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April 2013

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET RE-VOTE

Letter from the School Board

Dear Middletown Springs Residents:

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on Town Meeting Day. Our school budget failed to pass 165-161. We offer this information to help inform you before you **re-vote on April 30**. We will serve a free, light meal, planned and prepared by our new cook Marianna Charalabopoulos, on **April 29**, from 5:30-6:30 followed by an **informational meeting** starting at 6:30 in the multipurpose room at Middletown Springs Elementary School, where we will discuss the following topics in more detail and answer your questions. Free Childcare will be provided.

At the informational meeting we will focus on the following points:

1. We have revised the budget to reflect the most current and accurate figures. This yields a 3.01% increase over last years budget.
- 2 The Tax Rate is predicted to go down. This means that if your house is appraised for the same amount as last year, you will be paying less school taxes than last year!
3. Quality time spent in school increases student success.
4. Our budgeted regular Middletown Elementary School expenses are \$1,099,717.08, a difference of \$14,278.70 from FY13 due primarily to increases in salaries and increased health care premiums.
5. We share resources within the Supervisory Union.
6. What does the Tinmouth vote mean to Middletown Springs?

Please take this opportunity to learn about the facts and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you at the multi purpose room at Middletown Springs Elementary School. If you are unable to attend the informational meeting please feel free to contact a school board member. A digital version of issues to be covered will be

available at the school website www.middletownsprings.org and at the town website www.middletownsprings.vt.gov. Please also look for updates and additional information at Front Porch Forum www.frontporchforum.com and in the Middletown Springs Magnet, April Issue.

Clarence Hayes (Board Chair) 235-2505

Kendra Larson (Vice Chair) 235-2111

Karen Mach (Clerk) 234-2237

Meredith Morgan 235-2059

Chris Smid 235-1115

School Board Info Meeting

Monday, April 29

Free Light Meal 5:30-6:30pm

Info Meeting starts 6:30pm

at the School

Special Election - School

District Budget

Tuesday, April 30

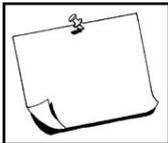
7am-7pm

at the Firehouse



Take a Hike!

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission invites you to a spring hike at **Sullivan Woods**. The hike will begin at **9:30am on Saturday, May 11**. For those of you not familiar with Sullivan Woods, it is an educational forest, located on Fitzgerald Road. We will meet at the kiosk, followed by an approximately one mile hike on the educational trail through the woods. A light snack will be provided part-way through the hike. **Please join us!**



Town Office News

Register to Vote

Last Day to Register to Vote and be eligible to vote in April 30 election is

Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Town Clerk will be available in the Town Office Thursday, April 25 from 3-5pm to register new voters. Or register anytime the Town Office is open.

Town Office Hours:

Mon & Wed 9am-12pm & 1-4pm
Friday 1-4pm
Saturday 9-12pm

Town Appointments

These positions will be filled by appointment of the Select Board. They are open until filled. If you are interested serving the town in one of these roles, please send an letter of interest to the Town Clerk for review by the Select Board. More information about the various positions is available on the town website: <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>

- Town Agent
- First Constable
- Grand Juror
- Planning Commission
- Emergency Mgmt.
- Conservation Commission
- Trustee Copeland Milk Fund.

Some appointments have been made, but no confirmation has been received.



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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING Special School District Meeting- April 29 & 30, 2013

The legal voters of the Town School District of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School in said Town, on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Article which will be voted Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, April 30, 2013, to the Middletown Springs Firehouse Hall at which time business of voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted upon the following articles:

- **Article 1:** Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$1,994,889.30 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2013-2014 fiscal year?
- **Article 2:** To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm, April 30, 2013.

Dated at Poultney, Vermont, March 25, 2013
Clarence Haynes, Chair
Kendra Larson, Vice Chair
Christopher Smid, Member
Meredith Morgan, Member
Karen Mach, Member

A true copy. Attested and duly recorded as required by law.
Laura Castle, Town Clerk

From the Listers

To Our Fellow Citizens:

This is the time of year when the Board of Listers must update its files. Over the past 22 years the Listers have saved the town over \$100,000 by not having to subject the Town to an outside appraisal.

Our Common Level of Appraisal and our Co-efficient of Dispersal remain at very satisfactory levels due to our constant review.

We may be calling you to schedule a visit. Our purpose is to discover any diminished as well as enhanced value to your property in order to make out records as accurate and as fair as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Sally Achey 235-2434
Randy Kniffin 235-2620
Patricia Hemeway 235-2421



Fire Department News

Brush fire season:

Spring is finally here....time time to start cleaning up the yard after a long winter of stormy weather. Make a nice big pile of brush and then....call the Forest Fire Warden! Before you light it up! The fields and forest are extremely dry, even though the ground is soft and muddy.

Please call town Forest Fire Warden Jason Cook @ 235-1178 for a burn permit. A permit will be issued as long as environmental conditions are suitable (i.e. no wind or statewide restrictions).

If you burn without a permit, there is a real good chance the Fire Department will be called to come and extinguish your illegal fire, and possibly fine you.

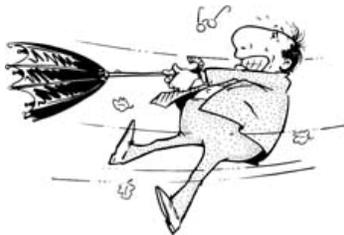
Out of control brush fires in the past that were accidentally set by your neighbors, have cost taxpayers thousands of dollars in fuel, equipment, and manpower (yes, the town has to pay hourly wages to firefighters for fighting brush fires....it's a federal law). So please obey the State laws regarding outdoor burning.

