

Calendar

August

BINGO!	Mon. 12	7 pm	Fire House
Energy Committee	Mon. 12	7:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 13	6:00 pm	Fire House
School Info Meeting	Tues. 13	7 pm	School
School Water VOTE	Wed. 14	7 am-7 pm	Fire House
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 15	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 19	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 20	6:00 pm	Fire House
Library Friends	Tues. 20	7 pm	Library
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 22	7 pm	Town Office
Conservation Comm.	Mon. 26	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 27	7 pm	Fire House
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 28	11 am	Poultney

September

Labor Day	Mon. 2		
Planning Commission	Mon. 2	7:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 3	6:00 pm	Fire House
Library Trustees	Wed. 4	10:30 am	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Wed. 4	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Thurs. 5	6:30 pm	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs. 5	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 9	7 pm	Fire House
Energy Committee	Mon. 9	7:30 pm	Town Office
Library Friends	Tues. 10	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 10	6:00 pm	Fire House
School Board Meeting	Thurs. 12	7 pm	Town Office
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 12	7 pm	Town Office
Property Taxes Due	Mon. 16		Town Office

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

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Monday, Sept. 16

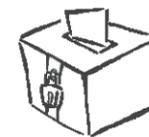
August 2013



The Middletown Magnet

"News that sticks in Middletown Springs"





Special Vote Wednesday, August 14

Vote to Authorize Loan & Loan Forgiveness from Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Summary: Principal Rick Beal has secured majority funding for much needed repairs to the school water supply. The process involves a construction loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which needs to be authorized by municipal voters. Upon completion of the project, the Agency of Natural Resources will forgive \$25,000 of the loan. The project cost is estimated at \$27,000. The loan authorization being sought by the school board is \$30,000. Any amount above the \$25,000 to be forgiven by the state will be paid from the building maintenance line items of the already approved school budget. This vote is not requesting any additional money from the taxpayers for the school. It is simply asking the voters to approve the loan as required by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

Background: For at least the last 6 years, the school water supply system has been out of compliance with state regulations. Principal Rick Beal has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to repair the system. Under the program, the school would receive a loan of up to \$30,000 for this project. Upon completion of the project, \$25,000 of the loan will be forgiven by the State. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program requires municipal voters approve the loan.

WARNING

Middletown Springs School District

Special Meeting: Tuesday August 13,
7pm at the School

Voting: Wednesday August 14,
7am to 7pm at the Fire House

- The state of Vermont is offering a loan forgiveness program for up to \$25,000 of the cost of these projects.
- In order to receive the loan forgiveness the project must be approved by the voters.
- These repairs are necessary to comply with state regulations.

Voting YES on this ballot will allow the school to borrow up to \$30,000 for water system repairs, with \$25,000 to be forgiven by the state upon completion of the work.

For further information please attend the informational meeting at the school on Tuesday August 13, 7pm. If you are unable to attend but still have questions, call the Superintendent's Office (802-287-5286) or your local school board members.



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PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Town of Middletown Springs
1st Quarter Property Tax Due

Monday, September 16, 2013

Payments can be made at the Town Office
Monday, September 16 from 1 PM to 4 PM

or mail to:

Town Treasurer
PO Box 1022
Middletown Springs, VT 05757



Letter to *The Magnet*

June 7, 2013

Dear Folks,

This is a gift toward the "Magnet."

Even tho' I have lived in Florida for over 50 years, I do enjoy reading it. I'm the oldest of the Marcy family, Lola Marcy Sommers. I spent my first 8 years at Middletown Springs School. I am 91 years old.

Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,

Lola M. Sommers



A Note from the Town Treasurer

Coming Soon! - **Property Tax Bills for the new fiscal year 2013/2014.**

Calculations for our New Property Taxes are in process. Our Listers are currently at work on completing the Grand List of the home values of our properties, upon which the tax rate is based.

Once completed, the tax rate for 2013/2014 will be calculated based on the Grand List and the Town & Highway Budgets that we approved on Town Meeting Day March 2013. Once the tax rate is calculated, the SelectBoard will discuss and approve it.

The rate will then be applied to the value of your property to produce your share of taxes due. Concurrently, the state will provide us with a tax rate for the School Taxes and that rate will also be applied to the value of your property to produce your share of school taxes due. The two figures will appear on your new Property Tax Bill. As you can see, this is a process and will take several weeks to complete.

We expect the new property tax bills for 2013/2014 to be mailed early to mid August 2013. **Your first payment for the new year will be due on September 16** (September 15 is a Sunday).

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A Note from the Listers

To Property Owners:

The Board of Listers is continuing the project of photographing parcels in Middletown Springs through the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 802-235-2220. Thank you.

