

middle TOWN NEWS letter

August 2016

Municipal Planning Grant: Creative Economy Project Successfully Closed Out

The \$7,800 Municipal Planning Grant the Town received to fund the Creative Economy Project has been successfully completed and closed out by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Annina Seiler, the Department's manager for MPG's complimented the project and close-out report stating that the report is "a great summary and community report, especially excited about strong community engagement and participation."

Local officials involved include the Planning Commission, Select Board and Town Treasurer. Tom Hurcomb served as MPG administrator, Herb Childress as MPG municipal authorizing agent and Jenny Talke Munyak as treasurer. The Project's Steering Committee included Nick Seidner, Ryan Mahar and Tom Hurcomb. A special thanks to the project's consultant, Kathy Letendre. The project now continues under her volunteer direction.

Thanks to all,
The Creative Economy Project



Vermont Primary Election

Tuesday, August 9
Polls open in Middletown Springs
7-7pm at the Firehouse.

Primaries are being held for statewide offices as well as Representative to the House from this district and Senators for Rutland County. Sample ballots are posted at Town Office, Post Office, the Store, and on the [town website](#).

Last Day to Register to Vote: August 3
Request an Absentee/Early Ballot: no later than August 8, from the town clerk before the close of business.

Creative Economy Continues...



The Creative Economy effort is facilitated by a core group and is tapping in to the many interests, talents and skills of the people of Middletown Springs. The group selects initiatives each quarter, based on the energy and interests of community groups and individuals.

Recent efforts included:

- * An award-winning entry in the Middletown Springs parade, highlighting the creativity in our town.
- * The development & distribution of a notecard to visitors and residents at the parade & Strawberry Festival. This events notecard was sponsored by 10 creative organizations & businesses in Middletown Springs.
- * The updating of our town website with the current business & services directory — making it easier for neighbors to reach out to neighbors when they are need of a service.

A summary of the Creative Economy mission, vision, and image that were developed during the planning phase is available on the [town website](#).

If you'd like to be part of the efforts/initiatives just contact any one of us and we'll put you on our email contact list. There will be a variety of ways to get involved as we take on specific creative economy initiatives/projects. What are some of the ways you would like to get involved? Let us know!

Creative Economy Core Group:

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235-1369

Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman - tango@vermontel.net

Linda Peavy - crazywoman@vermontel.net

Paul & Meredith Morgan - morganics@vermontel.net

Ryan Mahar - maharmaple@gmail.com

Tom Hurcomb - hurcomb@vermontel.net



Hiring: Highway Maintenance Person

The Town of Middletown Springs is accepting applications for a full-time Highway Maintenance person. The successful candidate must hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) and an up-to-date DOT physical exam card. Experience in operating a variety of vehicles – plow/dump trucks, sander/salter, back hoe, front end loader – is desired. The ability to lift up to 75 pounds consistently and perform manual labor duties is required. Candidate must live within 45 minutes response time to Middletown Springs. Candidate must be willing to work a flexible schedule and long hours as situations arise. Mechanical ability is a plus.

This is a full-time position (40 hours per week), with wages based on experience. This position offers health insurance, retirement contributions, sick and vacation leave. Successful candidates must pass a pre-employment drug screen and must continue to comply with the Town's Drug and Alcohol Policy throughout their employment.

Applications for this position, as well as a copy of the Town's Personnel Policy, may be obtained from the Middletown Springs Town Office. All applications are due at the Middletown Springs Town Office, in person or by mail, no later than August 15, 2016. Contact Middletown Springs Road Foreman Bill Reed with any questions at 802-235-2024.

The Town of Middletown Springs is an equal opportunity employer.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Saturday, October 1, 2016

The dumpster is located at 577 West Street (across from Parker Water Wells)

Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. NO CONTRACTORS, please. NEW this year: Fee of \$5 per vehicle load will be charged for large trash. Metals are collected for free.

Hours are **6 am to Noon** for BOTH Oversize Trash and Metal.

Food Shelf

The Poultney Food Shelf serves the residents of Middletown Springs, as well as Poultney and Hampton, NY. The Food Shelf is located in The Stonebridge (at the northeast corner of Rt 30 and Main Street), and is open each Tuesday from 3 to 5 PM. Please be prepared to show ID and verify your town of residency (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).

For more information call 287-9558.

The Poultney Food Shelf is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

Solar Project

Hi Neighbors,

I'm writing with an update on the Orchard Road Solar project. groSolar officially filed for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) with the Vermont Public Service board on July 15, 2016. The documents submitted as part of that filing have been uploaded to the Town's website on the Select Board page. <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Orchard-Road-Solar-CPG-App-Compiled.pdf>

There is also a hard copy of this paperwork available at the Town Office in a special Orchard Road Solar binder. Anyone with interest in this project is welcome and encouraged to visit the Town Office during open office hours to review the files or download the files from the website to review at your leisure.

It is the intention of the Select Board and the Planning Commission to keep these documents up to date in the folder at the Town Office and on the Town website's Select Board page as additional paperwork or updates become available. I will do my best to notify all of you through Front Porch Forum and the Library's TownNews letter when any updates become available.

Patty Kenyon, Selectboard Member

**Next month...
your group's event could be
announced here!!**

Library Lawn Sale Saturday, September 10 8-Noon on the Green

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
All proceeds go to benefit the library.

Donations of clean, new or gently used items are gratefully accepted on Friday, September 9, 2-6pm. Please, no clothing or large furniture/appliances.