Thank you voters:

The members of the Fire Department and Association Board of Directors appreciate the support we received from the voters for our annual budget and capital improvement articles at town meeting. Although the article for building improvements was narrowly defeated, we will continue to do our best to maintain the firehouse and the equipment that is housed inside. The Department and Association Board has decided not to try and revote the defeated article this year.

New Board member:

Karen Mach has been appointed to the Fire Association Board of Directors. The Association is the parent organization of the Fire Department, and is responsible for overseeing the operations and finances, as well as fundraising. We are grateful for Karen's willingness to help out, and we welcome her aboard.



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Town Directory 2013-2014 Under Construction

The 8th edition of the Middletown Springs Telephone & Business Directory will be published this spring. **All Additions & Changes are due by March 31.**

All Home & Business Listings are free.

- Home Listings – contact Kimberly at 235-2561 or kbm@vermontel.net
- Business Listings – contact Leslie at 235-2335 or lsilver@vermontel.net

Print Ads at the back of the book are an additional way to promote your local business and the income from these ads pay to print the booklet.

- New & Renewing Ads are \$25 [camera-ready or preexisting].
- Additional fees for minor to major changes to existing ads or new artwork range from \$5-25 depending on the amount of time.
- For more information about ad layout, resolution, camera-ready files, contact Maria at 235-2624.

This directory continues to be put together by Leslie Silver, Maria Riley, and Kimberly Mathewson. It is our intention that it deepens the sense of community and supports the town economy. We appreciate your support in making it as accurate and complete as possible.

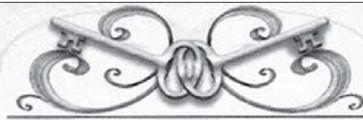
Thank you,

Leslie, Maria, Kimberly



Fountain of Youth

You are invited to join area senior citizens for lunch **April 24** at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney. Stuffed Cabbage with Marinara Sauce & Ground Beef, Cottage Cheese & Peaches and Brownie Sundae will be served at twelve noon. **Doors open at 11 am** with home-made soup and coffee served at 11:15 am. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200. **Suggested price is \$3.25** for seniors 60 years and older – a great meal for a small price!



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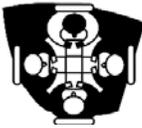
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Middletown Springs Select Board Regular Meeting February 28, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes (arrives 7:15)

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Colvin, Sally Achey, Bill Reed, Glen Moyer

Approval of Minutes of January 24, January 31, February 2, February 14

- C. Larson moves to approve the 1/31 regular meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to approve the 1/24 regular meeting as presented. C. Larson 2nd [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson abstain, motion carried]
- S. Moyer moves to approve the 2/2 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves to approve the 2/14 regular meeting as amended. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- Sally Achey – Regarding backup of NEMRC software (lister's files) - \$1,070/annually to back up both systems. Service keeps 2 years of data online and then it is archived. Sally will research other software backup options to compare costs.
- Sally presents copies of letters received from W. Pepperman indicating dissatisfaction with valuation. C. Larson recommends we pass the letters on to Gary Kupferer for review.
- John Colvin – has had 5 cars on his lawn coming off Daisy Hollow Road. Bill Reed has noticed other cars off the road in other areas as well, might be the type of winter we are having. John requests repairs or cost of materials to repair. Discussion regarding responsibility – individuals who caused the damage could be pursued however the town is not responsible for actions of individuals/residents to personal property.
- John Colvin presents an invoice for fence posts. He feels when the road repairs were completed dirt was taken away from the base of the posts now requiring them to be driven further into the ground. The fence posts needed to be replaced and John feels the town should pay as the posts have deteriorated. Bill Reed states that a motion was made by a previous Selectboard to not to pay for the replacement of posts. C. Larson wants everyone to

be treated equitably and doesn't want to set precedent replacing anything damaged in the right of way. Carl points out the town replaced fence posts in the past on Dudley Road after road work. Shirley also recalls a fence replaced on Haley Road after repairs. M. Lamson moves to pay the \$404 to replace the fence posts. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – nay, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson aye, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried]

Parker Property

- Carl inquires if cut brush can be taken from the property for sugaring. Will confirm with D. Munyak.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- None

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill presents some upcoming classes and recommends members of the Board attend a Road Drainage class in March.
- Bill will be hosting chainsaw class through VT Local Roads.
- Flagger training course in Rutland. Tyler Manning and Roger Brown would like to attend.
- Will be ordering 1 more load of salt which is 2 loads over what was used last year.
- Carl attended Transportation Forum. Inquired with the Deputy Secretary if any money was available for Route 140. There are 23-25 state roads in the state under local control. It was indicated that the funding for Route 140 may be available on a 3 year cycle.

Financials/Board Orders

- C. Larson moves to approve the board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, - motion carried]

Correspondence

- Agency of Transportation – Certificate of Highway Mileage

Other Business

- Carl has some questions on the town report on Selectmans orders, Aldermans shows \$1252 (feels that is low). Gerald Parker \$10,009 (inquires what this was for), and has other questions on what appear to be inaccuracies. C. Larson asks Carl to speak with Jenny to clarify costs.
- Chris inquires if Board can meet next Thursday 3/7 for Selectboard organization and to discuss attendance at mediation meeting regarding Garron Road.
- Chris points out that we will need to come up with a new recording device.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm. Mike Lamson, Clerk



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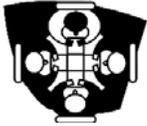


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Middletown Springs Select Board Regular Meeting March 14, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: L. Castle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Nominations for Chairman:

J. Webber nominates C. Larson. M. Lamson 2nd.

C. Larson nominates Carl Haynes. C. Haynes declines.

[all in favor, motion carried]

S. Moyer nominates C. Haynes for Vice Chair. J. Webber 2nd.

[all in favor, motion carried]

M. Lamson nominates J. Webber for secretary. J. Webber declines.

C. Larson nominates M. Lamson. J. Webber 2nd.

M. Lamson nominates S. Moyer for secretary. S. Moyer declines.

[all in favor, motion carried]

C. Larson moves to adopt latest edition of Roberts Rules for Small Boards. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes of February 28

• C. Larson moves to approve the 2/28 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

• Bill Reed feels the Selectboard made a poor decision in paying for the fence posts for John Colvin. In his opinion the posts were old and does not want taxpayer dollars paying for personal property.

