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MSES sixth graders and their teacher, Jenn Tiff, place flags on veterans' graves with Historical Society President David Wright before Memorial Day.

VT Open Farm Week: Aug. 3-9 Local Medicinal Herbs Workshop

Marie Louka and Connor Magnuson of Madrugada Farm (430 West St) want you to *Bump up Your Ferments with Medicinal Herbs*. They are hosting a free workshop each day, August 7, 8 & 9, at 9am. Farm tours will also be given in the morning and late afternoon.



Farms all over Vermont will be hosting tours and other events August 3-9.

Visit <http://madrugada-farm.com/> for details. For more information about Dig In Vermont and its state-wide Open Farm Week visit <http://www.diginvt.com/blog/openfarmweek/>



40th Annual Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 21, 2 - 4pm
Strawberry Shortcake,
Artists & Craftsmakers, Live Music
at the Middletown Springs Historical Society

Memorable Memorial Day 5K

by Kristal Haynes Hier

It was a beautiful day for a run or a walk around Buxton Ave (and a bit of Coy Hill). Thanks to all who came out and supported the MSVFD on the Saturday before Memorial Day at our annual 5K.

Thanks to all who participated, and to the Fire Department who brought out the trucks and helped with traffic control and to the First Response for helping at the start/finish line with sirens and first aid.

Thanks to Sue Norton for taking pictures! Photos are up on the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MSVFD5K?fref=ts>

Congratulations to our winners!

Adults:

Shannon Gluse
Chris Smid

Teens:

Garek Brisson
Abigail Lancour

Kids:

Meara Mrogan
Cadish Smid



Garek Brisson breaking the tape with a swift 21.17



Abigail Lancour ran the loop in her turnout gear

Mark your calendars for next year!
Sat., May 28, 2016,
9am on the green.

Reminder: No July Issue.
Have a Safe & Sunny Summer!
Look for the next issue around August 15.



What's Happening at the Corner?



Kristal & Dave answer your questions

Q:

I read on Front Porch Forum that there will be grass planted on the corner lot. Does this mean that the rumor I heard is true? The one about the secret goal of the building committee being to create a park on that lot, not a town office?

A:

No. That rumor is absolutely FALSE.

If that were the goal, we wouldn't have had to do the brownfield cleanup. We could have simply planted grass and been done long ago.

The building committee is fully committed to seeing a town office and library built on that site and is actively working to make that happen.

Middletown Springs has a very unique opportunity with this project. One that comes along once in a lifetime or less. In this age of strip malls, big box stores, and suburban sprawl, we have the chance to make a positive change to the aesthetics of our historic and beautiful town green by building a structure that reflects the stately buildings lining the other three sides.

From a community perspective, a new town building will bring a sense of vitality to the village center. This is something that has been diminished since Norm's garage was lost as a place for people to meet and interact.

A town office and library at the center of the village, with safe storage for our town records and room for the functions that occur there, will be a benefit that Middletown Springs will enjoy for the next century or longer.



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Strawberry Festival

Local artists, craftsmakers and musicians will join Historical Society volunteers to present the 40th Annual Middletown Springs Strawberry Festival.

Strawberry lovers are invited on Sunday, June 21 from 2 to 4 pm to the Historical Society on the Green. The festival features delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh local strawberries, homemade biscuits, vanilla ice cream and whipped cream, along with iced tea, lemonade or coffee.

Nicholas Seidner of Rising Meadow Pottery will be demonstrating tile making technique and displaying his hand-thrown pottery. Other exhibitors will include: Soulange Martineau, photography; Ruth Goodrich, quilted items; Nancy Edmunds, greeting cards; and Alan Grace, antique clocks. The Mahar family will be selling their 2015 maple products.

Paul Morgan's band of local acoustic musicians will enliven the afternoon and there will be children's activities.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, as well as on Sunday afternoons through October. Admission is free.

