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April 2014

# Middletown Magnet

"News that sticks in Middletown Springs"



## Vermont Reads: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio Middletown Springs Reads It, Too!



This spring Middletown Springs will participate in the statewide read of *Wonder*, R.J. Palacio's bestselling, inspiring story about the power, and the importance, of kindness -- in everyone's life.

On the inside, fifth-grader Auggie Pullman knows he's like any other kid.

But due to a congenital birth defect, he stands out in ways nobody wants to. *Wonder* traces Auggie's journey through his first year in middle school, where he experiences the challenges of being shunned -- and the satisfactions of belonging -- in a world where differences can both set us apart and bring us together.

Discover the power of reading as a community, and of reflecting on the ways we can choose kindness and inclusion within our communities.

Pick up a copy of the book at the Library. Read it yourself, or with your family, and then pass it along to another person in town to read. 20 copies of the book were donated by the Vermont Humanities Council.

### Events:

- **Story Hour: Saturday, April 26**, at 10am. Our stories and activities will echo the book and relate to issues of inclusion and appreciating our differences.
- **Tea & Conversation: Sunday, May 4** at 3pm. Kristal Haynes Hier, Sign Language Interpreter, will speak to her experience as an interpreter in Vermont's Deaf Community.
- **Movie Night: Tuesday, May 6**, at 7pm. *Through Deaf Eyes*, explores 200 years of Deaf life in America with a broad range of perspectives. PBS (2007).
- **Dessert & Discussion: Monday, May 12**, 7-8pm. Join readers of all ages for an Intergenerational Book Discussion of *Wonder*.
- **Movie Night: Friday, May 16**, 7pm. *Mask* (1985): A teenager with a massive facial skull deformity and biker gang mother attempts to live as normal a life as possible under the circumstances. Stars: Cher, Eric Stoltz, Sam Elliott. Rated: PG-13

Contact the library at 235-2435 or kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net – or stop in.



Photo by Nicholas Seidner

## Shard Sale & Pizza at Rising Meadow Pottery

On **Saturday April 26 from 3-7pm** the gallery will be open to showcase a new collection of tumbled shards. In addition, the pizza kiln will be fired up and you are invited to stop by and sample their wood fired pie. Call Nick or Diane for more information at 235-9429 or email [unknownpie@vermontel.net](mailto:unknownpie@vermontel.net).

## MSVFD Memorial Day Weekend 5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday May 24  
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contact Justin or Kristal Hier  
235.1297 or [kristalhaynes@Hotmail.com](mailto:kristalhaynes@Hotmail.com)





## Thanks!

For Making 26th Annual Maple Festival A Success!

The Historical Society trustees would like to thank all involved in this year's Annual Maple Festival held on Sunday, March 16th. They include local bakers, maple sugar producers, crafters, musicians, area donors, raffle ticket purchasers, media, all who volunteered to help and all who attended.

We appreciate the generosity and support of our area businesses, artisans, and crafters this year and in past years. Overall there were about 70 items and services donated by our area businesses and individuals to the Festival Raffle and Silent Auction. Winners included many from Middletown Springs and nearby communities, as well as folks from all around the country who also support our Historical Society.

Special thanks also go out to the very accomplished bakers of Middletown for providing the maple baked goods enjoyed by all. As in past years, these were maple, popular, and so delicious! Additional thanks to all who helped at the Food Sale in serving and making the special maple favorites for the crowd like sugar on snow, maple "Spun Gold" cotton candy and pancakes. The musicians were great and added to the festivity! Many enjoyed the dialogue between longtime sugar maple producers Bill Clark and Truman Young on the evolution of maple sugar techniques from wooden taps to today's efficient piping, collection, and boiling systems. Local sugarmaker Fred Bradley braved the afternoon's cold weather to demonstrate the old traditional way of boiling sap in a large cauldron over an open fire.

Besides being an annual fun event in Middletown Springs, the Maple Festival is an important annual fundraiser for the Historical Society's operation and for the preservation and maintenance of our special historic building and museum. We are most grateful to all who provided their energy, talents, and support to make this year's Middletown Springs Maple Festival successful!

### Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library

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## It's a party!

The Friends of the Library is having a party on April 27

The Friends of the Middletown Spring Library is throwing a "**Member Appreciation**" Party for ourselves on **April 27 (Sunday) at 4pm** at the library to celebrate the members of the Friends of the Library. The party will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages, scintillating conversation with fellow members, some entertainment, and a terrific drawing. The drawing will be for a basket of everything you might want or need for curling up with your favorite book. Remember the old line of poetry from the "Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyam", "A book of verse, a loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and thou"?

This is a party just for the Friends - new, continuing, and renewing - to express our appreciation for the work our members are doing to provide support for the library in all sorts of important ways. Whether it is showing up for a library work party, being a circulation desk volunteer, helping with fundraisers, our own or those of the trustees, or advocating for the library in the public arena, we are there, serving.

All members of the Friends of the Library are welcome. If you are not now a member, you can sign up and pay your 2014 dues (\$5 individual, \$10 family) at the door. The same applies if you were a member last year but haven't paid dues this year.

Hope to see you at the party!

If you want to more information, contact the library at 235-2435 or Judy Robinson at 235-1070.

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## Elementary School News

by Rick Beal, Principal

The students had a wonderful week of **FFE sponsored artist-in-residency with Melissa Chestnut-Tangerman**. The students used their own family tree information to connect with a past relative who had a farming background. With guidance from Melissa, the students created songs, raps, poems and stories that related to the experience of past and present agrarian experiences. The students presented to grandparents and senior citizens at a luncheon and parents at an evening performance. The school would like to thank all of the community members that came to the Friday luncheon to have lunch with the students. A community member spoke to me about the positive energy that there was during the luncheon and presentation and what a pleasure it was to be in the school with the students.

The students of MSES and TES had a wonderful experience hearing and learning about brass instruments on Monday. The Fanfare touring group from the **Vermont Symphony Orchestra** played brass music for the students with a trumpet, trombone and French horn. The students learned the details and history of the evolution of each instrument. Students from both schools asked excellent questions at the conclusion of the performance. A nice comment received from the musicians was what a respectful and attentive audience the students were. I would once again like to thank FFE for supporting our school by providing opportunities like the VSO.

Middletown Springs Elementary School had two teams that participated in the state **Odyssey of the Mind** Competition at Champlain Valley Union High School. The focus of the Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM) is to have students develop solutions to long term open-ended problems/challenges and spontaneous problems done on the day of the state competition. The teams' long term problems chosen were the "first art show during the time of the caveman" and the "not so scary haunted house". Both teams did very well with the older team getting the highest score for the spontaneous problem. The experience of participating in OOTM helps give the students the skills for collaborating with peers and thinking outside of the box in problem solving.



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## Filling the Gap!



As you may know, *The Magnet* requested increased funding from the town in the next budget cycle to cover the substantial increase in printing and mailing costs. That funding will not begin until July 2014.

We have received generous support from faithful readers in and out of town as well as a number of advertisers have pre-paid for up to a year in advance. While the gap is narrowing, we still need additional funds to be able to publish the issues remaining through June. If you have not already, please consider a donation at this time. Every little bit will help.

We hope you can help us keep this important town resource going. Thank so much for your support!

Patty Kenyon, Patty McWilliams,  
Kimberly Mathewson, and Pat Hemenway

## Events In Tinmouth

**Tinmouth Contra Dance @ Community Center**

Friday, April 18 at 8:00

Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under.



**CD Release Concert May 3, 2014**

The New Line celebrates the release of their new album, *Can't Hold The Wheel*

The Old Firehouse, Tinmouth, VT. 7:30 pm; suggested donation \$10-15

Info or directions 446-2928

## Fountain of Youth



April showers bring May flowers and also the opportunity to have lunch with area seniors. Come **April 30** to the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney. Shepherd's Pie, Salad and Peaches & Cream will be served at noon. As an added treat homemade soup and coffee are served after 11:15. Meals are cooked in their kitchen and are served family style.