Liquor Control

Move into Liquor Control Meeting.

• L. Castle presents liquor license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. M. Lamson moves to approve the liquor license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• L. Castle presents tobacco license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. C. Haynes moves to approve the tobacco license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• C. Haynes moves to approve the board order for \$50 for the liquor license. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• Move out of liquor control and into regular meeting 7:12.

Election Results and Appointments

• Laura Castle presents list of those to be appointed and write-

ins.

• Laura will extend request to T. Lamberton for Town Moderator. Jon Dickerson received ample votes for Town Constable however spoke with C. Larson and may have a conflict accepting the position with his current police position. Will wait to confirm and possibly ask Joe Castle if he is not available. D. Munyak received the most write-ins for Grand Juror. Laura will ask if he will accept. Fire Warden – Carl will ask Jason Cook. Fence Viewer – Chris Larson suggests asking Robin Chestnut Tangerman.

Laura will ask Terry Redfield to continue as Tree Warden. Service Officer – Ellen Secord. Emergency Management Director – Tara Kelly. SWAC Rep – James Webber, Mike Lamson, Jim Dudley. Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Thomas Hurcomb, Jon Arsenault alternate.

• C. Larson suggests advertising open town planning commission positions on Front Porch Forum. S. Moyer will post.

• Regional Transportation Council – Carl Haynes. Conservation Commission – will send letter to existing.

• Copeland Milk Fund – Laura will ask Byron Moyer.

Parker Property

• None

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• Bill points out the gaylords need to be moved. C. Haynes suggests asking Hubbard for a dumpster for recyclables.

• C. Larson will ask Ron Dufour if he is willing to chip brush on the corner property in exchange for metal barrels.

Road Commissioner Report

• Bill presents report from VT Local Roads and from VLCT.

• Grant deadline for paving is April 19th. Bill will submit with Wilk quote numbers. Inquires if we will put the paving out to bid. Bill will prepare the bid packet and present to the board.

• Will be meeting with Chet McCullen and Keith Dunn about processing sand.

• Drainage Class – March 19 at Howe Center.

• Inquires about posting of roads. Discussion of merits of posting vs. not posting. C. Larson feels posting the roads protects the town in certain instances. C. Haynes points out Poultney doesn't post the roads due to time issues. C. Larson moves to post the roads. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – nay, motion carried]

• Bill inquires about needed repairs to the grader. Have quote from Windmill. Could get additional quotes. Bill will get quote from Nortrax. Carl will speak with Turunen. C. Larson will speak with Jenny regarding funds.

• VLCT – recommends not using manlift for trimming, removing trees from Daisy Hollow, action plans with additional recom-

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mendations (eyewash stations, fire extinguisher service, others)

- VT Local Roads – Presents concerns and best practices. Safety concern dead trees on Daisy Hollow (safety/liability), establishing a plan to address trees on schedule, road fabric best practice, Coy Hill and Mountain Road would benefit from fabric/proper construction techniques for drainage.

Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

- Court denied town’s motion to dismiss parts of case. Re-scheduling mediation (tentatively 5/5). Will be working on response to discovery requests.
- Riedinger lawyer requested jury trial.

Financials/Board Orders

- J. Webber moves to approve the highway general board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to approve the highway salary board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – nay, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]
- C. Haynes moves to approve the remainder board orders as presented. J. Webber 2nd. C. Haynes recommends numbering the board orders next fiscal year for reference/record keeping

and drawing a line under the existing board orders to finalize the order. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Webber Chapman and Kupferer – invoice for legal \$2,117.80
- Bob Zorn correspondence – response from IRS noting identity theft claim
- VLCT – notice of Selectboard/Treasurer’s Institute
- Vermont Agency of Transportation – request for list of Class 2 roads scheduled for repair prior to marking
- Fleet requests/payment from the following: United Natural Foods Inc., Camp Precast Concrete, Newport Sand and Gravel/ Carol Concrete, Markowski Excavating. C. Haynes moves to accept the highway weight permits and authorize C. Larson to sign on behalf of the board. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Other Business

- Chris will not be at the next scheduled meeting
- Recording – discussion of best method to record meetings, digital or analog.
- C. Haynes inquires if the board would want to include question on tabulator.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm. Mike Lamson, Clerk



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Middletown Springs Elementary School

by Rick Beal, Principal

I would like to thank the FFE for their support in bringing Circus Smirkus to our school. It was evident by the students' participation that they enjoyed the experience and applied the circus arts' strategies of persevering when learning something new. The strategies can be applied to any learning opportunity they will encounter in life. I also would like to thank parents and community members who came for the Cheese/Macaroni Dinner and performance on March 27. Your support will be used by the FFE to bring other enrichment opportunities to our school.

One of the safety recommendations from Lt. Cacciatore of the Vermont State Police was the installation of a front door buzz-in/camera system. The school has received a grant from our Supervisory Union's insurance company to cover the cost of purchasing a system. Over April vacation, the plan is to have the new system installed. There will be a planned transition period as we all adjust to the changes in how our school is accessed. Thank you for your understanding that is being done for the safety of our students.