On view in the Museum is a series of exhibits, created by Jon Mathewson for Vermont History Expo, focusing on Middletown from 1784 through the 1950s, as well as exhibits on the Montvert Hotel and Mineral Springs.

The Mineral Springs Park, located nearby, is open every day, year round.

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Library News

Every Hero Has a Story this summer at the Library

Summer Programming for all Ages runs June 15-September 1, 2015. Stop in the library for details and the calendar of events.

Story Hours: Wednesday mornings at 10am; July 15-August 12

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Tuesday, July 28. Drop off between 2-7pm. Return Wednesday at Story Hour or between 2-7pm for pick up and to see photos of all the fun the animals had. Stuffed animals should be confident sleeping away from their humans for the night.

Independent Activities: for all ages, change weekly. Pick up the library event calendar for details.

Hero Movie Nights: select Friday evenings, at 7. Again, pick up the library event calendar for details.

Best Worst Villain Playoffs: sixteen anti-heroes compete for the title over 4 weeks. Vote for your favorite worst villains each week. Watch Library Facebook, Front Porch Forum or the Library bulletin board to play.

Kid Book Club: Just for kids entering Grades 4-6. Participants will receive a copy of Tony Abbott's *The Forbidden Stone*. We will meet twice, once to introduce the book and once to discuss; schedule based on participants availability. Sign up in advance, best by June 25.

Summer Finale – Super Hero Fun Day: Saturday, August 29. Games, activities, and the unveiling of the winner of the Best Worst Villain Competition.

Other Program & Events

Memoir Writing Workshop: "Writing a Slice of One's Life", Thursdays 10- noon, June 25-July 16. Workshop

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is limited to six (6) adults. No fee. Register before June 20 directly with Maureen, 235-1245.

Passport to Vermont Libraries: how many VT libraries can you visit this summer? Beginning June 1 pick up a "library passport" and get it stamped at every library you visit. Top three from our library will be entered in state-wide contest for prizes.

State Parks Day Pass: free entry for up to eight people in one car at any of the Vermont State Parks. Borrow the library's pass and head to the park.

State Historic Sites Pass: free entry for up to eight people in one car at any of the Vermont State Historic Sites. Borrow this pass and take a trip to the past.

DCF Award Books: Kids in grades 4-8 can dive into this coming year's nominations for the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award. Read 5 or more by next April and vote for your favorite.

Library Book Group: will be discussing *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini on Thursday, August 27 at 7pm. Copies of the book will be available August 1. This is an open group and others may join for one, some, or all the up coming discussions.

In Other News

The Library Book Sale as a big success; raising cash for the library budget and sending many new books into the hands of other readers. The "free" days were a big hit as well.

The Libri Foundation awarded our library a special "non-matching" grant for 50-60 new childrens books. They will arrive next fall.

And, many thanks to the Friends of the Library for writing a success grant to the Stewart Shops which will support the summer program with the purchasing of new books, movies, supplies, and snacks.

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Friends of the Library

by Judy Robinson

The Gardening Festival, the Friends of the Library fundraiser for the benefit of our Middletown Springs Public library, turned out very well, thanks largely to all the volunteer efforts. It was very well (and very widely) attended. People came not only from here, but also from Rutland, Ira, Poultney, Dorset, Tinmouth, Granville, Manchester, Burlington, and many other cities and towns, some quite distant.

People donated many, many plants to sell, of all sizes and descriptions. Additional gardening-related items sold included garden wheelbarrows, fencing, tools, art, hats and more.

The workshops - by Ken Carter on canning; Leslie Silver on fermentation; Paul Morgan on soil sustainability; and our featured guest speaker, Henry Homeyer, on preserving what we've grown - were all interesting and informative. Turnout for them was excellent as well.

So the event was fun, both to volunteer and to be an attendee. Many attendees told us we have got to do this every year! The pizza, ice cream cones, lemonade and tea were delicious. It seemed quite clear that the food added to the festive spirit of the event.

