



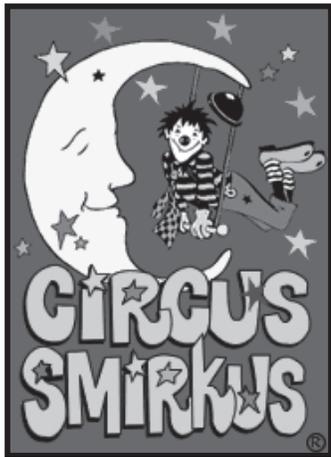
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Circus is Coming to Town



**Save the Date:
Friday Feb. 8**

The Circus is Coming to Town on **Friday February 8** to the Middletown Springs Elementary School! You won't want to miss the evening Circus performance and delicious Chili Dinner.

This is the school's 7th Annual Artist in Residence and Community Performance.

This year Friends For Education is helping to bring Vermont's own Circus Smirkus to the school to work with the students for a week residency.

During the day on February 8, all senior citizens from the community are invited for a mid-day performance and lunch with the students. Stay tuned for more details.



Christmas in the Park



Photo by Emmett Francois

From the Town Treasurer



Thanks to all of you who submitted your first quarter taxes on time.

Second quarter taxes are due by or on **Saturday, December 15**. I will be available at the Town Office that day from 9am to 4pm to receive any last minute taxes. Don't hesitate to submit your taxes early to avoid getting caught up in the holiday commotion.

For those of you who received a tax adjustment in late September for a homestead rebate, please make sure that you have contacted your mortgage company, if they pay your taxes, with the adjusted amount due.

For those of you who may not have received your tax bill at all, it is your responsibility to contact the Treasurer with your correct mailing address.

Thank you!

Jenny Talke Munityak



Community Calendars

The Community Birthday Calendars printed by the Grange are due in town on Monday, December 24. If anyone wants them for Christmas gifts, please let me know ahead so as soon as they arrive I can get them out to you right away.

We have scheduled a pick-up day, Saturday, December 29 at Grant's Village Store. After that the of the calendars will be delivered as weather permits.

Thanks,
Sue (Reed) Langdon
235-2060

Women's History Museum Of Middletown Springs



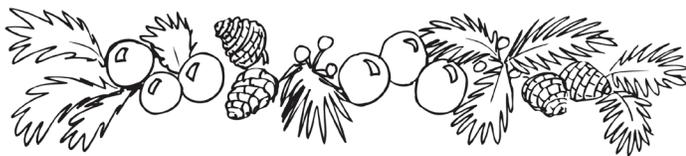
The Women's History Museum Of Middletown Springs held its annual Open House on Sunday, December 2.

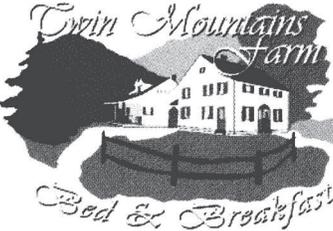
Guests enjoyed a variety of exhibits at the museum, including a twelve room colonial mansion doll house, with electric lighting and a tree house, vintage women's clothing spanning 1750 to 1970, a Madame Alexander First Ladies exhibit, an extensive Tasha Tudor collection exhibit with rare pieces, and a variety of antique children's clothing, lace, ribbons and so much more. Finger food, fresh bake deserts and beverages were served.

For more information about the Women's History Museum of Middletown Springs, contact Dietra Davis, owner, at 52 South St. Middletown Springs, Vt. 802-235-2299



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As you know, the official town website is up and running. What you may not know is that it is host to a rolling news feed (a blog, really) that will be updated weekly with interesting news and events happening in and around the community. To access that news feed, simply go to the website (www.middletownsprings.vt.gov), click the "News" tab at the top of any page or click on an article of interest under the calendar listings in the right side bar, also on any page.

Items of interest posted there now –

- Single Stream Recycling Guide
- MSES Spaghetti Dinner Details
- Holiday Craft Fair
- Christmas in the Park

This really nifty feature will help you keep up to date on all the news at your fingertips, no need to scour the house for the last issue of The Magnet, just hop onto the website and take a look. Speaking of The Magnet, back issues are also available on the town website.