Our school's lunch program is making some changes. If you have not heard, there are new requirements for school meals this year. These requirements are great news for our students by providing more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthier entrees in our cafeteria. Schools are now limited on how much meat/meat alternative and grains that can be offered. However, there will be more fruits and vegetables available for the students to fill out their meal. Our goal is to ensure that students have plenty to eat. We are very fortunate to have someone like our new food service person, Marianna Charalabopoulos, who has a wealth of experience in developing meals that students enjoy and meet the new nutritional requirements.



Middletown Springs School Board Regular/Reorganizational Meeting March 7, 2013 OFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Clarence Haynes, Kendra Larson, Karen Mach, Chris Smid (Board Members). **Also Present:** Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Meredith Morgan (Board Member) arrived at 6:06PM.

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order (Action) (Superintendent will call meeting to order) Supt. Paustian called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

2. Re-Organization of the Board (Action) (please note all new or re-elected board members must be sworn in by the town clerk prior to the meeting)

a. Nominations/Election of Officers

i. Chair (the superintendent will call for nominations of Chair, once the Chair is elected, the Chair will take over the meeting).

Dr. Paustian called for nominations for the Chair. Kendra Larson nominated Clarence Haynes, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Clarence Haynes accepted the nomination.

ii. Vice Chair Clarence Haynes asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Meredith Morgan nominated Kendra Larson for Vice Chair, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Kendra Larson accepted the nomination.

iii. Clerk Clarence Haynes asked for nominations for Clerk. Kendra Larson nominated Karen Mach for Clerk, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried. Karen Mach accepted the nomination.

b. Set schedule for regular monthly meetings (previously 2nd Thursday of each month at 6PM) The Board reaffirmed by consensus that meetings will continue to take place the second Thursday of each month at 6:00PM at MSES.

c. Appointment of RSWSU Board Representatives (3) Kendra Larson, Meredith Morgan, and Clarence Haynes agreed to act as RSWSU Board Representatives.

d. Appointment of RSWSU Committee Representatives

i. Finance (1) Chris Smid agreed to act as representative to the Finance Committee.

ii. Systems Management (1) Karen Mach agreed to act as representative to the Systems Management Committee.

iii. Human Resource (1) Clarence Haynes agreed to act as representative to the Human Resource Committee.

iv. SU Negotiations Teachers (2); Support Staff (2) Clarence Haynes and Meredith Morgan agreed to act as representatives for SU Teacher Negotiations and SU Support Staff Negotiations.

v. Act 153 (1) Kendra Larson agreed to act as representative to the Act 153 Committee.

e. Appoint Media Source of Record (identifies media source



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where agendas are sent--previously WVNR, PegTV) By consensus, the Board agreed to use WVNR as the official media source of record. The Board may also send information to Lakes Region Free Press, PegTV, The Magnet, and Front Porch Forum.

f. Identify three (3) locations where warnings/agendas are posted (previously RSWSU CO, School, Post Office and Town Clerk's Office) By consensus, the Board agreed to keep the same locations for posting warnings/agendas.

g. Appoint Truant Officer (if none appointed, defaults to local law enforcement per statute) Clarence Haynes agreed to continue to act as Truant Officer.

h. Affirm Roberts Rules of Order (for Small Boards) (as required by statute) The Board agreed by consensus to continue to operate under Roberts Rules of Order (for Small Boards).

i. Other re-organizational business (as appropriate) The Board agreed by consensus that any three MS Board Member signatures will serve as approval for the Accounts Payable board orders. The Chair will continue to sign the Payroll board orders.

3. Presentation (if applicable): None

4. Consent Agenda: (Action)

1. Approval of Minutes – Unofficial Minutes from:

a. February 7, 2013 (regular) Karen Mach moved to approve the unofficial minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried.

b. Superintendent's Report (Written) Supt. Paustian presented enrollment and class configuration data for the four elementary schools in the SU. She wants the Board to be aware that in-service training takes place next week. Teachers and IA's will be at their local schools on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday and Friday, there will be training in Math with Dr. Rajia, in Science with Jean Ward, in the Collins Writing Program, and data analysis of the NECAP results with Dr. Paustian. MSES IA's will attend these trainings along with the teachers. Tinmouth voters approved the article requesting to leave the Rutland Southwest SU and move to the Rutland South SU. A number of steps still need to take place before this can happen.

c. Principal's Report Mr. Beal stated that on March 13, the staff will look at the Common Core Standards and ways to incorporate the standards into a new report card. The existing report card is due for revision. Lunch participation has blossomed. Ms. Charalabopoulos is doing a great job, but cooking from scratch is taking more time. Community members have been coming in to help with food prep. Lt. Cacciatore did a security walk-through at the school and highly recommends the installation of a camera and "buzz-in" door system (we should be able to obtain a grant to pay for this). The Farm to School Planning Committee, comprised of community members and staff, is working on

their Action Plans. The Circus Smirkus Performance has been rescheduled for March 27: dinner from 5:30-6:30; show at 7:00. Mr. Beal thanked Mr. Smid for his advice on repairs to the slate roof. Because we've received a grant from the VT Historic Preservation Division, we need to match the existing 12x20" slates as closely as possible in size and appearance. Bids are coming in for the project.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Chamberlain for going above and beyond by holding Pre-K Parent-Teacher Conferences on her own time.