An important aspect to our success was the extent to which it really was a community endeavor. So many people donated plants and gardening tools and accessories, and showed up to help prepare for or work at the event! We had pizza makers, and tent raisers, and tent taker-downers, and plant sellers, and raffle ticket sellers, and lemonade makers, a talented maker of a beautiful banner, and some very young but competent beverage and ice cream sellers. The school allowed us to use their kitchen for the pizza production. The Historical Society provided us the use of their facilities. Sissy's Kitchen and Grant's Village Store donated much of the food ingredients. (For those of you who tasted the pizza - that delicious sauce was made by Sissy herself from scratch, from her own marinara recipe.) Other local or regional businesses were sponsors, offering either cash or raffle items. All this on top of some very well informed local speakers who volunteered their time. Isn't it wonderful to live in such a town as this!

The plant, food, and raffle ticket sales together made a substantial sum of money for our local library. If you

stop by the library in the months to come you will be able to see and hear about the improvements it will be able to offer the community. A heart-felt thank you to so many members of the Middletown Springs community for all your time and effort! You contributed greatly to the success of the Friends of the Library's first of hopefully annual Gardening Festivals.

The Friends of the Library is a local non-profit citizen organization whose sole purpose is to provide support for the Middletown Springs library. All are invited to become members. Contact Maureen McCormack, President, at 235-1245 or our Librarian, Kimberly Mathewson, at 235-2435 for more information.

Community Church Summer Happenings

by Ellen Secord McKeen



Our **Children's Church** will be growing with Jesus this summer. Starting June 7, Veggie Tales will be coming to help children learn about God's strength and direction, love and friendship, temptation, courage, trust and patience, inner beauty, helping others, and overcoming fear. Children's Church is for kids through sixth grade, and meets Sunday mornings during the regular church service.

Vacation Bible School is in the works for early August. Watch Front Porch Forum and look for posters for specific dates and details.

Honduras Trip: July 11 - 19. A group of adults and teens from the church will be traveling again to La Ceiba to work with the local folks on construction projects, and summer Bible school for kids.

Annual Church Picnic: July 26, Lake St. Catherine State Park. A relaxing afternoon together, and the time when those who wish to commit their lives to Christ are baptized in the lake.

Free Indeed: Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30. Plan ahead to donate stuff and to come!

Middletown Springs Community Church Sunday Service is 10 am. Contact Connie 235-2746 or Rita 235-2436 regarding Children's Ministry opportunities.

To listen to past sermons, and for more information go to www.middletownchurch.org; Interim Minister Adam Robles' office 235-2386; mschurch@gmail.com



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Select Board Minutes April 23, 2015 - Approved

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of April 9th, M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of April 9th, T. Redfield 2nd [Aye—H. Childress, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Abstain—M. Lamson, S. Moyer; motion carried].

Town Officers: Dan McKeen had received 24 write-in votes as a Trustee of the Copeland Cemetery Fund, to join Alida Tarbell and Alice Hoisington; T. Redfield has contacted him about serving, has not yet heard back. Tara Kelly has agreed to continue as Emergency Management officer. The town's existing Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) will be revised slightly for 2015-16, with small modifications reflecting changes to town assets. H. Childress moved to authorize Terry Redfield to revise and sign the LEOP on behalf of the Board unless he determines that significant changes are required; J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Town Lands: New legislation (H. 37) requires owners of dams to register with Department of Environmental Conservation. M. Lamson is awaiting word from the Agency of Natural Resources on funds availability for dam removal.

Road Commissioner Report: Bill has conducted extensive frost and mud repair over the past two weeks. He is writing a service request form for his recent application of gravel of the upper (Class 4) region of Dudley Road, to maintain health and safety access; Bill approved this work in consultation with T. Redfield. The Auditors have requested that the Board revise and refresh the various amendments to the Roads Policy, which will include the details of Town responsibilities for Class 4 roads.