To keep us current and relevant, please send items to be posted on this news feed to Kimberly Mathewson at kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net. New items will be posted weekly and it's a great resource for those last minute events that might have missed The Magnet. We hope that you will use this service and help us to keep it up to date with the latest information.

As always, if you have suggestions for additional content, comments, observations, etc. about the Town Website please let us know. This is YOUR resource for information and news happening around town, we are counting on you to help make sure it fits your needs.

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Patty Kenyon

On behalf of the Website Committee



Fountain of Youth

The Fountain of Youth senior group wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas Happy, Healthy New Year.



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Musical Recital

Middletown Springs resident, Shirley Oskamp is giving a vocal recital on **Sunday, December 23 at 4:00pm**, in the Sanctuary of Grace Congregational Church. The program includes Opera and Broadway show tunes, Popular and Gospel music, with just a touch of the Holidays. She will be accompanied by Rip Jackson on piano, Andrew Donovan on guitar, Ellen Sutherland on bass, and Kevin Loso, tenor.

Shirley has been known in the community as the pastor of Tinmouth Community Church and Church of the Wildwood for many years. She also serves as campus chaplain for Green Mountain College in Poultney. Shirley lives in Middletown Springs with her husband Gary Lindorff, with whom she performs Folk music at local venues. She has twin daughters and a stepson, who consistently support her musical (and other) endeavors.

A reception will follow the recital, to which all are welcome. There will be a freewill donation.



Men's Community Prayer Breakfast Middletown Springs School

No meeting in December
Next Breakfast will be Jan 26, 2013

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Middletown Springs Elementary School

by Rick Beal, principal

I would like to recognize **Middletown Springs Fire Department** for their time volunteering to work with the students. Besides being here for opening day of school, the fire department made a visit on October 17 for **Fire Safety week**. They gave an excellent demonstration during the morning on fire safety and equipment used, with a close up look at the fire trucks, especially the ladder truck. In the afternoon, there was live demonstration that the students were excited to see and ask questions. The fire department also helped with the school's annual **Halloween Parade** by blocking the road and intersection so the students could have a safe procession from the school to the town green and back. We appreciate their time and efforts that they have given to our school.

The **MSES Student Council** sponsors a school store that sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, travel mugs and water bottles. They are very fortunate to be able to sell their "wares" at Vicki's store. Thank you, Vicki! Please stop by store or school to see these items. They make great gifts anytime of the year!

The Student Council is also in the discussion stage of how to help children in Rwanda. As many of you are aware, Rwanda went through a violent upheaval in the 1990's that affected social structure of the country. One of the many consequences is the negative impact of educational opportunity for children. Parents have to pay for their children to attend the schools with the cost being out of their financial reach. The Student Council is considering raising money that could be used to help pay the tuition for some children. The impact of the monies raised to educate a child will have a positive ripple effect for generations. If you would also like to make a donation, please contact the school.

We have a new **Afterschool Art Club** that is being taught by Middletown resident, Cathy Ward. The students have been working with clay and currently waiting for the kiln in Tinmouth to be setup. In the meantime, the students have also been working with oil pastel crayons. The school is also very fortunate to Tessa McDonald as our new art teacher during the school day. Both teachers design learning opportunity that encourages creativity. For the future, it will be important to have students who are "outside of the box" thinkers to tackle the challenges facing us.

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Library News

by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

On behalf of the board of trustees and myself, I would like to express my appreciation for all support this little library receives from so many. Over the course of the year **we receive many kinds of gifts:**

*From more than 20 regular and occasional volunteers, we receive time and energy.

*From people named and anonymous, we receive nearly 1 ton of books donated to the Book Sale.

*From nearly 100 people, we receive cash contributions to the annual fund.

*From the taxpayers of Middletown Springs, we receive an annual allotment which supports the on-going operational costs.

*From the newly formed non-profit, The Friends of the Library, we receive a commitment to the long-term viability and vitality of the library.

*From the smile on a patron's face when they find what they are looking for on our shelves, we receive deep satisfaction.

Thank you so very much for your support and commitment to the library.

We look forward to serving this community in 2013.

Best wishes to all.

Holiday Hours:

The library will be closed Dec 24 & 25 as well as Dec 31 & Jan 1. We will be open all other regular hours.

