung pretty regularly, suited up or not. It's just a part of the game!

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