Suggested donation is \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. The cost for others is \$4.25. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 287-9200.

Happy Spring!

## Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, April 26, at 8 am  
Middletown Springs School**

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



## Planning Commission Minutes March 10, 2014 Approved

**Members Present:** John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

**Call to Order:** 7:12 PM

### Agenda Approval.

- 1) **Approval of January minutes:** Tom moved and John gave a second for the approval of the January minutes. The January minutes were approved as presented.
- 2) **Correspondence:** Received: an invitation to a workshop by Staying Connected and a copy of a Wastewater Permit from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for the Gerald Parker property. No action necessary.
- 3) **Old Business:**
  - a. **Village Center Designation:** Waiting for the redraw of the map and then John will present it to our select board for adoption.
  - b. **Economic Development:** Tom gave an update to Ed Bove of RRPC on what we have accomplished on the village designation application. In conjunction with the economic development Ed stated that we are in a good position to apply for a municipal planning grant and he would help in writing the grant application. Ed Bove suggested we talk to Richard Amore on the benefits of the Village Designation and any other grants that we might be eligible. Tom will contact Richard Amore. We decided to have the next meeting with town business folks in May and share via email a list of invitees next week. Ed Bove offered to attend. Tom presented a drawing of how our economic future is tied to the concept of a creative community with an organization designed to increase economic activity. We agreed that our goal is to increase the economic future of MS and that means encouraging people to move here, find employment here, and by services and products here. Also, John would like us to put out an information brochure

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that details the benefits that our village center designation, and the area contiguous to it have to offer.

4) **Building Committee Report:** The town voted to add another \$50,000 to the building

reserve fund bringing it to a total of \$100,000.

5) **RRPC Report:** February RRPC cancelled due to a snow-storm. The search committee for a new permanent director has not started

6) **New Business:** None.

7) **Next Meeting Date:** April 7, 2014, 7:00 PM

8) **Adjourn:** 8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary

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



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## Legislative Update

Rep John Malcolm

The Legislature has been very busy debating and passing bills in each chamber to be sent to the other chamber. The days have been long as we consider some very complicated issues and difficult choices.

In the House we passed our state budget bill that increases general fund spending by 3.8% over last year without increases in taxes other than sales taxes on snuff and e-cigarettes, and is a reduction from the budget proposed by the Governor. The budget invests in opiate addiction treatment, mental health treatment, child care eligibility, and services to the elderly and to veterans. Funding for the education fund and for the teacher's retiree health care fund is increased as well as for higher education. Supports for affordable housing and transportation infrastructure such as roads, bridges and rail was increased to spur construction jobs in the slow economic recovery. Medicaid reimbursement to providers and the Working Lands program also increased.

The House net metering bill was passed by the Senate and will be signed by the Governor. The House also passed bills addressing changes to Act 250 and the recycling of small non rechargeable batteries, and will be considering a Senate bill concerning the management of solid waste in the state.

Please contact me if you have concerns, ideas, and questions about legislative activities at JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us , 325-3424(home), 800 322-5616(state house), and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761. Thank You! Rep John Malcolm



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## News from the Community Church

### Easter Is Coming!

You are invited to come hear the Easter story like you've never heard it before.

The meaning of Easter is so much deeper than bunnies and eggs, so much bigger than the new beginnings and fresh opportunities of spring. The Easter message is about the great reversal of injustice in the world, the restoration of the brokenness in the world, and even the eradication of death in the world. Come listen. Easter morning service at the Middletown Springs Community Church starts at 10 a.m.

### Complete Easter Schedule

Good Friday Service: April 18, 7 p.m.

A simple service of song and sermon  
Easter Sunday Early Service on the Green,  
weather permitting: 8 a.m.

Easter Sunday Breakfast Potluck  
follows the 8 a.m. service

Regular Easter Sunday worship service: 10 a.m.