Winter Movie Nights begin January 11

Friday evenings at 7pm: Looking for movie night suggestions and volunteer hosts. Movies suggested so far in The Lorax, The Hunger Games, The Artist.... Anything else you want to see? Interested in hosting? Please, let me know [235-2435 / kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net]

Middletown Springs Building Committee

The regular meeting times for the Building Committee are 7 pm at the Town Office on the **first Wednesday** and the **third Thursday** of each month.

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Join the Friends of the Library

Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library is a newly incorporated and state-registered organization that supports the viability and vitality of the Library. Its vision and mission statements, bylaws, ethics policy, and memo of understanding with the Middletown Springs Library were presented at an organizational meeting last month. There was a good turnout and lots of enthusiasm for supporting our small, vibrant library. Application for 501c(3) is complete, and we anticipate acceptance as a nonprofit status.

The first annual meeting was held November 27 at the Library, when the officers and executive committee were elected. The executive committee is: President, Patty McWilliams; Vice President, Lois Dansereau; Recording Secretary, Ursula Smith; Membership Secretary, Maureen McCormack; Treasurer, Pat Hemenway; and two At-Large members, Judith Robinson and Marie Louka.

Membership dues for 2013 were set very low to encourage everyone who wants to support the library to do so at whatever level is comfortable. Please consider becoming a member. Just complete the form and leave it with us today, or you can drop it off with your payment at the Middletown Springs Library or mail it to 39 West St., Middletown Springs. Checks should be made to Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library.

Thank you for your interest and support!

I want to join The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library:

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Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

_____ \$5.00 Individual

_____ \$50.00 Contributing (individual or family)

_____ \$10.00 Family

_____ \$50.00 Business

Yes, I would like to volunteer:

_____ Baking for Events

_____ Behind the Scenes (book processing, etc.)

_____ Book Sale

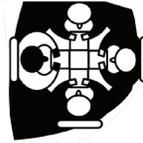
_____ Building & Grounds

_____ Circ. Desk

_____ Movie Nights

_____ Tech Projects

**Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2012 Approved**



CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Fred Bradley, Laura Castle
Approval of Minutes of 10/11

- J. Webber moves to approve the 10/11 regular meeting minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- Fred Bradley attends to discuss adding the Mentor Connector to the March ballot appropriation list – Fred will be soliciting signatures to have the Mentor Connector included on the March ballot.

Parker Property

- C. Larson spoke with Neil Vreeland to set a closing date of 11/7. The board will need to sign the Property Transfer Tax Return and finalize financing. Jenny provided the paperwork binder from People’s United for \$77,300 @ 2.75% interest. The board had previously discussed \$57,300. C. Larson would like to proceed with the signing the binder for \$77,300 and repaying the money if not needed for cleanup. D. Munyaik points out one of the grants from Agency of Commerce requires match (if SWRPC funds don’t cover costs). C. Larson moves to sign the People’s United Bank Capital Improvement note in the amount of \$77,300 modifying the decision of the 10/11 meeting. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to allow C. Larson to represent the board at the closing for the Parker property and make any signatures necessary. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- D. Munyaik discusses the Town Clerk roundtable meeting organized by the Building Committee to discuss new town office experiences. Corrective action plan is next step.

West Street Project/Reimbursement

- Received final bill for the paving. Laura and Bill will be preparing the papers for reimbursement. VT Local Roads will be assessing the roads. Tom Roberts looked at the aprons on 140 and 133 and will not pave them. Looked at the apron on Daisy Hollow – pointed out anything over 5% grade should be rock-lined. M. Lamson moves to allow C. Larson to sign the West Street reimbursement grant on behalf of the board. [all in favor, motion carried]

Riedinger Lawsuit/Ventrella Lawsuit/Garron Road

- None.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- C. Larson moves to contract with Lyle Welding to fabricate the new hinges and gate extension on the transfer station gate. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves to have Hubbards deliver a dumpster for site cleanup at the transfer station. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- M. Lamson will follow up on removing the tire pile and the barrels.