Highway Equipment: The plows and wings are being removed from the plow trucks this week. As we move toward equipment replacement planning, Bill advocates using the 7400 (red) truck as a trade-in toward a new truck while it still holds value; he believes that we can make adequate temporary repairs on the backhoe so that it isn't the highest replacement priority. Bill will investigate truck specifications and purchase options.

North Street Box Culvert: The Town has received a quote from Hutch Crane Service for placing pre-cast culvert sections. A representative of Camp Precast visited the site again; they're requesting a four-man town crew for up to four days during installation, and other unseen additions to their bid are arising due to

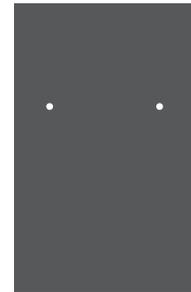
difficult site conditions. Ashley Waite also visited the site again, and has verified that his plans have come from the VT codes and standards. The VT Water Resources team may review their hydraulic study based on the fact of a waterfall just upstream; this would indicate no fish presence in the stream, which would negate the need for a fish ladder. Waite's new quote is \$33,502 for the actual 42' length of the required culvert, using the three-sided (natural gravel bed) construction method. T. Redfield moved to award the North Street culvert project to Ashley Waite for a bid price of \$33,502, using the poured-in-place system with natural gravel floor; J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. Bill will develop and advertise a bid package for the excavation.

Bill will be meeting with Patrick Feeley to set the path of the temporary road. Joe Castle will examine the farm road between Hemenway's and Bradley's for fire access to the upper end of North Road.

Solid Waste: Town Clerk will order dumpster service for May 2nd (large dump and metal day). Sue Miller has offered a request to offer the metal service, and provided proof of insurance. H. Childress moved that we authorize Sue Miller to provide scrap metal pick-up for the Town on May 2nd in exchange for one half of the proceeds of the scrap value, with the other half going to the Town; S. Moyer 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. Steve Geno will work the large-waste collection.

M. Lamson will investigate the Transfer Station storage requirements for lawn & leaf waste, as required by 7/1. T. Redfield discussed the spring clean-up of the Transfer Station grounds and site; Mike will communicate the details of new electronic waste separation requirements to the Transfer Station crew.

Poultney River Walk Update: A first interest meeting was held on April 15th; a letter has been provided by Scott Holliman, Mike Lamson, Matthew Riley, Nora Rubinstein, and Ed Urdike expressing interest in serving on the committee. T. Redfield moved to appoint the five individuals



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expressing interest to be the inaugural members of the Poultney River Walk Committee; J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence:

- Tim Poole has applied for a right-of-way work permit near his home; Bill will review the site and the plans and make a recommendation to the Board.
- Cardinal Logistics and Newton Logging have requested an excess weight permit. H. Childress moved to approve both excess weight permits, J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].
- The Treasurer should follow up on the Department of Labor unemployment notification to clarify their request.

Board Orders: T. Redfield moved to approve Steve Geno's request for the sick day and floating holiday; H. Childress 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. H. Childress moved to approve board orders as presented; M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Job Description Updates: H. Childress moved to adopt the modified job descriptions for Road Foreman and Road Commissioner; T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Personnel Matters: H. Childress moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, inviting Bill Reed and Laura Castle to be present; T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. Executive Session entered at 9:15 pm. Bill and Laura were dismissed from Executive Session at 9:58 pm. T. Redfield moved to exit executive session; H. Childress 2nd [all in favor, motion carried.] Executive session closed at 10:09 pm.

T. Redfield moved that Herb Childress will contact Town's Attorney with our preferences with regards to Memorandum of Understanding; M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn, J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. Meeting adjourned 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk



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**Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting
May 7, 2015 Approved**

Special Meeting called to order: 5:30 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sally Achey, Randy Kniffen, Gary Kupferer

Communication from Walter Pepperman: T. Redfield moved to enter executive session to discuss Peppermans' communication with Town's attorney, inviting attorney Gary Kupferer and Listers Sally Achey and Randy Kniffen to participate; H. Childress 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. Executive session begun at 5:32 pm.