Sally Ackey
Randy Kniffin
Patricia Hemenway



Fountain of Youth

As summer winds down, why not treat yourself to lunch on **August 28** at the Young At Heart Senior Center, Poultney. On the menu is Chicken & Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce, Steamed Broccoli and Baked Custard.

This delicious meal will be served family style for only \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. The cost for others is \$4.25. Homemade soup and coffee are served at 11:15 with dinner served at 12 noon.

Reservations are required. Call Mary Thomas at 287-9200.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Middletown Springs Community Church
Fellowship Hall 8:00 am
Saturday, August 31, 2013
Questions? Call Virginia 235-2348

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

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Middletown Springs School

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Castleton Colonial Day Features Architectural Treasures

The Annual Castleton Colonial Day House Tour will be held **Saturday August 17 from 10am to 4pm**. The tour includes over a dozen sites throughout the village including outstanding period homes, public buildings, galleries and historic sites. There will be exhibits of antique tools, carriages, a period costume display and demonstrations of Early American crafts. House tour tickets are \$20 (\$18 seniors).

The Castleton Library will hold an ice cream social from 2:00 – 4:00 and the Federated Church will host a ham dinner at 5:00 with assorted cold salads beverage and dessert. The dinner is \$9 adults, \$5 ages 12 and under. For additional information call 802-468-5309 or 802-278-8150.



Middletown Springs Single Stream Recycling Guide

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

- Rinse clean. Food and beverage containers only.
- No light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, window panes, or ceramics.

METAL AEROSOL CANS (EMPTY)

- Separate cap from container. Do not puncture cans.
- No full or partially full containers. Deliver paint, cleansers, automotive sprays, and other hazardous fluids to local hazardous waste disposal site.

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL, AND PIE PLATES

- Rinse clean.
- No aluminum with stuck-on food or grease

METAL CANS

- Rinse clean. Food and beverage cans only. Labels are OK. Can lids are OK placed inside the cans.
- No oil filters or scrap metal.

BOXBOARD (cereal, shoe, and dry-food boxes, soda carries, paper egg cartons, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores)

- Empty. Remove and discard plastic liners.
- No styrofoam cups.
- No stuck-on food or grease.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD (boxes with a wavy center layer.)

- Empty. Staples, tape, and labels are OK.

Special Trash Collection

Metal Collection
Oversize Trash

September 7
October 5

• No oil, paint, or chemical stained, wet unclean, or wax-coated cardboard. No strapping or string. No plastic, filmy, or foam packing materials.

ENVELOPES & OPENED MAIL (white, colored, gummed, and window envelopes.)

• Remove non-paper enclosers. (e.g., CDs, plastic cards, etc.) and strings.

• Labels are OK.

• No Tyvek or plastic envelopes.

• No bubble wrap padded mailers.

MAGAZINES & SOFT-COVER BOOKS (glue or staple-bound publications, paperback books, phone books, catalogs, etc.)

• Must be clean and dry.

• Phone books are OK year-round.

• No plastic wrapping, CDs or plastic covers.

NEWSPAPER (all sections and inserts)

• Must be clean and dry. Remove from plastic bags. Do not tie with string.

• None that are contaminated with food, paint, oil, pet waste, etc. No plastic bags.

SHREDDED PAPER (confidential Documents.)

• Place in clear plastic bags and tie bag shut.

• No shredded plastic (credit cards, etc.)

WHITE & COLORED PAPER (printed, letterhead, copier paper, glossy flyers & brochures, file folders, craft paper, manilla folders, index cards, construction paper, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper & cards.)

• Must be clean and dry. No need to remove plastic tabs, paper clips & metal hanging-file strips. Staples are also OK.

• No pressure-sensitive duplication forms. No foil paper. No paper towels or facial tissue, No stickers or sticker backing material.

PLASTICS 1-7 & RIGID PLASTICS (containers, bottles & jugs for foods, beverages, beauty, and cleaning products, detergents, dairy tubs (yogurt, sour cream, etc.) 5 gallon pails, laundry baskets, sleds, take-out containers, flower pots and trays, and frozen-food trays.

Minimum size: 2" on any 2 sides)

• Rinse clean.

• No filmy or pliable plastic (grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.). No foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) products such as cups, take-out containers, packaging blocks and peanuts, etc. No housewares, office products, etc. No motor oil containers or electronics housing. No biodegradable plastics (PLA) fiber.

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drain lowered below road level. Bill feels there needs to be a paved swale installed to collect the water. Bill will install a cold patch swale as priorities allow.

- S. Achey – attends as lister to present concerns with the Walt Pepperman grievance 6/13.
- Juanita Burch Clay – auditor report – ongoing checks of financial status of town. At May warned meeting, Copeland Milk Fund: voted to recommend adjusting investments/legal interpretation and how money is distributed.