Road Commissioner Report

- Stone lining ditches on Coy Hill completed, hauling sand
- Major Projects for next year in order of priority: 1. repaving Route 140 (quote from Pike was around \$200,000) 2. Coy Hill Road – (west side) White’s Hill to bottom, 3. Mountain Rd – Mahar’s to Meadowbrook Lane, 4. Daisy Hollow Road (top) 5. Spruce Knob (Sarah Grim to Old Potato Road), 6. Dudley Road (top of hill Shins to sugarhouse), 7. Coy Hill (east) Pepperman’s to Fowlers adding fabric, 8. Donahue Road (100’ section), 9. Coy Hill East (Moyer’s to Peppermans)
- M. Lamson spoke with Gus Scott regarding the Service Request Form concerning driveway being washed out by runoff on Daisy Hollow Road. Bill feels a culvert is needed to resolve this issue. Policy has been homeowner pays for the culvert and we will install it. Bill will measure for length.
- Email update regarding potential impact of Hurricane Sandy from RRPC. C. Larson will contact Tara Kelly to discuss emergency management plan.
- C. Larson moves to purchase a leaf blower for cleaning the cemetery and ditches and culverts. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Completed assessment with Mastec – will be submitting his hours to VTel
- Mailbox on North Street – appears to be in ditch – Chris will call
- Met with engineer for SRTS project
- Hiring winter backup. No applications received yet.
- Overhead trimming – Trees sent original proposal, can’t do it until next summer; Mike Tyminski – may be available

Financials/Board Orders

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

Correspondence

- Letter from Thomas Schmelzenbach – Publics Works Services
- Census survey – S. Moyer and Laura will complete
- Better Backroads Grant Program
- Letter from April Blair/Rich Baptie – thanking the Road Crew for promptly fixing the swale in front of their driveway

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- Land Use and Energy bulletin from state
- Invite to attend animal control conference
- Notice to renew health trust – S. Moyer will follow

Other Business

- None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting November 8, 2012 Approved



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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jenny Talke Munyak, David Munyak, Laura Castle, Bill Reed, Charlie Parker

Approval of Minutes of 10/25

- J. Webber moves to approve the 10/25 regular meeting minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes – abstain - motion carried]

Firehouse Lane Runoff

- None

Public Comments

- Jenny Talke Munyak – Town Auditor Jim George has been reviewing insurance policies – thinks library is not covered by the liability policy of the town. Carl thinks the library should be an additional named entity on the policy. C. Haynes moves that S. Moyer and L. Castle check with the insurance carrier to determine if the library is covered under the town liability policy and authorizes S. Moyer to add if not currently covered. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Jenny Talk Munyak presents Town Treasurer's Report. C. Larson moves to authorize Jenny to purchase W2 software for \$40-\$50. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Parker Property

- Closing was 11/7 and the property is now owned by the town.
- D. Munyak drafted announcement to be placed on FPF and the Magnet.
- Corrective Action Plan is under way. David will be following to all of the parties involved to let them know the property has changed hands. Cosmetic cleanup – Building Committee is meeting this Saturday 11/10 at 9:00am to plan for a community cleanup. USDA workshop in Rutland (12/5) Communities Facilities Program – program for potential funding.

- C. Larson moves to add the Parker Property to the liability insurance policy. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

West Street Project/Reimbursement

- Laura and Bill prepared the papers for reimbursement. Bill will be meeting with Tom Roberts prior to submittal. Total for

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Owner
Tony Genier

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Route 140 slope stabilization and Fox Bridge bank/road repair was \$335,220.23. 100% reimbursement of \$9,800, remainder will be reimbursed at 90%.

Riedinger Lawsuit/Ventrella Lawsuit/Garron Road

- Chris asked Gary Kupferer to attend next meeting to discuss process of discovery and possible depositions.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Lyle Welding will be repairing the gate hinges this week. M. Lamson will schedule with J. Dudley for site cleanup. Bill Reed will remove the concrete barrier blocks from the fenceline.

Road Commissioner Report

- 4 applications received for open road department position. Bill and Carl will review the applications. Special Meeting will be scheduled for next week to discuss applicants.
- Spent a lot of time clearing ditches prior to the hurricane.
- Will be completing work to Daisy Hollow Monday or Tuesday.

Financials/Board Orders

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

- Thursday November 29. M. Lamson will warn as a Special Meeting for 6:15 (C. Larson to send agenda).

Correspondence

- Invoice from G. Kupferer for \$331
- Business card from Don Doane regarding tree trimming
- Notice for health insurance renewal from VLCT.
- C. Larson moves to approve costs to cover L. Castle and S. Moyer to attend delinquent property tax collection seminar. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Other Business

- None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk





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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.