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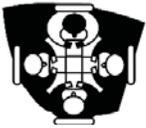
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## Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting February 27, 2014 Approved

**CALL TO ORDER:** T. Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**BOARD PRESENT:** Shirley Moyer, Terry Redfield, Jim Webber, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes (arrives 10:30)

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** David Munyak, Bill Reed, Glen Moyer, Jim Georg, Peter Stevenson, Bob Parker, Laura Castle, Fred Bradley

### Approval of Minutes

- J. Webber moves to approve the minutes of February 13 Regular Meeting as amended. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

### Public Comments

- Bill Reed – listened to tapes from last meeting. Concerned that items were discussed under “Other Business” after he left the meeting which he could have contributed to. Had asked prior to leaving if there was anything else the board wanted to discuss with him. Terry states there was nothing discussed which was intended to be negative and only came up after seeing the financial orders.
- Peter Stevenson – would like copies of minutes for meetings he attends.
- Jim George – Auditors recently held non-warned work session. Next meeting is 3/25/14. Presents agenda.
- Bob Parker – raises his concerns and objection to discussion from last meeting held under “Other Business”

### Building Committee Report

- Dave Munyak – discusses Building Committee involvement at Town Meeting
- Discussed logistics with Frank Gardner at EPA – Frank agrees it makes sense to move forward with next phase – slab removal/basement excavation
- Building Committee recommends Selectboard authorize the BC to seek estimates for engineering related to RFP, slab removal, and excavation of basement pending approval of this approach by Agency of Commerce. Grant will cover engineering services (open bid process or lowest of 3 or 4 bids). J. Webber moves to authorize the BC to seek estimates for engineering related to RFP, slab removal, and excavation of basement pending approval of this approach by Agency of Commerce. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Dave left letter for SB outlining final resolutions of items regarding site safety

- Peter Stevenson – hasn’t seen the letter. He attended the BC meeting. Overall focus should be site safety for the public and risk management. Questions the request for \$50,000 on the ballot with no solid plan in place. Has requested copy of the plans however they have not been provided. Per Dave Munyak, they are not available to date as the collaborative process which has been taking place to determine what people want in a town office is still in process.

### Road Commissioner Report

- Bill concerned about letters sent to Orchard Rd residents regarding discontinuing plowing. Terry is comfortable with what the map shows and the decision to send the letters and can be discussed in the future if necessary.
- Health Insurance – have until March 15 to sign up with VHC. Discussion of having Tom Donahue back to discuss VHC.
- Equipment Repairs – Backhoe repairs – per Bill has 4,000 hours with no major repairs, and has had general maintenance. Daily use takes it’s toll over the years and now more extensive maintenance is necessary. Loaner may be available while repairs are being made.
- Grader – in the shop being repaired
- One ton – All work will be repaired while waiting for the wiring harness.
- 7400 will need floor board patch and air brake adjustment
- M. Lamson moves to authorize Bill Reed to purchase 100 yards of sand at lowest price available delivered. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- P. Stevenson presents “Summary of Repairs” for all equipment from 2003-2013 which he compiled from past town reports/price paid for equipment. Also he requested quotes for grading: estimate of \$130/hour. Peter suggests cycling equipment sooner (ex.: 1 ton) before expensive repairs, and investigating subbing out the grading instead of owning/repairing a grader. Terry would welcome any further analysis for the board to consider.
- Highway Employees
- M. Lamson felt discussion last week under “Other Business” regarding employee hours was ill-timed however the motivation of the conversation was overtime hours as the board saw during approval of orders. Discussion of authorizing Steve to work up to 40 hours in the hopes of decreasing overtime. Terry feels that overtime is unavoidable in the winter during big storms. Discussion of extended hours in the truck without a break.
- Terry felt the direction was establishing 2 full time employees and one part time employee as needed. Bill is not sure Steve is willing to work 40 hours and he has CDL restrictions on what equipment can be used.