Parker Property

- David Munyak has not yet received contract from Agency of Commerce concerning the grant.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Money order from Ron Dufour presented for \$340 for metal collection at metal day. There was concern about freon removal from refrigerators and air conditioners from SWAC. The recycling center where they were taken took care of this per Carl.

- K and S Tire can remove tires. C. Larson moves to contract with K and S Tire. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Road Commissioner Report

- Codey Lybeck contacted Bill about interest in tree work and provided costs for bucket truck/chipper work etc. Bill would like to be authorized \$3,000 from left-over contract labor work. C. Larson points out there is \$10,000 budgeted for tree trimming in this year's budget. \$5,000 in next year's budget. Terry Redfield was asked to provide a priority list for overhead tree trimming.

- Bid for paving Route 140 will be advertised next week

- June 24 meeting with Jim Pease re. stormwater mapping project

Firehouse Lane Water Issue

- Jackie and Earl Parker attend with concerns of how drainage will affect water runoff on their property.
- Bill has not heard from Tom Roberts to discuss catch basins.

Financials/Board Orders

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



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board orders as presented (less reappraisal transfer). C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Change of appraisal notice - Notice to Taxpayers 2013 from listers – increase in assessed value of \$1,000
- Council on Aging – expression of thanks for contribution
- Casella Recycling invoice for single stream - \$3.84
- Blue Cross Blue Shield newsletter
- VLCT newsletter
- Emmet Francois - \$110 for photography work
- Karen Horn – VLCT- inquiry requesting Energy Committee contact info
- Select Print Solutions – request to bid on town report
- VLCT – workmans comp for library has been included

Other Business

- C. Haynes moves to authorize C. Larson to sign the roadside mowing contract on behalf of the board. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:41 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Family Caregiver Information and Assistance

Approximately 22 million American families and friends provide unpaid care to another adult. Daughters, sons, spouses, partners, fathers, nieces, brothers, neighbors - they provide approximately 80% of the long-term care in the United States.

Whether helping out an hour a day or around the clock, caregivers may find their roles to be very challenging. In Rutland and Bennington counties, the **Senior HelpLine** of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provides information and assistance to those who are caring for people over the age of 60. Questions about finding and paying for private home care, home care assistance programs that may pay the family caregivers, Meals on Wheels, respite care, adult day programs, transportation, support groups and more can be directed to the Senior HelpLine at 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119, website www.svcoa.org.



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News from the School

by Rick Beal Principal

If you haven't been by the school this summer, there have been a number of improvements happening at the school. Because of deterioration, more of the asphalt roof on the new part of the school has been replaced with a goal of finishing the rest of the roof next year. The school was very fortunate to receive a \$20,000 grant to replace the 100 year old slate on the original structure. The roof is being worked on at this time with all of the slate being replaced with new "sea green" slate. Also, by the start of the school year, there will be a new sidewalk leading up to and around the school.

A big issue that is being addressed is the school's water system. The water system has been out of compliance with state regulations for at least 6 years because of a non-functioning tank level probe and switch, and the lack of a backup pump for the system. Over that time, there were many contractors brought in to the repair the system without success. To address the problem and bring us back into compliance, a new electrical control system with water pumps is required with a cost of approximately \$27,000. Our school applied for and was accepted for a loan from the Vermont Drinking Water Revolving Fund for up to \$30,000. Because the school is a municipal entity, \$25,000 of the loan will be forgiven by the state. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, August 13, at 7:00pm to discuss the article that needs to be approved by the voters before we can move ahead with the loan, construction and loan forgiveness from the state. I would encourage all community members to attend the informational meeting and vote on Wednesday, August 14.

It is hard to believe that a new school year is quickly coming upon us. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 28. I would like to extend an invitation to all community members to welcome our students back!

back to school!

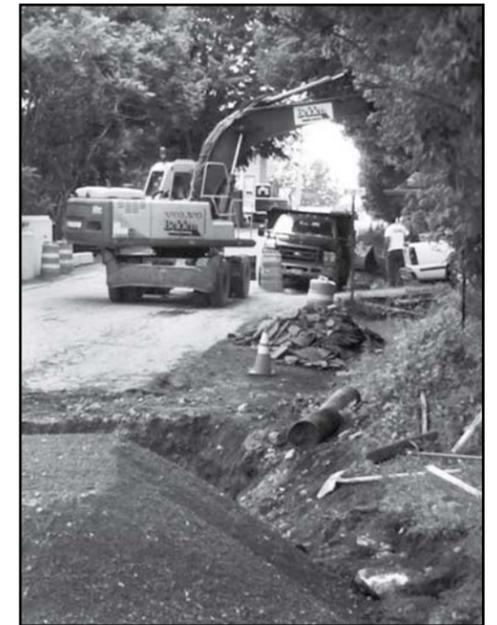


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Safe Routes to School Sidewalk

Construction under way

photos by Emmett Francois




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Open House a Big Success

by Mark McManus

Earlier this summer, the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department held an open house and firefighting demonstration, funded in part by a federal grant program. A Bill sponsored by Senator Bernie Sanders, the "Fire and Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Project" and managed through the Vermont Office of Homeland Security provided a \$1200 grant for this event. Senator Sanders sponsored this bill because he understands the difficulty in finding, training, and retaining volunteer first responders, especially in small Vermont communities.