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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

Building Committee November 7, 2012 Minutes Approved



Call to Order: 7:14 PM

Guests Present: Sally Achey, Lister; Jenny Talke Munyak, Treasurer.

Members Present: David Munyak, Maureen McCormack, Patty Kenyon, Patty McWilliams, Michael Beattie, Tom Hurcomb, and David Wright.

I. Minutes:

A. Minutes from 10/18/12. Moved by Tom Hurcomb and seconded by Patty McWilliams that the minutes be accepted. All in favor.

II. Public comments: None.

III. Building and Site Design

A. Town Officers Interviews: Michael stated that the BC need to hear from our town officers on their use and needs of the present office space. Jenny said the treasurer needs greater flat space for spreading out the binders, other books and papers that must be out at one time; and she needs easier accessibility to her files as well as a shredder. Sally said she too, needs a flat space and showed us the space taken up by the tax maps. At times several people want the one table in the office. Both Sally and Jenny told of the times they need privacy for their work. Often the lack of privacy forces them to make calls from their home. Whenever anyone else is here for researching purposes and using the one table there is no workspace for either of them to do their work. On occasion there are 3 listers with property owners all crowded round the one table. A laptop would be very helpful to take into the field (instead of paper copies of needed documents) and to give more flexibility in the office when space is limited and/or

privacy is required.

B. Michael noted that there are lots of interactions operating in the room simultaneously. He asked about security, as it was an issue raised by the visiting town clerks. Besides being able to keep vault visitors in sight, the officers need to be able to see one another. Jenny would like to face the public rather than have her back to them, as computer use now demands. Ideas of site design were discussed that further security. Sally does not have enough filing space. She could file twice what she has now. Desk security (visitors being able to read whatever is on a desk top) is an issue that all the officers have and the new building should address such. Flexibility of space seems a must. Any new design must allow for an accommodation of needs when several workers need space at the same time. David W. reminded us that we need to think of what energy option would be best to use the \$5,000 grant we are eligible for. It was decided the BC members should each write what they understand to be the requirements for the new building. They should address issues such as the longevity of the building. The answers to such will play into what materials should be used. Also, once the life cycle of the building is determined this allows us to determine the construction costs spread out over the years. The BC needs to determine the baseline as well as the wishes. The life cycle costs of the project can then be broken down into parts. So much for the site, the shell, the electrical, the HVAC, etc... A Net zero energy building would be nice and also a lot of work for the BC. All felt it could bring grants, private funding and publicity so it should be looked into.

Agreed on Homework: BC members will focus on what we see as building requirements needed for the next meeting and state why we have put this on the list. We should plan our tours of other newer town offices at the next meeting.

IV. Property Acquisition:

A. Property Closing: Chris Larson came to announce that the Parker property closing took place this afternoon. Now the town owns the corner property.

B. **Cosmetic Site Cleaning:** We should go this weekend to evaluate what should be done. This Saturday, November 10th we will walk over the property and draw up a list of what we can do with volunteers. Meet at 9AM.

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C. Property Survey: No action to be taken by the BC at this time.

V. Project Scheduling:

A. CAP: David is waiting to hear on some questions raised by Kiersten Bourgeois. One question was does the present building on the Parker property have any historic significance? Dave M. contacted Tom Keefe and then Devin Colman, the Historic Preservation Review Coordinator for the VT Division for Historic Preservation, who both agreed that the building is listed as non-contributing. Mr. Colman suggested we contact Scott Dillon in the archeology division regarding soil excavation.

VI. Funding Opportunities:

A. Brownfield Funding: Now that the Parker property is town property the grant/funding agreement with the Agency of Commerce and SWRPC can be executed. When will the tanks be pulled? Dave M. thinks not till spring.

B. Building Funding

1. Grant/Agency Funding: USDA workshop on Dec 5, Wednesday, in Rutland. Tom, David, Maureen and if possible Patty K. will attend. Patty McW. said the Freeman Foundation is not a good source for us. VCF (Vermont Community Foundations) offer grants to non-profits and we should follow up on this for soft needs.