H. Childress moved to conclude executive session; M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. Executive session concluded at 6:53 pm.

Actions subsequent to Executive Session: H. Childress moved that Board of Listers will confer with State of Vermont Property Valuation and Review regarding appropriate current use exclusions; subsequent to that conferral, they will contact attorney Kupferer, who will at that point draft a response to the Peppermans' communication, with the Selectboard's review; T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Board Orders: T. Redfield moved to approve Board Orders as presented; H. Childress 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk

**River Trail Committee - First Meeting
UnOfficial Minutes - June 1, 2015**

In Attendance: Mike Lamson, Matthew Riley, Ed Updike, Scott Holliman **Absent:** Nora Rubinstein

- 6:00 pm Call to Order
- Slate of Nominated Officers passed by unanimous vote
Mike Lamson, Chairperson; Matthew Riley, Secretary; Scott Holliman for Vice-Chairperson.

Next Meeting set for July 7, 2015 at 6pm in the Town Office

- Discussion of VTrans grant applications for Scoping Study
- Discussion of other successful VT river trail projects and their widespread benefits for local community, businesses, recreation, schools, youth, etc.
-Dover River Trail
-Mad River Path
- Meeting adjourned 7:21pm.

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Select Board Minutes May 14, 2015 - Approved

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 pm
BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, M. Lamson, T.

Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ron Masleh, David Munyak, Jenny Talke
Munyak, Bill Reed, Els Van Woert

Approval of Minutes: M. Lamson moved to approve minutes from April 23 regular and May 7 special meetings; J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Public Comments:

- Ron Masleh delivered a letter with regards to the need for clearing private property of waste material. (See attached letter at end of minutes). The letter will also be provided to the Historical Society.
- Els Van Woert, SunCommon, presented their programs on community solar installations. SunCommon has helped 1,300 families install solar with their financial assistance and consultations; now they're doing community solar, at the scale of an acre or less, with community advisory and "good neighbor agreements." They look for "land hosts" for small installations that a number of homes can sign up to draw power from. Each community solar project can have 25-30 members who receive electrical reductions and ownership stake in the array. SunCommon will be working in the region, and is looking for advice in working with Middletown Springs for possible hosting locations.

Town Officers: Jenny Talke Munyak delivered the end-of-April summary, reminding us that the fiscal year ends on June 30 and asking us to be cautious for the remainder of the year. The Auditors are prepared to take over the reconciliation of bank statements from now onward. A proposed tax rate for 2015-16 will be coming forth in July after Listers have completed their updates.

Town Lands: Dave Munyak presented two proposals for short-term site improvements at the corner; both involve grading, gravel, soil and seeding, in different patterns. Both schemes allow for a bit of parking and school-bus pull-through as well as some green area. M. Lamson moved to authorize the use of Town resources to improve the aesthetics of the future town office site, using donated materials and volunteer labor where possible; T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. The revised well and septic application has been filed with the State, and should be approved soon.

Road Commissioner Report: M. Lamson will look into mowing contracts for the West Street property for this summer. The Highway crew will maintain the grass area of the future

Town Office building.

H. Childress will work with VLCT to determine how benefits changes should be modified based on the adoption of the new personnel policy.

The grading has been difficult this year, with late frost coming up through the roads to draw mud problems further into the spring. Four culverts need to be replaced on Fitzgerald Road, within the next two weeks. T. Redfield moved to authorize Bill to purchase up to \$2474 in processed gravel for repair and grading; M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. We will also purchase 3000 gallons of road calcium, and contract for the annual roadside mowing.

Bill has applied for a \$4,000 grant from Better Back Roads, to do culvert inventories, road surface inventories, and capital budgeting plan (through Rutland Regional Transportation). He is also applying for a grant for roadside erosion control.

We have received Service Request forms having to do with wing-plow damage to lawn edges. We will be more explicit this winter about the mutual responsibilities of property owners and the Highway crew for road edges, and ensuring that grass planting doesn't encroach on road right-of-ways.