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- M. Lamson would like to determine if Steve is willing to work the extra hours and complete an analysis of hours/overtime so that we can make informed decisions. Terry would like to discuss further at upcoming meetings
- Bob Parker states that he is not willing to work on an as needed basis as opposed to regular work hours

**Solid Waste**

- Public Notice needs to be posted. M. Lamson moves to allow T. Redfield to sign on behalf of the board the public notice to be placed in the Rutland Herald. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Laura will send notification to adjoining landowners Town Meeting
- Bill Reed states Article 7 and 8 are not warned properly.

**Correspondence**

- VLCT Selectboard institute
- Service Request Form – Malcolm Warner – request to trim low hanging branches on Norton Road.
- T. Redfield notes Daisy Hollow/Fitzgerald also will need low hanging branch removal
- Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund – grant opportunities
- Per Laura – Wade from VLCT states the board has to adopt a drug and alcohol policy. Wade sent a sample policy. S. Moyer moves to adopt the VLCT sample drug and alcohol policy. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

**Financials/Board Orders**

- J. Webber moves to approve the general board orders as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- T. Redfield moves to approve the payroll warrants. M. Lamson 2nd. Bill Reed asks for roll call vote. S. Moyer did not sign because of overtime. Jim did not sign order. Discussion of overtime and need for overtime during storms. S. Moyer feels overtime is a luxury and we still have the same amount of road mileage and we are having more overtime. Terry feels the Road

Crew and winter maintenance completed is great and storms are unpredictable. Bill inquires if there is a better way to reduce overtime he is open to it. Terry would like to see the board orders signed by one or both members who have not signed so that employees can be paid for work completed. Jim did not sign the board order because he wanted to have this discussion. A Special Meeting will need to be scheduled with the full board to see if the order can be signed. [M. Lamson – aye, T. Redfield – aye, S. Moyer – nay, J. Webber – nay, motion lost] Call placed to Carl Haynes to see if he is available.

**Other Business**

- S. Moyer would like the overtime issue be added to next week’s agenda.
- B. Reed would like it added to the agenda a discussion of law enforcement
- Carl arrives 10:30

**Move in to Financials/Board Orders**

- J. Webber moves to go to 2 full time employees each working 40 hours per week each holding a CDL. S. Moyer 2nd. M. Lamson moves to amend the motion to include 2 full time employees at 40 hours per week as well as Bob Parker’s part time position with a \$1/hour raise. No second, amendment lost. Carl states that Jim’s motion addresses nothing about part time help. T. Redfield moves to amend the motion to read two full time employees plus part time help as needed or on an emergency bases. J. Webber 2nd. [all opposed, motion lost]. J. Webber moves to amend his own motion to include “a third employee under emergency conditions only.” T. Redfield 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – nay, T. Redfield – nay, S. Moyer – nay, motion lost] Original motion [J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – aye, T. Redfield – nay, S. Moyer – nay, motion lost]

- M. Lamson moves to approve the board orders as presented. T. Redfield 2nd. [J. Webber – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, T. Redfield – aye, S. Moyer – nay, motion carried]

- M. Lamson moves to adjourn. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 11:00 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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cated owners would be liable. Responsibility is on the owner and Middletown Springs is now on VOSHA's radar. Division of Fire Safety – owners should contact and they will visit site and determine if a permit is necessary. Stated that no permit was necessary but they would like to be contacted beforehand. Peter thinks the town should be aware of what permits are necessary. Peter would like correction on page 2, paragraph 3.1 striking his name as consultant.

- David Munyak – indicated that he and Peter have had conversations, and that he has consistently followed up to investigate and resolve Peter's concerns. He reminded all present that the town has engaged Claypoint Associates as the project manager, and that Claypoint has managed contracts with the various subcontractors who have done work on the site. As Chair of the Building Committee, David recognized that Peter had concerns, and advised the Selectboard on the status and resolution of those concerns.

- Mike offers appreciation for David's work, which has gone above and beyond in addressing all concerns. He feels that David's thorough response to the Selectboard regarding Peter's questions has bolstered his credibility in leading the town's efforts on the building project.