Firefighters performed many training exercises including vehicle extraction, fire extinguishers, and vehicle rollovers. An actual fire emergency call came in during the open house, and members of the audience got to see how fast the department responds in an actual emergency. Approximately 100 people attended the afternoon-long event. The MSVFD plans on having this open house as a yearly event.

The Fire Association and Auxiliary also sponsored a basket raffle to help defray expenses. Many thanks to all who helped out and attended the event.

Cadet Firefighter Awards: Junior Chief Roger Brown attended the Cadet Training Camp this summer at the Vermont State Firefighting Academy in Pittsford. This year, Roger was a company commander, and received the "Lieutenant of the Year" award; and his unit of 14 cadets received the "Company of the Year" honor. A total of 53 cadets attended the week-long program.

Roger has been a member of the MSVFD for 3 years and will be a senior this coming school year at Mill River High School. He plans to pursue a career in firefighting upon graduation.



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eating into your
monthly budget?*

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Green Mountain Power has asked me to help spread the word that there is now a program that will help low income Vermonters pay for 25% of their electric bill. To be eligible, you must be a GMP customer and meet the household gross monthly income level: 1 person = \$1,437, 2 people = \$1,939, 3 people = \$2,442; add \$503 for each additional household member.

You can request an application by calling 1-800-775-0516; or print one from the website www.energy-help.vt.gov; or call me, Ellen Secord, your appointed Middletown Town Service Officer 235-2340.

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and through the village in this area with many children walking to the library and living in the area. Request to revisit the speed limit and change it to 25. C. Larson would like to investigate the process of lowering the speed limit and then discuss.

Other Business

- Carl inquires about pending job applications. Carl will speak with Bill about setting up some interviews.
- Shirley points out there are appointments to be filled.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:16 pm.
Mike Lamson, Clerk



Select Board Minutes Special Meeting June 13, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Gary Kupferer, Bill Reed

Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

- J. Webber moves to enter into executive session to discuss the Ventrella/Riedinger lawsuit/mediation and invite Gary Kupferer and Brian Monaghan (phone) to attend. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Enter executive session 6:12.
- J. Webber moves to exit executive session. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Move out of executive session 6:42. C. Larson moves that the Selectboard approve the "Settlement Agreement" signed June 6 as approved by our agent and attorney Gary Kupferer in regards to the Riedinger/Ventrella lawsuit concerning Garron Road. [all in favor, motion carried].

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.
Mike Lamson, Clerk



"BINGO"

Every Monday Night
7:00 p.m.

at the Firehouse

Proceeds to support the
Middletown Springs Fire Department



Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting June 13, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Kent Belden, Phil Nietupski, Ken Lougee, Jim Sheldon, Sally Achey, Laura Castle, David Wright, David Munyak, Meredith Morgan, Jackie Parker, Earl Parker

Approval of Minutes of May 23

- J. Webber moves to approve the May 23 Regular and Special Meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Public Comments

- Kent Belden, Ken Lougee of Belden Corp – discuss pre-construction meeting week of June 24. Tentative plan to start week after July 4. David Wright requests a walk through with Belden to discuss the project so that he is well informed.
- Jim Sheldon – Requests if notice of award was signed within 15 days and requests 5% bond check. Laura Castle has the refund and gives to Jim Sheldon.
- Belden has 2 questions on design – culvert too high at base of road; brick pavers at top of drive may be potential issue with frost – working with engineers to resolve
- David Wright feels the town should be working with the state of Vermont to resolve water issues at the bottom of Schoolhouse Road during the sidewalk construction project
- David Wright attends and presents the Town Office lease document. New energy efficiency project includes additional insulation above town office and new heating/cooling Minisplit heatpump.
- M. Lamson moves to approve and sign the 1 year town office lease document. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Phil Nietupski – presents Service Request Form – culvert had been installed by the town 8 or 9 years ago on west side of Dayton Hill Road running parallel to the road. Has not performed well due to storm drain being above the road grade. Phil would like the storm

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must meet four criteria). Auditors are recommending the Trustees or Selectboard obtain a legal opinion as to the proper interpretation of the grant intentions before the next distribution from the fund.