The Board signed the annual Vermont Agency of Transportation Financial Plan for fiscal year 2016.

North Street Box Culvert: Bill has prepared a bid invitation for the excavation related to the box culvert project on North Street, to be posted late in May for bids to review by the Board at its June 11th meeting.

Solid Waste: Large Item and Metal Waste day on May 2nd was very popular—so popular that there were traffic management problems, and some persons making multiple visits. The Board will be developing processes to attempt to ease some of the problems of this year in preparation for the fall collection date.

Board Orders: H. Childress moved to approve board orders as presented, M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

Legal: The deadline has passed for modifications to the Town's Current Use Plan assessments, but will be making amendments for next year to Current Use exemptions for locations immediately adjacent to structures. Gary Kupferer has created a letter in response to the Pepperman's communication of April 29.

Maria & Bob Riley have completed a report for the dog bite incident, and documentation for the animal control file will be completed.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn, T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor motion carried] Meeting adjourned 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, clerk

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Letter from Ron Masleh:
To The Select Board
May 14, 2015

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS LETTER AS PART OF YOUR MINUTES FOR TODAY.

This past week we observed Green Up Day here in Vermont. I'm sure to most observers, it appeared to be a great success. But, locally, I have reservations. In Middletown Springs, we have much to do. Our town is undertaking the building of a new Library and Town office. Planners are creating a new Town Plan. And we are producing a new economic study for the village.

All of this sends positive signals for the future. But, is it realistic? Or is it short-sighted? While we talk about greening up Vermont, we are surrounded by decay here in our very own town... physical decay all around us. Our town center needs serious attention. Unfortunately, the actions of a few are impacting all of us in a profoundly negative and destructive way. Put simply, state laws are being broken. This Board cannot push this problem to the "back burner" any longer. It is time for action!

If Mr. Copeland were to return from the grave, he would be appalled by the current condition of the town he loved so much. His love was so abiding, he established a fund to help our farmers—tens of thousands of dollars to help these important local citizens. Where is the civic pride so dramatically displayed by Mr. Copeland?

Have we no pride?

Please help by taking action now to turn Middletown Springs in the direction it should go... a direction all of our residents strongly want.

Thank you.

Ron Masleh

South Street, Middletown Springs



Fountain of Youth

Enjoy a summer afternoon luncheon on **June 24** at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney.

On the menu is BBQ Pork, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Wax Beans, Garden Salad and Gingerbread. Doors open at 11 am with homemade soup and coffee offered at 11:15 am. Dinner is served at 12 noon. Meals are cooked in their kitchen and served family style. A great bargain at \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. The cost for others is \$4.25.

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Board of School Directors April 27, 2015 Official Minutes

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Meredith Morgan (Vice Chair), Sarah Haley (Clerk), Jennelle Carr and Christopher Smid (Board Members). **Also present:** Joan Paustian (RSWSU Supt.), Louis Milazzo (Business Mgr.), Rick Beal (Principal). Public Present: Bob Bruttomesso

1. Call to Order (Action): Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.* (MS Board Meeting began after the RSWSU Board Meeting ended.)

2. Changes, Deletions, Additions to the Agenda:

a. Add under Executive Session: Administrator's Salary, Legal Issues, Personnel

3. Consent Agenda: (Action)

i. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2015

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Board Meeting, Jennelle Carr seconded; motion carried 5-0.

ii. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report was presented at the RSWSU Meeting earlier this evening.

iii. Principal's Report

Programming: A consultant was brought in to review our reading program and make suggestions for changes or improvements. Five team members will attend the BEST Institute at Killington this summer. SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) exams are being taken the last two weeks of April. Act 1 training from RRMC personnel is also taking place one day per week the last two weeks of April.

Building Maintenance: Joe Castle will no longer be performing lawn care at the school; bids are being sought. Bids are also being sought for repair/replacement of the shingled roof over the MPR section of the school. The MPR floor will be resurfaced soon.