Kendra Larson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried,

d. Business Manager's Report

i. Financial Statements: None

5. Approve Warrants: (Action)

a. Warrant #150 in the amount of \$18,016.93, dated 1/30/13 Kendra Larson moved to approve Warrant #150 in the amount of \$18,016.93, dated 1/30/13, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

6. General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Meeting): None

7. Old Business: (Itemize Subjects for Deliberation & Possible Action)

a. FY14 Budget: Supt. Paustian handed out an information sheet prepared by Mr. Milazzo regarding the FY14 budget. She and Mr. Haynes spoke about the FY14 Budget after the vote. There are really no clear areas in which to make reductions unless an elementary level position is eliminated. This would have a severely negative impact on the children's education. The health insurance expenses will be a bit lower (\$3,300) than anticipated and budgeted for, so this adjustment can be made. Currently, this year's tax rate will decrease by a little more than 1 cent. The Board feels they need to do better at getting factual information out to the community. There seems to be misinformation on a number of issues. The Board discussed ways of getting information out to the public. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 5:00PM at MSES to plan a letter and/or postcard and to prepare and approve the Re-Vote Warning. The Board divided up tasks to complete before the special meeting. The Board has tentatively scheduled a School Budget Re-Vote for April 30 with an Informational Meeting to take place the evening of April 29 at the school.

8. New Business:(Receive Info & Possible Action): None

9. Policies (as needed): None anticipated this month. None

10. Action on Personnel Contract (if applicable) None

11. Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building: (Anticipated April 11, 2013, 6PM)

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Next Regular School Board meeting set for Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00PM at MSES. A Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 5:00PM at MSES to plan communication re: the budget.

**12. Executive Session** 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) if warranted (Discussion & Possible Action). None

**13. Other Lawful Business** (Information Gathering Only)  
Clarence Haynes asked if board members had received an e-mail invitation to a Social at the State House; with a meeting to be held beforehand at Montpelier H.S. All board members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Supt. Paustian reports that there are also meetings scheduled for new board members. Information on these can be found on the VSBA website.

**14. Adjournment (Action)** Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47PM. Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Rosso, Recording Secretary



## Middletown Springs School Board Speical Meeting March 20, 2013 Official Minutes

**In attendance were:** Clarence Haynes, School Board Chair, Kendra Larson, School Board Vice-Chair, Karen Mach, School Board Clerk, Meredith Morgan and Chris Smid, Board Members.

**Meeting called to order** at 5:04pm by Clarence Haynes.

The Middletown Springs School Board discussed the 2014 school budget and set a new date for a town meeting. The informational budget meeting will be held at the Middletown Springs Elementary School in Middletown Springs, Vermont on April 29, 2013 at 6:30PM. The re-vote of the Middletown Elementary School Budget will be April 30, 2013 at the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Polls will be open 7am to 7pm to registered voters.

After a lengthy discussion of the 2014 school budget, the board decided to decrease the budget to \$1,994,899.30. This is due to a decrease in health insurance costs. The board had budgeted for a 14% increase in health insurance premiums and the actual increase to health insurance premiums was 10%. Clarence Haynes, Middletown Springs Chair, moved to adopt the new budget at \$1,994,899.30 due to this change in insurance costs. Kendra Larson, Middletown Springs Vice Chair, seconded

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the motion.

Karen Mach, Middletown Springs Clerk, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Meredith Morgan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen M. Mach  
Middletown Springs School Board Clerk



## Middletown Springs School Board Special Meeting March 25, 2013 Official Minutes

**Present:** Meredith Morgan, Kendra Larson, Chris Smid, Clarence Haynes, Louis Milazzo

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:18PM by Board Chair Clarence Haynes.

**Discussion on RIF:**

Motion made by Clarence Haynes that the Board consider Reduction in Force Notifications, seconded by Kendra Larson. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Approve/Sign Warning for Re-Vote:**

Motion made by Clarence Haynes to approve the revised FY14 budget in the amount of \$1,994,889.30 and warning for re-vote, seconded by Kendra Larson. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by Clarence Haynes to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM, seconded by Kendra Larson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louis Milazzo



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## Building Committee Minutes Approved March 6, 2013

**Present:** M. Beattie, F. Bradley, T. Hurcomb, P. Kenyon, M. McCormack, P. McWilliams, D. Munyak, N. Rubinstein, and D. Wright.

**Call to Order:** 7:15PM I. Minutes:

**A. Approval of 2/21/13.** Moved to approve by T. Hurcomb with a second by F. Bradley. All in favor.

**II. Public Comments:** None.

**III. Project Scheduling:**

**A. Corrective Action Plan (CAP):** Dave emailed Deirdre Ritzer and inquired about the status of the CAP Plan- she had no further information. Dave will contact Ed Bove of RRP and ask that he do what he can to expedite the plan as we have a deadline for the grant money from SW Regional Planning.

**IV. Building and Site Design:** The library trustees met today and decided to hold a joint meeting with the BC. They gave three possible dates this month for us to consider: Monday the 25th, Tuesday the 26th and Wednesday the 27th. The meeting will be held at the library in the evening. After discussion it was decided the BC could meet on any one of these dates. Dave will inform the library trustees of this and ask them to choose the best date for them. Tom spoke of our last meeting with Robert Geiszler, the state library consultant. Nora said is possible to do a search and find out what foundations are giving to what sites including those that might fund a multi- use town office project that would include the library. The discussion turned to ways to make the building less expensive for the taxpayers while using this opportunity to repair the corner. A discussion followed exploring various design requirements and ways to fund the building.

**A. Visits to other town offices:** No discussion at this time.

**B. Design program:** Since we would like the residents to have "a say" on the building design and landscape a discussion followed on possible times to hold another public meeting for this purpose. It was decided to have a public meeting in the spring. All agreed that the BC should send out a postcard thanking those who donated to our food sale. In addition, Patty Kenyon will see that the Magnet puts out a "thank you" for all the support given to us at the Election Day Food Sale and the vote. Dave Munyak will work on getting the picture and layout for the postcard and putting up a thank you on the sandwich board. All members volunteered to help address the thank you postcards.