SRTS Contract

- Bid award – recommendation from SRTS managing engineer to award the bid to Belden Company including alternates 1 and 2 for a total of \$166,145. Belden submitted the lowest bid which met the requirements of the project.

- C. Haynes inquires if the alternates 1 and 2 are covered under the grant. The total grant funded amount is \$196,xxx which leaves approximately \$30,000 for engineering. The School Board has approved paying for any excess not covered by the SRTS grant using facilities maintenance fund.

- M. Lamson moves to approve and sign the Notice of Award in the amount of \$166,145 to Belden Company. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- J. Webber moves to allow C. Larson to sign the Notice of Award on behalf of the Selectboard. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Town Office Copier Contract

- Contract is up July 1. Laura recommends keeping the same copier at the same price. So far we have had no problems with the current printer. David Munyak had recommended to C. Larson one machine which could handle all functions as well as digital.

Workers Compensation Insurance for Library

- Library Board of Trustees is Library is estimating \$50/annual cost to add library employee to the town insurance policy (workers compensation).

- C. Haynes moves to notify worker compensation carrier to add librarian as additional employee. C. Larson 2nd. S. Moyer will contact. [all in favor, motion carried]

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- M. Lamson has discussed with Pam Clapp options for tire disposal to remove the tire piles at the transfer station and behind the salt shed. She has recommended disposal in Rutland at \$3/ tire. This would entail loading and driving the tires to Rutland/ transportation costs.

- K and S tire is another option for disposal out of Albany, VT. 802-755-9278

- C. Haynes inquires if we should be looking to increase the transfer station fee per trash bag. Carl feels single stream has reduced quantity of trash which has reduced income and our town fees are reasonable. Changing to \$2/bag would increase revenue and may also encourage more recycling. Punch card would go

from \$15 to \$20. C. Larson would be in favor of increasing the bag fee. M. Lamson feels that if single stream is decreasing the solid waste tonnage, overall costs should be reduced and not need to be recovered by raising the per bag fee. J. Webber would like to determine transfer station costs prior to changing the fee. Discussion of pros and cons of raising the fee and per bag fee (user) vs. taxroll (all residents). Will be discussed further in future meetings.

Road Commissioner Report

- Daisy Hollow Road erosion concern – south side of road near Route 133 intersection is eroding. Bill is concerned with homeowner redirecting water by hay bale or berm back onto the road. Bill would like to know how the board would like repaired.

- M. Lamson feels the road surface was not raised enough last year to allow the runoff to the grass. Bill suggests raising the surface to allow runoff, vibrating compaction. Carl will speak with John Colvin.

- Bill prepared rough draft for invitation to bid on Route 140 paving project – work to be completed by 9/27/13.

- C. Larson moves to approve bid request for paving Route 140. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Bill will be setting up flagging course.

- Roadside Mowing – Bruce Orchitt – can mow twice. Estimate of \$1,600/mowing, \$3,200 total. C. Haynes moves to hire Bruce Orchitt to complete the first mowing prior to July 4 for \$1,600. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] 2nd mowing will be considered after the completion of the first mowing.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue

- Bill spoke with Tom Roberts who will be meeting with Bill to discuss catch basins.

Financials/Board Orders

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

- S. Moyer moves to approve the balance on the board orders as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Lois Dansereau writes on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees – notes excessive traffic speed in front of the library



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by Kimberly Mathewson, librarian

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To celebrate a summer of *Digging into Reading* at the library we will be hosting a **Big Rig Day**. Come climb on a farm tractor, backhoe and more. Join in the fun with Middletown Springs first ever (we assume) **Toilet Seat Art Show**. Artists of all ages and talents are welcome. Decorate a paper cut-out of a toilet seat for our show. Download the template at <http://middletownsprings.wordpress.com/childrens/> or stop in the library and pick one up. Then let your imagination run wild. All entries will be on display at the library.

Kid's Book Discussion: *Holes* by Louis Sachar
We will discuss the book *Holes* and make Personal Time Capsules to put a little of our own history into the ground. Please let Kimberly know if you are interested in attending. Copies of the book are available at the library. Date: TBA

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Select Board Minutes Special Meeting May 16, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Colvin, Terry Redfield

Roadside Mowing

• Discussion of getting bids to complete roadside mowing. Bruce Orchitt has expressed interest, Chris will contact for quote.

Roadside Tree Trimming/Removal

• Terry Redfield, Tree Warden, presents list of trees for removal on Daisy Hollow Road between Ray Reed and John Colvin property. Terry estimates 2-3 days and roughly \$3,000 to complete the removal.

• C. Larson moves to authorize Terry Redfield to contract and manage the removal of the identified hazard trees on Daisy Hollow for up to \$3,500. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• Terry will review other roads for immediate/threatening hazards for tree trimming.

Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

• Mediation has been set for June 5 in Middlebury.