#### **Public Comments**

- Juanita Burch Clay – note from Auditors to inform that they met recently with trustees of town funds

#### **Building Committee Report**

- Building Committee thanks Selectboard and voters for the support of Article 5.
- Food sale was successful (net \$645.70) and almost sold out. Leftovers went to those counting votes
- Will be contacting Agency of Commerce regarding continued site cleanup
- Low response on surveys
- Nora Rubinstein and David Munyak met with Kaitlyn Lovegrove to sign off on the WiFi connections which is now active and available around the town green. 94 folks have used the wireless connection in the first month.

#### **Road Commissioner Report**

- Purchased 100 yards of sand which was well-needed for the most recent storm
- M. Lamson moves to complete the Section 125 application to enroll the town in a cafeteria plan provided through BCBS with an annual fee of \$250. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Town Equipment
  - o Windmill is working on the grader
  - o Backhoe – there may be a chance to get a loaner

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- o Carl reviewed Nortrak estimate for backhoe repair – total cost is \$10,800 and wonders if we should be considering replacing the backhoe as opposed to putting money into it. Bill will look into cost of replacing and trade-in potential.
- Highway Employees
  - o Carl moves to allow Steve Geno to work 40 hours per week. T. Redfield 2nd. [H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield – aye; S. Moyer – nay; motion carried]
  - o Mike will analyze road crew hours for 2012 through present to discover any patterns in overall hours and in need for overtime.
  - o Herb encourages Bill Reed to draft job descriptions for all road crew positions, and to bring those to Selectboard for review and revision. Job descriptions will help both Road Foreman and Selectboard better manage road crew.

#### **Vacant Town Positions**

- Town Moderator: Tony Lamberton received sufficient write-in votes to be elected. Laura will notify Tony that he has won election.
- Town Agent: no one received sufficient votes
- Constable – Joe Parker received 10 votes (but has indicated that he is not interested), Joe Castle 9 votes. Laura will notify Joe Castle that he has won election.
- Trustees of Copeland Cemetery Fund — Dan McKeen received sufficient write in votes to be elected. Laura will notify Dan that he has won election.
- Trustees of Lewis Funds and other Public Monies — Gene Boertsche received enough write-in votes to be elected. Laura will notify Gene that he has won election.
- Planning Commission – advertise position for three-year and four-year seats.
- C. Haynes moves and H. Childress 2nd that Laura will ask Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to continue as Fence Viewer; that Terry Redfield continue as Tree Warden; that Ellen Secord continue as Service Officer; and that Tara Kelly continue as Emergency Management Director. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Town representative to Rutland Solid Waste Committee — Mike Lamson, with Jim Dudley as alternate
- Town representatives to Rutland Regional Planning commission — John Arsenault and Tom Hurcomb
- Town representative to Rutland Regional Transportation Council — Carl Haynes to remain
- Conservation committee: Selectboard will ask Kathy Doyle with help for starting over with recommendations for committee service
- T. Redfield moves that Carl Haynes be appointed to three-

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year seat on Copeland Milk Fund, Rodney Tarbell to two-year seat; H. Childress 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

#### **Solid Waste**

- Jim Dudley notes some unauthorized use of the transfer station. Selectboard agrees that we need better security of both building and fence/gate.
- Recertification of the transfer station is in process, notices placed in Magnet and Herald.

#### **Correspondence**

- People's Bank letter indicating direct deposit for employee paychecks would cost \$35/month plus \$.19/transaction. C. Haynes moves to not enroll in the program. T. Redfield 2nd. [All in favor, motion carried]
- VLCT Selectboard institute; H. Childress will attend in April.
- VLCT News
- Municipal treasurer's workshop from VLCT
- Service Request Form – Bill Reed – Request for copies of 2/27 audio tapes and unapproved minutes.
- J&B International Truck – offer for municipal funding
- Fleet permit from Markowski. M. Lamson moves to approve the Markowski fleet permit request. T. Redfield 2nd. [All in favor, motion carried]
- Highway Certification document