**C. Well & Septic:** The state will make the determination of the

location and the type of septic for the site. We need to convey the urgency of moving on a septic strategy to our engineer. Michael Beattie will talk with Frank Parent, our engineer, and ask if there is a way to get a firm confirmation without an official application on the use of a pump tank and/or other alternatives under our site limitations.

**V. Funding Opportunities:**

**A. Brownfield Funding:**

**B. Building Funding:**

**VI. Community Support:**

**A. Town Meeting:**

**B. February 2 meeting:**

**C. Info displays:** So far there have been forty plays of our information video on the town web site. Our easel information will be left up at the Pie for Breakfast this Saturday.

**D. Signs:** The site signs may have a buyer and Patty McWilliams will follow up on this.

**VII. Other Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** 8:47 PM

**Next meeting Thursday, March 21, 2013**

Respectfully submitted, Maureen McCormack, Clerk



## Building Committee Minutes-Approved March 21, 2013

**Members Present:** D. Munyak, M. McCormack, N. Rubinstein, F. Bradley, T. Hurcomb, D. Wright, P. Kenyon, P. McWilliams, C. Haynes

**Call to Order:** 7:16 PM

**I. Minutes:**

**A. Approval of 3/6/13/ meeting:** Fred moved and Nora gave a second on approval with corrections. All in favor.

**II. Public Comments:** None.

**III. Project Scheduling:**

**A. Corrective Action Plan (CAP):** Dave heard today that the Corrective Action Plan has been sent on its way-forwarded first to Ed Bove of RRPC and thereafter to Matt Becker of VT DEC before the final approval from the EPA and the VT Dept of Health.

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#### IV. Building and Site Design:

**A. Library Meeting-3/27 7:00 PM** at the library postponed. A new date for the joint meeting is needed as Circus Smirkus is scheduled for that night.

**B. Visits to other towns' offices:** Maureen will make arrangements for a visit to Ferrisburg's town office and get back to members.

**C. Design Program:**

**D. Well and Septic:**

**E. Multi-use:** Dave spoke with the Secretary of State's office regarding the legality of renting town municipal building space to other for-profit and non-profit groups. He was told we should contact our town attorney and VLTC on this matter. Tom suggested we might want to have a special brainstorming meeting for the BC to identify possible uses for a multiuse building. There will also be a future meeting and other opportunities for the town residents to identify their ideas for possible uses for the town office building. Nora suggested we talk with groups that had requested funding from the taxpayers on the town ballot.

**V. Funding Opportunities:**

**A. Brownfield funding:** Dave inquired from Dan Potter at SW-CRPC about reasons for the CAP delay.

**B. Building funding:** We need to have some kind of a system specific to our incoming funds so it meets with the auditors' needs as well as the treasurer. Dave assured us that the treasurer is aware of this, and the software program used by the state and towns for this purpose can be adapted to include the needed codes.

**VI. Community Support:**

**A. Town Meeting Food Sale.** Thank you postcards have gone out. A thank you sign will still go up.

**B. Spring Planning Meeting:** While we discussed holding this meeting in April Tom suggested we do this after we have some progress on the site cleanup. Dave will contact Ed Bove of RRPC and Trish Coppolino of VT DEC, as they may be able to help expedite approval of the CAP since there is an upcoming deadline on the Southern Windsor County funds. Obtaining this funding is the first step to scheduling the cleanup. On the corner cleanup: Fred relayed that Jim Seamans offered to chip the brush. Fred will set up a date to get this accomplished. It was agreed that having an outside facilitator for the next public meeting is essential. Paul Costello from the Vermont Council on Rural Development or someone from his staff would be good. Tom will contact Paul Costello. Dave proposed we use our next regular meeting, April 3rd to complete our wish list and use of building categories.

**C. Magnet Inserts:** All were in favor of having a drop box for building multiuse ideas at the store, post office, and the library.

**D. Signs:** No news.

**Adjourn:** Nora moved we adjourn at 8:25 PM

**Next meeting Wednesday April 3, 2013**

Respectfully submitted, Maureen McCormack, Clerk

## Swimming Lessons Important Update



### Schedule change for 2013 lessons:

Gail McGann, our instructor, has informed me that she needs to change the dates to the weeks of **July 1-5 & July 8-12**. July 4th will be safety day, so it can be optional. This is due to a scheduling conflict with her other job, National Gymnastic Judge.

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## Library News

### Middletown Reads Poetry - April 2013

As part of the Vermont Humanities Council's Statewide One-Book Community Reading Program, we have 25 copies of *Poetry 180: a turning back to poetry*, edited by former U.S. poet-laureate Billy Collins. This anthology of inviting, contemporary poems is the Vermont READS selection for 2013. We have a number of activities planned.

**Po-e-TREE** - We are growing a "tree" of words and color in the library. A communal art project inspired by Springtime & Poetry month ... stop in often to see it blossom and change. Many thanks to artist Cathy Turner for the inspiration and construction of our tree.

#### Movie Night - Fri. April 26, 7pm.

Bring your own popcorn! *Dead Poets Society*: Fall 1959 at Welton Academy, a secluded and traditional school set in the tranquil hills of Vermont, seven students encounter a teacher (Robin Williams) whose ideas about learning inspire them to ... discover the excitement of a world outside Welton's strict curriculum in this outstanding drama of inspiration and commitment. Rated PG; 128 minutes; 1989 [visit [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) for viewer advisory]

#### Story Hour - Sat. April 27, 10am.

Martha Heitkamp & friends team up to share their love of words, sounds, and color in this story hour celebrating Poetry. Designed for children 3-6 in mind, others welcome.