• Meeting scheduled @5PM next Thursday to discuss mediation with attorneys Gary Kupferer and Brian Monaghan.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 7:49 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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Select Board Minutes Special Meeting May 23, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Gary Kupferer, Brian Monaghan

Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

• J. Webber moves to enter into executive session to discuss the Ventrella/Riedinger lawsuit/mediation and invite Gary Kupferer and Brian Monaghan to attend. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• J. Webber moves to exit executive session. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• Move out of executive session 6:15. No action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting May 23, 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Jim Georg, Laura Castle

Approval of Minutes of May 9, May 16

• J. Webber moves to approve the May 9 Regular Meeting as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes - abstain, motion carried]

• C. Larson moves to approve the May 16 Special Meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – abstain, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

• Jim Georg attends on behalf of auditors. Auditors met with Terry Redfield to discuss Copeland Milk Fund. Auditors have reviewed the Copeland Milk Fund and feel some of the investments do not meet the criteria specified by the fund (investments

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board. Karen Mach moved to appoint Sarah Haley to fill the unexpired term of Kendra Larson until March, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried. Supt. Paustian will contact Mrs. Haley regarding completion of paperwork and being sworn in.

b. Schedule date and time for community vote pertaining to water project as required for loan forgiveness.

In order to receive loan forgiveness for required upgrades to the water system, we need to hold a town-wide vote. Mr. Haynes contacted Town Clerk, Laura Castle, who gave him dates of Tuesday, August 13 for the public information meeting (at the school), and Wednesday, August 14 for the vote (at the Firehouse). We need to get approval from the town to borrow \$25,000 from the State of Vt. Drinking Water Revolving Fund; the full amount of \$25,000 to be forgiven by the state. A number of years back, uranium was found in the water and a system was installed. This work solved the uranium problem. However, a state inspection revealed that we currently have a one-pump system in place, while we need to have a two-pump system. We need to make this system upgrade to be in compliance with state regulations. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the warning (with date corrections) for the Water System Upgrade Vote, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried.

8. Policies (for action):

a. **F-104 Entrance age (revised)** – for approval

It was agreed by consensus to table this subject until the August meeting as the Systems Management Committee has not yet met.

9. Action on Personnel Contract None

10. Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building: (Anticipated August 8, 2013 at 6PM) Next school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 6:00PM at MSES.

11. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) if warranted (*See below)

12. Other Lawful Business (Information Gathering Only)

None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosso, Recording Secretary

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Board of School Directors
(Regular) Meeting - continued
July 9, 2013

UNOFFICIAL CONTINUATION MINUTES

Executive Session:

1. Motion made by Clarence Haynes to move the Board into executive session at 8:32PM for the purpose of a personnel matter (administrative salary FY14), seconded by Meredith Morgan; motion carried.

2. Motion made by Clarence Haynes to move the Board out of executive session at 9:01PM, seconded by Meredith Morgan; motion carried.

3. Motion made by Clarence Haynes to approve the salary for FY14 and follow the Superintendent's recommendation for an increase of 3% for Principal Rick Beal, and to approve an additional stipend of \$250/day for 15 days (above and beyond the Principal's salary), seconded by Meredith Morgan. Motion carried.

Adjournment

4. Motion made by Clarence Haynes to adjourn the meeting at 9:01PM, seconded by Meredith Morgan; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mach, School Board Clerk

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Board of School Directors
(Regular) Meeting
June 6, 2013

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Karen Mach, Meredith Morgan, Christopher Smid (Members). **Also Present:** Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). **Public Present:** None

1. Call to Order (Action)

Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

2. Presentation (if applicable)

Rick Beal gave a brief presentation regarding his students using Google docs during Foundations lessons to share what they have learned this year. Students were divided into groups to share data with each other. Next week they will share with other students. One of the advantages of Google docs is that they can be accessed by users anywhere, using any computer. The Board recognized the benefits of using this technology for learning.

3. Consent Agenda: (Action)

Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2013 (regular) and May 14, 2013 (special) Karen Mach moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2013, and May 14, 2013, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report (Written)

Dr. Paustian stated that the Board is responsible for providing curriculum for the school and ensuring that the curriculum is followed. Mr. Smid asked if the teachers would have a voice in the curriculum, as he believes they should. Supt. Paustian stated that teachers were given an opportunity to be part of the Curriculum Coordinating Council and that the plan is for the new Curriculum Coordinator, Kathi Marcoux, to work alongside the principal and teachers. Support Staff negotiations have been going well. The next negotiations meeting will take place on June 25. Supt. Paustian reported that if Tinmouth School were to transfer to the Rutland South SU, it could not happen before July 1, 2015. The financial impact for Middletown Springs would be approximately \$11,000 more to cover SU assessments.