For more information, contact: Maureen McCormack 235-1245 or moe@vermontel.net.

State Parks & State Historic Sites Day Passes

Free entry for up to eight people in one car at any of the VT State Parks or Historic Sites. Stop in the Library and borrow either pass for a day of adventure!

More info: <https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com/news-events/> or call 235-2435

Movie Night at the Library

The Sandlot (PG) Wed. Aug. 10 7pm

The adventure of a lifetime, the summer of their dreams...the dog of their nightmares.

Bring your popcorn or snack!

Historical Society News

Historical Society Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 2 pm. Brief business meeting and a talk about Irish immigrants to Middletown Springs, and refreshments.

More details at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/2016/08/01/upcoming-events-at-the-historical-society/> or call David W. at 235-2376.

The Historical Society Trustees are looking for the board members for the 2016-2018 term. If you would like to join a small energetic group to attend monthly board meetings (first Thursdays at 7 pm) and help with planning events, among other duties, please contact a current member: Pat Hemenway, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, Alice Hoisington, Linda Hurcomb, Karen Svenningsen or David Wright for more information.

Summer Continues at the Library: Get in the Game: READ!

Design a Sneaker for the ART SHOW: pick up a template and let your creativity flow. All submissions will be displayed at the Summer Finale, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 5-7pm. Join us for Cake and Prizes in celebration of another summer of reading...

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Tuesday, Aug. 2. Drop off anytime between 2-7pm. Return Wednesday between 2-7pm for pick up. Stuffed animals should be confident sleeping away from their human for the night.

Best Olympic Sport Playoff: Begins July 25. Watch Library Facebook, FPF or Lib. bulletin board to play. The winner will be announced at the Summer Finale.

Community-written Story: Stop in to add your words or pictures to our original story... for all ages. Read what others have written, take a turn moving the story forward...as often as you like.

More info: <https://middletownsprings.wordpress.com/news-events/> or call 235-2435

School NEWS

MSES had a great 2015-2016 school year. Now the school is being cleaned and prepped for the start of another school year. Once again, Friends For Education (FFE) is sponsoring a **Community Breakfast** that is open to all community members. I hope that you can join us at MSES on **Wednesday, August 31 at 7:55am** to help us kick off another successful school year for our community's children.

School website is <https://sites.google.com/a/rswsu.org/middletown-springs-elementary-school/home>

Rick Beal
Principal

Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing

Middletown Springs' Forum started January 1, 2011. Since then 343 Members from our 320 Households have made **3,180 Postings**.

It's free. It's local. And it's friendly. Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com/>

Calendar of Events

August

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| Planning Commission | Mon 1 | 3pm | Town Office |
| Stuffed Animal Sleepover | Tues 2 | | Library |
| Building Committee | Wed 3 | 7pm | MSHS |
| First Response | Thurs 4 | 6:30pm | Fire House |
| Historical Society | Thurs 4 | 7:30pm | MSHS |
| Friends of the Library | Tues 9 | 7pm | Library |
| Movie: The Sandlot (PG) | Wed 10 | 7pm | Library |
| School Board | Thurs 11 | 6pm | School |
| Select Board | Thurs 11 | 7pm | Town Office |
| Fire Dept | Tues 16 | 6:30pm | Fire House |
| Summer Open House | Wed 17 | 5-7pm | Library |
| Building Committee | Thurs 18 | 7pm | MSHS |
| RSWSU | Monday 22 | 6:30pm | School |
| Select Board | Thurs 25 | 7pm | Town Office |
| Community Breakfast | Wed 31 | 7:55am | MSES |
| Library Trustees | Wed 31 | 7pm | Library |

September

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| First Response | Thurs 1 | 6:30pm | Fire House |
| Historical Society | Thurs 1 | 7:30pm | MSHS |
| Planning Commission | Mon 5 | 3pm | Town Office |
| Building Committee | Wed 7 | 7pm | MSHS |
| School Board | Thurs 8 | 6pm | School |
| Select Board | Thurs 8 | 7pm | Town Office |
| Building Committee | Thurs 15 | 7pm | MSHS |
| PROPERTY TAXES DUE | Thurs 15 | | Town Office |

Calendar Events – subject to change.

When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

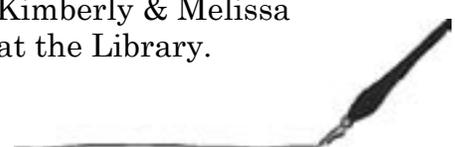
Welcome to the new TOWN NEWS LETTER!!

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

In hopes of filling the information gap created by *The Magnet's* absence, the library trustees & staff have committed to publishing a monthly newsletter. It will have **announcements, concise news, and a calendar of events**. It will supplement and enhance the town website & Front Porch Forum, and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Published on, or very close to, the first of the month, digital copies will be available as a PDF. The PDF will be posted to FPF, the town website or sent free via email to those who sign up. It will also be available in hard-copy delivered by USPS to those who subscribe for \$6 a year postage. Copies will be posted at the town office, store, and library.

Questions: call 235-2435 or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.



Next month
your group's news
could be here!!

Mark Your Calendars!

FIRST QUARTER
PROPERTY TAXES
DUE THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15.

Zero Energy Now

Leave fossil fuels behind! Zero Energy Now can help cut your fossil fuel use up to 100%. This new program provides an easy, customized, and comprehensive way to switch to renewable energy, while making your home more energy efficient and comfortable. Learn more at <http://zeroenergynowvt.com/>

Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
PO Box 1206
Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of the month
for inclusion in upcoming issue.