#### Tea & Conversation - Sun. April 28, 2:30pm

Join us as Middletown Springs poets share a selection of their own works before opening a dialogue with listeners. Enjoy tea, crumpets, and a conversation about poetry with local poets and neighbors.

## Other Events in the Library

**Knitting Circle** - Mon. May 6, 7pm-9pm. Experienced to novice knitters welcomed.

**Friends of the Library** - Tues. May 13 at 7pm. The public is welcome to attend this monthly meeting

**Book Group** - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm. Pick a copy of the book in the library and join our informal discussion. Come to one or many.

May 8: Night by Eli Wiesel

June 12: The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

All programs are free and open to the public.  
Schedule subject to change.

## Annual Library Book Sale: June 1 & 2

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Sat 8am - 3pm

Sun 10am - 3pm

Donations accepted thru Wednesday, May 29 of gentle read books as well as games & puzzles (with all their pieces) and movies & audiobooks. No textbooks, condensed books, or mildew. Donations may be brought to the library during open hours or left on the porch in fair weather.

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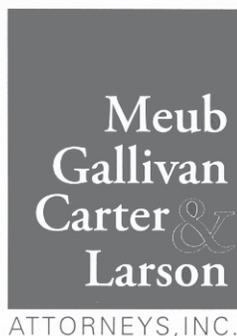
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## Hazardous Waste Collection Days (SWAC)

**Saturday, April 27**

10:30 - Noon -

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### Other times & locations

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 - 11:30 A.M. - Rutland Town Transfer Station, Northwood Park, Off Post Road Extension, Rutland

Saturday, April 20, 12:00 Noon - 3:00 P.M. - Chittenden Transfer Station, Chittenden

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. - Pawlet, Mettowee Community School Parking Lot

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. - Fair Haven Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven

Saturday, July 27, 8:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M. - Tinmouth Transfer Station

**Free Service to:** residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (Swac) towns - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, And West Haven. May attend any of the events listed above, not just the one scheduled for your town.

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## Yoga with Cathy Turner

**Vinyasa Yoga Classes** at the Tiny Theater in Poultney! Adult classes run every **Monday evening from 5:30 - 6:30pm** and **Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30**. Your first class is free and each class after is \$6.00. Vinyasa Yoga allows for continuous and flowing movement from pose to pose with the focus on breath, and expansiveness. Please bring your own mat. All levels are welcome!

Also at the Tiny Theater - **Kids Yoga!!** Beginning **Wednesday April 3 - May 8 from 11:00am - Noon** a 6-week Kids Yoga series will begin. The cost is \$65 per child/care giver pair. Open to children ages 0-6; we will be roaring like lions, panting like dogs and learning valuable focus and self awareness skills. Joining mid-series is possible as space allows.

Please contact Cathy Ward Turner for questions or to pre-register, space is limited! [doulaprana@gmail.com](mailto:doulaprana@gmail.com)



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## Legislative News

by Rep. John Malcolm

The Legislature has been busy since Town Meeting week discussing bills to send for consideration to the other chamber Senate and House. In the House two bills have received the most discussion as would be expected, the budget and the tax bill. The House passed a Fiscal Year 2014 budget that increases by 4.7% to maintain necessary services, and includes increases in health care and child care subsidies, and health and home care provider payments, increases low income heating assistance and higher education and college scholarships, invests in job creation through regional development agencies, our working lands and the clean energy development fund. Public assistance for families is limited to a certain number of years and a substantial fund reserve is established to protect the state from the impact of Federal budget and sequester reductions.

The tax bill balances the revenue to match the budget needs and is designed to impact Vermonters of all income levels through changes in tax brackets and itemized deduction levels, by changes in sales tax exemptions for some food, clothing, and remotely accessed prewritten software, and by increases in taxes on tobacco products and meals. Eliminated is a tax on employers for Catamount Health care program and revenue sources such as taxes on break open tickets, satellite TV, and low income working earned income tax credits are not part of the package.

Other House bills passed recently include ones

concerning the Use Value appraisal, shoreline development, and equal pay in the workplace.

Please contact me with your ideas, concerns and questions at JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us , 325-3424(home), 1-800 322-5616(State House) and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761. Thank You! Rep John Malcolm



## Mill River Talent Show

The incredible Show Me Gala Talent Show will launch **Wednesday May 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Mill River UHS Auditorium in North Clarendon, Vermont. Talent of every variety will be showcased including rock, jazz, classical, pop and folk numbers; vocal and dance numbers and music of the flute, trumpet, sax, uke, guitar, bass, drums and more. Sooth your soul, knock your socks off and tickle your eardrums. Support local talent and Mill River. Admission is \$5 at the door, \$15 per family. Proceeds from this event benefit the Mill River Friends of Music organization which supports the music programs at Mill River. Contact Michelle Lapp at 235-9316 or mlapp02@aol.com with any questions.



## Tinmouth Plant Sale

Mark your calendar! The 29th Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 11 from 8-10am.** Viewing will be 7:30-8am, though there will be no sales before 8am. Come early for the best selection of locally grown and dug perennials and shrubs, and a nice assortment of young plants generously donated by Greenleaf Nursery. Large perennials are \$4 each, smaller pots are only \$3. This is a great sale to stock up, and if it grows in Tinmouth, it will grow at your house. Funds raised support the Tinmouth Community Fund's Scholarship program.

There will also be a bake sale, a car wash, and other fun ways to support the Tinmouth School and the town. For more information, contact Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net. Directions are available at tinmouthvt.org; the sale takes place at the Old Firehouse in the center of Tinmouth.