Principal's Report (Written)

Mr. Beal distributed printed results from two school climate surveys: one filled out by all students and one taken by students attending the afterschool program. The students seemed to give a lot of thought to the questions; particularly regarding homework. It looks like bullying is on the minds of a number of children. It was suggested that Consultant, Jerry Kreitzer could come in next school year to work with staff and students on bullying prevention and what they should do if they experience or witness bully-

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ing. (He previously visited one MSES classroom). Mr. Beal and Ms. Charalabopoulos met with a representative from Fitz Vogt (a food service company). Our school is too small to be handled by an outside food company. He suggested that we work on saving pennies to save dollars by making some lower cost food swaps. The Summer Program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00AM-3:00PM, beginning on July 9 and ending on August 1. Adequate staff is in place for the program. After four qualified applicants were interviewed, Mary Barron was hired as the new Music Teacher for Middletown, Tinmouth, and Wells Schools. MSES received a \$2,500 grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund to be used for the school garden. Some of the funds must be used to hire and compensate a "Garden Coordinator." Garden grants thus far total \$4,500. Field Day will take place at Tinmouth School on June 10. Doran Roofing will be replacing more asphalt shingles in mid to late June. The water project is now moving on to the construction phase.

Business Manager's Report

Financial Statements: None.

Clarence Haynes moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

4. Approve Warrants: (Action)

a. Warrant #157 in the amount of \$22,293.12 dated 5/8/13 b. Warrant #158 in the amount of \$44,822.29 dated 5/22/13

Clarence Haynes moved to approve Warrant #157 in the amount of \$22,293.12 dated 5/8/13 and Warrant #158 in the amount of \$44,822.29 dated 5/22/13, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

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

6. Old Business:

a. **Increase counseling time** (discussion, possible action)

Mr. Beal stated that there is a need for increased time for the School Counselor due to the number of students needing assistance and the complexity of student issues. Clarence Haynes moved to increase the time for the School Counselor from 1.0 FTE to 2.0 FTE, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

b. **Cost of meals** (discussion, possible action)

Mr. Beal distributed a spreadsheet prepared by Business Manager, Louis Milazzo, covering meal participation levels, food costs, meal prices, etc. From April to May, participation and revenue increased. Meal costs for students will need to increase next year to comply with state requirements. Adult prices will increase as well. Exact prices will be set at a future meeting. The Board directed Mr. Beal to correspond with families with excessive balances. The goal is to work together to collect the funds due and

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c. **Minutes of Meeting: April 29, 2013.**

Karen Mach distributed copies of the minutes from the April 29 meeting. Clarence Haynes moved to adopt the minutes of April 29, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 4-0.

d. **Sidewalk Project**

Meredith Morgan reported that the Select Board has signed a contract with Belden Construction as the contractor for the sidewalk project. DuBois-King will be the project supervisor. The work could begin as early as June 14, but it will probably be later.

e. **Henderson Fund**

Letters will be mailed on June 7 to graduating seniors from Middletown Springs informing them of the availability of Henderson Fund scholarships and how to apply.

7. **New Business:** (Receive Information & Possible Action):

a. **Appoint new board member:** No action taken.

b. **Approve Tax Anticipation Loan** (Possible Action)

Clarence Haynes moved to approve a tax anticipation loan in the amount of \$435,000 from People's United Bank for operation of the school for F Y13 -14, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

c. **A/P Board Order Question**

Mr. Haynes asked about a check that needed to be reissued in a different name. The contract specified the second name; the first name was used in error.

8. **Policies** (for action):

a. **F-104 Entrance age (revised)** – for final input

No further input

9. **Set Next Board Meeting** (Regular) & Agenda Building: (Anticipated July 11, 6PM) Next School Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00PM at MSES.

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

12. **Other Lawful Business** (Information Gathering Only)

Mr. Beal received a request from Teacher Lorraine Wilkins to use two personal days together to fulfill her duties as Chief of Staff of the VFW Auxiliary by attending the Presidents' Convention in New Orleans on September 19 & 20. According to the CBA, Supt. Paustian can approve additional time consistent with the agreement. Mrs. Wilkins will be advised to address her request for the two consecutive personal days directly to Supt. Paustian.

13. **Adjournment** (Action)

Christopher Smid moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58PM, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of School Directors (Regular) Meeting July 9, 2013

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Meredith Morgan (Vice-Chair), Christopher Smid (Member). **Also Present:** Joan Paustian (RSWSU Supt.), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secy.) Karen Mach (Clerk) arrived at 6:20PM.

1. **Call to Order** (Action)

Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:12PM.

2. **Presentation** (if applicable) None

3. **Consent Agenda:** (Action)

Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2013 (Regular)

Chris Smid moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2013 as presented, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried. Clarence Haynes would like to remove the words "at August Board Meeting" under New Business (b) in today's minutes. He would also like the minutes to reflect that the meeting was incorrectly noted as taking place on July 11. The correct date is July 9.