2. Capital Campaign: Patty Kenyon said her investigation into using the Vermont Community Foundation determined that if the town gets some money, such as a gift, we can then establish a tax deductible organization for accepting tax deductible donations. Then Vermont Community Foundation would be available as a fiscal agent and could manage those funds for us similar to what exist in Tinmouth. A funding raising idea: Patty K. suggested that the BC sponsor a lunch on town meeting day to raise money. Participants would pay for lunch and the money would go towards the building. Building Committee members would also work the event and chat with folks about the progress and exchange information.

3. Patty McW. spoke with Ina Smith and found out the Vermont Preservation Trust cannot help us because we are involved with a new building.

VII. Community Support: Our information/celebration meeting for the town should be in January. We need to put together a lot of material to be ready for that meeting. Included in this should be a prepared form to survey what the town residents would like to see in the building.

VIII. Other Business: Michael presented us with a drawing showing parking, the leach field, and building site for the CAP Plan. Maureen talked of her attendance at the VT Library

Trustee and Friends of the Library Conference in Randolph this past Saturday. She highlighted some of the challenges seen for the future of libraries and how they might be met. She met there several town representatives having a combined library and town office.

Adjourn: 9:35PM

Next meeting date: Thursday Nov. 15, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Clerk

Building Committee November 15, 2012 Minutes Approved



Members Present: Tom Hurcomb, David Wright, Carl Hayes, Patty Kenyon, Patty McWilliams, Maureen McCormack and David Munyak.

Call to Order: 7:20 PM

I. Minutes:

A. Minutes from 11/7/12: Tom moved and Patty K gave a second to accept the minutes of 11/7/12. All in favor.

II. Public Comments: None.

III Building and Site Design:

A. Design Program

B. Schedule visit to other Town Clerks' Office: Beginning in the first week in December. Maureen will call area Town Clerks and see if we could visit them on a Monday, our preferred touring day. We will start by visiting Mendon, Pittsfield, and Chittenden if possible on Dec. 3 or Dec. 10. Maureen will call town clerks first and ask for a good time to attend. And if Mondays are not good to select another day. She will then email members with

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what she has found. Carl reminded us that Hampton, NY has a new town office.

C. Budget planning: SB will be doing their budget planning soon so we should discuss what items we might want included. There are items such as consultants, engineers, plans, site work not covered under the Brownfield cleanup plus mailing and others. We may want to ask the selectboard, SB, to establish a discretionary fund or go a different route. That money will go towards any necessary bond fund we need. The biggest issue would be how much to start with? This is determined by what other demands the SB expect this year and next etc. Carl says there is a municipal facilities fund already established. We agreed that the town should reestablish the fund (if necessary) and then fund it. We would have to make a proposal and bring it to the SB. We should word the proposal for them. Carl said it is easier to get grants if you have matching funds so it essential we do this. We have already \$20,000 dollars for clean up voted in when the town voted for the purchase of the corner property. The SB make sure that whatever money remains (after the clean up is completed) is rolled into the building fund.

IV. Property Acquisition:

A. 11/17 Site Cleanup: Must have a sign up sheet whenever we have a workday. Maureen will take this on for this coming Sat. Ron Dufour agreed to remove all the pedal posts and other metal on the site. We needed to hear from the SB on when we can legally move these metal items. We discussed other alternatives such as town selling the metal ourselves if it is worth anything. We need to put up a banner announcing our ownership of the corner. Patty K. will look into the costs of a banner and lettering. David W. asked for permission to invite Joe Teer to this first clean up. All thought this was a good idea.

V. Project Scheduling:

VI. Funding Opportunities:

- A. Brownfield funding
- B. Building Funding

VII. Community Support: Tom will pick two or three possible dates (during the day) in the first two weeks of December to have the area legislators and RRPC executive director visit us here. Tom will look up Laura’s schedule and set up visits for those days.