#### **Financials/Board Orders**

- T. Redfield moves to approve the board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

#### **Other Business**

- Laura will order 2 Selectboard manuals
- Mike will purchase tabletop digital audiorecorder to replace obsolete cassette recorder for town use.
- Carl will inquire about costs of sheriff service

#### **Legal**

- T. Redfield moves to enter executive session. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Enter executive session 10:50 pm
- Move out of executive session 11:15 pm. T. Redfield moves to authorize Carl Haynes to speak with the Pessler family regarding the Vientrella/Riedenger case. S. Moyer 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

#### **Adjourn**

- M. Lamson moves to adjourn. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. Meeting adjourned 11:16 pm.
- Mike Lamson, Outgoing Clerk  
Herb Childress, Incoming Clerk



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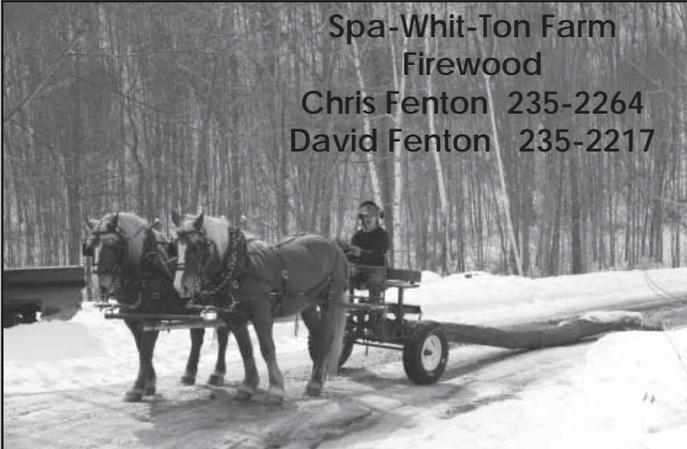
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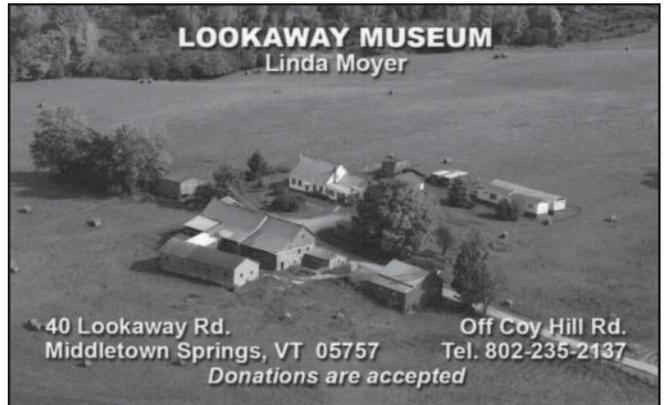
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### March

Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 15	6:30 pm	Fire House
Building Committee	Thurs. 17	7 pm	Library
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>Sun. 20</b>		
Library Trustees	Wed. 23	7 pm	Library
Select Board	Thurs. 24	7 pm	Town Office
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 26	8 am	School
Story Hour	Sat. 26	10 am	Library
Pottery & Pizza	Sat. 26	3-7 pm	50 West St.
Friends Party	Sun. 27	4 pm	Library
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 30	11 am	Poultney

### April

First Response	Thurs. 1	6:30 pm	Fire House
MSSH Trustees	Thurs. 1	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Tea & Conversation	Sun. 4	3 pm	Library
Knitting Circle	Mon. 5	7-9 pm	Library
Planning Commission	Mon. 5	7:30 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Tues. 6	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Wed. 7	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs. 8	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs. 8	7 pm	Town Office
Energy Committee	Mon. 12	7 pm	Town Office
Dessert & Discussion	Mon. 12	7-8 pm	Library
Conservation Commission	Tues. 13	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs. 15	7 pm	Library
Movie Night	Fri. 16	7 pm	Library
Story Hour	Sat. 17	10 am	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 20	6:30 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues. 20	7 pm	Library

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