Superintendent's Report (Written):

Supt. Paustian informed the board that Business Mgr., Louis Milazzo is working on the end of year financial reports. She has received one application for the Henderson Fund; this will be revisited in October. The Supt. states that a brief Executive Session will be needed at the end of this meeting for a personnel matter.

Principal's Report (Written):

Mr. Beal would like to establish a cut-off point for families with outstanding food service balances. He would like to establish a maximum charging limit of \$30 per student. He also wants to encourage all families to apply for free and reduced price meals. The percentage of families who qualify helps the school to receive more funding while also assisting families. The Board is agreeable with this. Mr. Beal reported that the Summer Program began today with 29 students enrolled. Families were able to drive along the fire lane to drop off and pick up their children. Mr. Beal and Ms. Brzezinski will be attending a 2-year Science Leadership Program which will benefit the school and the SU. MSES qualified for the Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Grant for the coming year. Mr. Beal discussed the Young Scholars Program and his difficulty in receiving information from the Granville School District regarding the program. He believes the time may be approaching to design a program within our own school/SU. PES runs a "Challenge" program to offer enriched instruction. He would like to investigate options for potentially beginning

our own program the year after next. Mr. Haynes agrees that we should research the possibilities. Re-shingling the new roof and slate repairs on the old roof are underway, two classrooms have been painted, and sidewalk installation work has begun. Mr. Beal had a productive meeting with a representative from VSBIT about recommended building maintenance practices. The large playground slide is broken and is now off-limits. The broken slide will be removed. A replacement would cost \$3,800 for materials and \$1,200 for installation. The stair lift and its functionality were also discussed.

Mr. Beal distributed AIMSweb data on Mathematics. It shows performance trends in Oral Counting, Number Understanding, Math Computation, and Math Concepts & Applications from fall to winter and winter to spring. The PNOA assessment showed that 73% of Kindergarten students met or exceeded the benchmarks for Number Understanding, while all Kindergarten students met or exceeded the benchmarks for Oral Counting. In higher grades, while we are at or near meeting the standards, there is room for improvement. We will continue to refine our mathematics instruction utilizing the new Common Core standards. Mr. Beal is working to increase student interest in mathematics by starting an Afterschool Math Club and stressing how math is relevant to and used in our everyday lives. Mr. Beal then distributed Reading data. The kindergarten class scored well above the standards in both Letter Sound Fluency & Letter Naming Fluency. For grades 1 and up, we use Reading Curriculum Based Measurements. Most classes are at/above the nationally-normed standards. Mr. Beal also shared Action Plan Evidence for 2012-2013. NECAP results show that the school made gains in Math, Reading, and Writing from 2011 to 2012 and Fountas & Pinnell assessments show that 37 of 40 students tested are reading at/above grade level.

Business Manager's Report: None

Financial Statements: None

4. **Approve Warrants:** (Action)

a. Warrant #159 in the amount of \$67,171.90 dated 6/5/13

b. Warrant #160 in the amount of \$27,825.00 dated 6/11/13

c. Warrant #161 in the amount of \$164,628.89 dated 6/19/13

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Clarence Haynes moved to approve Warrant #159 in the amount of \$67,171.90 dated 6/5/13, Warrant #160 in the amount of \$27,825.00 dated 6/11/13, and Warrant #161 in the amount of \$164,628.89 dated 6/19/13, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Chris Smid moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

5. **General Public Comments** None

6. **Old Business:**

a. **Review/Approve Paid Lunch Price**

It was agreed by consensus to table this subject until the August meeting when more information from the VT Child Nutrition Dept. will be available.

b. **Sidewalk:** There was some confusion at the last meeting held with the Town Selectboard and the VTrans representative regarding the sidewalk project. Bill Reed presented an estimate for \$18,000 for fixing a drainage problem (culvert) near the school driveway. This was not part of the approved project design. Steven Letendre has volunteered to assist the school with the project. Clarence Haynes moved to appoint Steven Letendre as Board Liaison for the sidewalk project, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried. School board members will attend the next planning meeting at 8:00AM on July 12. A meeting notice will need to be posted if three or more board members attend. Meredith Morgan presented an invoice to Supt. Paustian from Belden via DuBois & King. Business Mgr., Louis Milazzo, will approve invoices on behalf of the school district and process payments. Clarence Haynes moved that Mr. Beal contact the Selectboard regarding responsibility for maintenance of the community playground, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried.

7. **New Business:** (Receive Information & Possible Action):

a. **Appoint new board member** A letter of interest was received from Middletown Spring community member and parent, Sarah Haley regarding the open position on the school

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