VIII. Other Business: None.

Adjourn: 8:16 PM

Next meeting, Wed. Dec. 5

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Clerk



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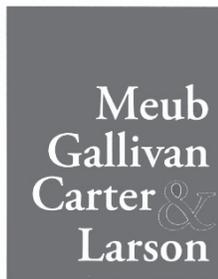
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Here's some of what we've liked so far this fall in our own words:

- "I like the crafts and the Pizza Party." Aliza
- "I like the coloring." Gabby
- "I liked the Pizza Party, too. Kallie
- "I liked the Echo Museum Overnight" Anna
- "I liked the Echo Overnight, too. And, the snapping turtle." Julia
- "I liked the Echo Museum daytrip for 100th GS Anniversary." Meara

- "I liked counting money to see how much we collected for UNICEF" Annabelle
- "I like being friends with different people." Molly
- "Today we made a first aid video. Field trips are fun, too." Katey
- "I think Girl Scouts is fun for all the special things we do as Juniors." Rachel
- "I like working on the First Aid Badge." Rose

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**News from the Statehouse**  
*by Rep John Malcolm*

**Thank you** to the voters of Middletown Springs for electing me as your Representative to the Vermont House. It is an honor and a privilege to serve and I look forward to advocating for Middletown Springs and this district in the next two years in Montpelier.

The legislative session will start in **early January** with twenty-five new Representatives, five new Senators and new committee assignments. In the weeks ahead we will be receiving updates about the state's financial condition from the Joint Fiscal Office and from the Administration and we will be discussing the upcoming session with statewide and local groups. The state budget has been close to projections recently but there are expected pressures on the budget from areas such as low income heating assistance, human services, mental health, and corrections. There is also considerable uncertainty about how Federal budget discussions and national and international financial trends will impact the Vermont economy and state revenue. And we are still unsure of the level of FEMA reimbursement for major Irene related rebuilding projects such as the Vermont state hospital and the state office complex.

As we approach the new session, I am researching several issues that may become bills and I expect to reintroduce a bill I sponsored last year (H.491) that proposes to increase the fines and penalties for texting while driving.

Please contact me with your concerns, your ideas, and your questions at [JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us), 325-3424, and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761  
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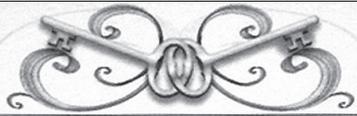
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To reach our goal and provide critically needed blood during a time of habitually low supplies, we need your help! Please make an appointment today, and encourage your employees, members and friends to join us on Dec. 18. Attending the Gift-of-Life Marathon together is a wonderful activity for co-workers, teammates, students, families and friends, and first-time donors are especially encouraged to attend. Children as young as 16 may donate blood with parental consent.

For detailed information on eligibility, which could help you avoid making an appointment if you are ineligible to donate, please visit the following website:  
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Appointments are strongly encouraged. To sign up, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS today or visit [www.giftoffliferamathon.com](http://www.giftoffliferamathon.com)! Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and given the huge influx of additional Red Cross staff this year, we expect to keep any waits to a minimum.

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### December

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|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes Due         | Sat. 15   | 9 am - 4 pm | Town Office  |
| BINGO!                     | Mon. 17   | 7 pm        | Fire House   |
| Blood Drive                | Tues. 18  |             | Rutland      |
| Fire Dept. Training        | Tues. 18  | 6 pm        | Fire House   |
| Building Committee Meeting | Thurs. 20 | 7 pm        | Town Office  |
| Musical Recital            | Mon. 24   | 4 pm        | Grace Church |
| <b>Merry Christmas</b>     | Tues. 25  |             |              |
| Select Board               | Thurs. 27 | 7 pm        | Town Office  |
| New Year's Eve             | Mon. 31   |             |              |

### January

|                                |           |          |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| <b>Happy New Year's</b>        | Tues. 1   |          |                  |
| Magnet Deadline                | Tues. 1   |          |                  |
| Library Trustees Meeting       | Wed. 2    | 12:30 pm | Library          |
| Building Committee             | Wed. 2    | 7 pm     | Town Office      |
| Historical Society Trustees    | Thurs. 3  | 7:30 pm  | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| Knitting Group                 | Mon. 7    | 7 pm     | Library          |
| Planning Commission            | Mon. 7    | 7 pm     | Town Office      |
| BINGO!                         | Mon. 7    | 7 pm     | Fire House       |
| Friends of the Library Meeting | Tues. 8   | 7 pm     | Library          |
| Conservation Commission        | Tues. 8   | 7 pm     | TBA              |
| Book Discussion                | Wed. 9    | 7:15 pm  | Library          |
| BINGO!                         | Mon. 14   | 7 pm     | Fire House       |
| Select Board                   | Thurs. 10 | 7 pm     | Town Office      |



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