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The 15th annual PEGTV Courcelle Scholarship honors the memory of Joe Courcelle for his pioneering work for public access television in Rutland. Joe Courcelle was an active member of the original board of directors, a dedicated independent producer and an integral part of the establishment of Rutland's PEGTV.

A special selection committee will review the written applications and interview potential candidates. Applications have been sent to Rutland County high schools for distribution to interested candidates and are due by **May 1, 2013**.

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## Information For Seniors

Information & assistance for older adults (age 60+) living in Rutland and Bennington counties is easily accessible by calling the **Senior HelpLine** at the Southwestern

Vermont Council on Aging. Callers are connected to a real person who can answer questions on a variety of programs and services: transportation, housing, home care, meals on wheels, Medicare and Medicare D, prescription assistance, care-giver supports, financial assistance, assisted living, senior groups, recreation, etc. This is a free service of the Council on Aging, a non-profit agency serving Seniors and their families since 1974. Contact the Senior HelpLine at **802-786-5991** or **1-800-642-5119**; or visit the website at [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org).



## "BINGO"

Every Monday Night

7:00 p.m.

at the Firehouse

*Proceeds to support the  
Middletown Springs Fire Department*



## Tinmouth Contra Dance Friday, April 26 at 8:00pm

Come to an exuberant winter evening contra dance with Lusanne Allen calling the dances and live music with the Cold River Band at the Tinmouth Community Center on **Friday April 26** from 8 pm.-11 pm.

What is a Contra Dance? A contra dance uses square dance moves, but is done in long lines to live music. All dances are taught and you do not need a partner. Beginners are always welcome. Dances become more challenging as the night progresses, so early arrival is recommended for beginning dancers.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center, Rte 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Dancing takes place on the fourth Friday of the month. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under. Refreshments will be available. Call 235-2718 for info or directions or [www.Tinmouthvt.org](http://www.Tinmouthvt.org) for directions.

Mark your calendars for our 2013 winter/spring season

May 24

June 21 – maybe

No Dance in July

No Dance in August

Remember to visit:  
Our Newest Town Resource!  
Available 24/7 - The Town Website  
**[www.middletownsprings.vt.gov](http://www.middletownsprings.vt.gov)**  
All the Latest News and  
In-Depth Information  
At Your Fingertips

### Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Middletown Springs Community Church

Fellowship Hall 8:00 am

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Questions? Call Virginia 235-2348

### Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, April 27, at 8 am**

**Middletown Springs School**

*Come join us if you are able  
for this informal monthly event*

**Calendar**  
**April**

|                                    |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Library Friends                    | Tues. 16         | 7pm              | Library          |
| Fire Dept. Training                | Tues. 16         | 6:30pm           | Firehouse        |
| Building Committee                 | Thurs. 18        | 7 pm             | Town Office      |
| Country Show                       | Sat. 20          |                  | Firehouse        |
| Pancake Breakfast                  | Sun. 21          | 7:30-11:30 am    | School           |
| WordPress Workshop                 | Mon. 22          | 7pm              | Library          |
| BINGO!                             | Mon. 22          | 7 pm             | Fire House       |
| Conservation Commission            | Tues. 23         | 7 pm             | Library          |
| Fountain of Youth                  | Wed. 24          | Noon             | Poultney Center  |
| <b>Voter Registration Deadline</b> | <b>Thurs. 25</b> | <b>5 pm</b>      |                  |
| Select Board                       | Thurs. 25        | 7 pm             | Town Office      |
| Movie Night – Dead Poets           | Fri. 26          | 7 pm             | Library          |
| Men’s Breakfast                    | Sat. 27          | 8 am             | School           |
| Women’s Breakfast                  | Sat. 27          | 8 am             | Comm. Church     |
| Story Hour                         | Sat. 27          | 10 am            | Library          |
| Hazardous Waste Collection         | Sat. 27          | 10:30-Noon       | Transfer Station |
| Poetry & Tea                       | Sun. 28          | 2:30 pm          | Library          |
| Free Light Meal                    | Mon. 29          | 5:30 pm          | School           |
| Info. Meeting                      | Mon. 29          | 6:30 pm          | School           |
| BINGO                              | Mon. 29          | 7 pm             | Firehouse        |
| <b>School Budget Vote</b>          | <b>Tues. 30</b>  | <b>7 am-7 pm</b> | <b>Firehouse</b> |
| Fire Dept. Meeting                 | Tues. 30         | 7:30 pm          | Fire House       |

**May**

|                          |          |          |                  |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| Magnet Deadline          | Wed. 1   |          |                  |
| Library Trustee          | Wed. 1   | 10:30 pm | Library          |
| Building Committee       | Wed. 1   | 7 pm     | Town Office      |
| First Response           | Thurs. 2 | 6:30 pm  | Fire House       |
| Historical Soc. Trustees | Thurs. 2 | 7:30 pm  | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| BINGO!                   | Mon. 6   | 7 pm     | Fire House       |
| Knitting Group           | Mon. 6   | 7 pm     | Library          |
| Planning Commission      | Mon. 6   | 7:30 pm  | Town Office      |
| School Board             | Thurs. 9 | 6 pm     | Firehouse        |
| Select Board             | Thurs. 9 | 7 pm     | Town Office      |
| Spring Hike              | Sat. 11  | 9:30 am  | Sullivan Woods   |
| BINGO                    | Mon. 13  | 7 pm     | Firehouse        |
| Energy Committee         | Mon. 13  | 7:30 pm  | Town Office      |
| Friends of the Library   | Tues. 14 | 7:15 pm  | Library          |
| Directory Deadline (new) | Wed. 15  |          |                  |

*Calendar Events – subject to change.  
When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.*

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**Tuesday, April 30**  
**7am-7pm**  
**at the Firehouse**

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