Staffing: Denise McConville is being recommended as the Summer Program Coordinator.

Community: The Grandparent/Senior Citizen luncheon was great and well attended. We also had a very successful Arts Celebration with lots of participants and visitors from all the RSWSU communities. A trio of woodwind performers from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be at MSES in May; this is being sponsored by FFE.

iv. Update on Financial Statements

All purchase orders for the current year were due on April 17. Mr. Milazzo is calculating actual expenditures and any anticipated surplus. We had approximately \$30,000 in secondary tuition expenses which were not budgeted for due to students moving in during the year. After some discussion, Meredith Morgan moved to join a consortium to look into solar bidding, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Sarah Haley moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

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4. Approve Warrants: (Action- read into the minutes as officially approved)

- a. Warrant #207 in the amount of \$58,882.31 dated 3/4/15
 - b. Warrant #208 in the amount of \$21,055.05 dated 3/18/15
 - c. Warrant #209 in the amount of \$235,504.15 dated 4/1/15
- Sarah Haley moved to approve Warrant #207 in the amount of \$58,882.31 dated 3/4/15, Warrant #208 in the amount of \$21,055.05 dated 3/18/15, and Warrant #209 in the amount of \$235,504.15 dated 4/1/2015, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

5. General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Meeting)

Bob Bruttomesso addressed the Board regarding a letter in his file that he would like to have removed. Superintendent Paustian has denied this request. He asked why the Superintendent has the sole power to make this decision. He would like to Board to discuss the matter. The Board agreed to take the matter under advisement; to discuss it with the Superintendent and respond to the party by either accepting or denying his premise.

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

a. Henderson Fund

A meeting with fund trustees is scheduled for May 15. Checks paid were for less than the usual amount and to the wrong students. This will be discussed.

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

- a. Lawn Care:** No bids have been received yet.
- b. Roof Bids:** We currently have two bids; will be checking into more.
- c. RIF (Reduction in Force) Notices/Non Renewals - Support Staff:** RIF notices issued to Kim Carr, Kathy Cronin, and Lina Hanson.

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the RIFs above, seconded by Christopher Smid, motion carried 4-0; Jennelle Carr abstained.

8. Policies (Approval or Input) :
None

9. Action on Personnel Contract: (Action, if applicable)

a. Summer Program Coordinator – Denise McConville
Christopher Smid moved to approve the hiring of Denise McConville as Summer Program Coordinator, Jennelle Carr seconded; motion carried 5-0.

10. Set Next Regular Board Meeting: (Action) (Anticipated meeting, May 14, 2015 at 6 PM at MSES.

By consensus, the next MS Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00PM at MSES.

11. Executive Session 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) (Discussion & Possible Action) (as warranted) for Legal Issues, Personnel, and the Administrator's salary.

Christopher Smid moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 9:00 for discussion of Administrator Salary, Personnel & Legal Issues, seconded by Jennelle Carr; motion carried 5-0.
Sarah Haley moved to have the Board exit Executive Session at 9:20, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 5-0.
Clarence Haynes moved to approve a 215 day contract for 2015-2016 for Principal Rick Beal at the budgeted amount, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 5-0.

12. Other Lawful Business (Information Gathering Only)
None

13. Adjournment (Action)

Sarah Haley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21PM, seconded by Jennelle Carr; motion carried 5-0.

Transcribed by Susan Rosso
from minutes taken by Sarah Haley



Building Committee May 6, 2015 Approved Minutes

Members Present: Maureen McCormack, Lois Dansereau, Kimberly Mathewson, Patty

McWilliams, Patty Kenyon, David Munyak, Tom Hurcomb

Members Absent: Michael Beattie, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, David Wright, Fred Bradley, Kristal Hier

Public Present: Kathy Letendre, Mike Lamson at 7:15pm

Call to Order: D Munyak called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

I. Minutes:

A. Approval of April 16 minutes – P McWilliams moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2015 as amended, M McCormack seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: Kathy Letendre came to make a presentation and perform an exercise for the for the Town's Creative Economy project. The Creative Economy group is seeking input from all the Town's committees and organizations to help them in planning the best steps for boosting our local economy. The committee was happy to participate and is excited to see this project moving forward.

III. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Fund Raising: There was some discussion as to whether or not it was worth beginning to meet on a regular basis again at this point in time. The consensus was that we should be continuing to search for potential funding sources but hold off on the funding plan until we have a better sense of what the building will look like because having that will be crucial to building the funding plan.

B. Public Relations:

1. FPF – update on postings – D Munyak will work on a post.

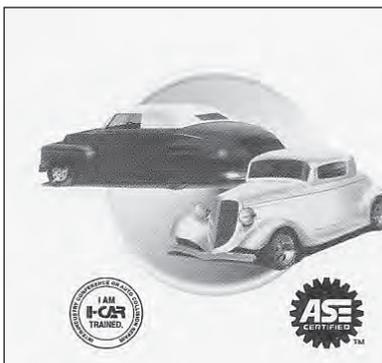
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We have two potential topics, announcing the involvement of Carrie Becker and the beautification of the building site
2. Review site plan and Tom's ideas for improvements on the corner – The committee reviewed D Muniyak's site improvement plan and talked about how we might begin. T Hurcomb talked to Bill Reed regarding materials and cost to accomplish the work. There was some discussion on possible changes to the plans – adding more grass was one key ask. D Muniyak will rework the plan and present the ideas to the SB for approval. Once we have approval we can plan the work and ask for volunteers to help with the beautification.

IV. Building & Site Design:

A. Review illustration board “What does a Vermont Town Office Look Like?”: Due to M Beattie's absence the committee decided to table this item until the next meeting.

B. Plans, elevations, cost estimates – In M Beattie's absence committee members batted around some ideas for extras on the building – like having a bike rack, and an air hose for filling tires available on the building.

V. Project Scheduling

A. Well / septic permit update - D Muniyak reported that the permit has been revised by Frank Parent, it has been signed by the Select Board, and sent on to the state for approval.

VI. Other Business:

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at MSHS
Adjourn: P McWilliams moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon
Building Committee Clerk

A. Fund Raising: Nothing new to report.

B. Public Relations:

1. FPF – update on postings – D Muniyak posted about the cleanup we did on Sunday. Thanks to the folks who came out including some people outside of the committee, Mike & Cameron Lamson, Luke Larson and Ron Masleh. The work took about 2 hours.

D Muniyak also indicated that he is going to put another post out regarding the next steps to improving the property after hearing from the Select Board that some folks in town think the committee's intention is to build a park on the property and not a town facility.

2. Update on short term improvements on the corner – D Muniyak reported that we have been given the OK from the Select Board to do the grass and the gravel to improve the corner's appearance. D Muniyak met with Mike Lamson and Bill Reed to go over the plans for the improvements. Bill will do some grading and bring topsoil up from the West Street property for planting the grass seed. He will also purchase and put down any gravel that is needed.

IV. Building & Site Design:

A. Review illustration board “What does a Vermont Town Office Look Like?”: D Muniyak presented his short slide show asking each person present to pick one building from 3 slides containing 20 different town offices around the state. He will take our answers and compile them into what he hopes will be a usable guide in terms of outward appearance of the building.

B. Storm water issues – D Muniyak reviewed with the committee M Beattie's memo about his recent conversation with Frank Parent regarding storm water runoff on the site. Storm water runoff discussion is preliminary and we will continue to keep this information in mind but also continue to be diligent with investigating with the State regarding what their requirements are so that we can be crystal clear before we set our plans in stone.

C. Plans, elevations, cost estimates – M Beattie reported that he has been working on building from the outside in and at the same time from the inside out. The process is ongoing and will



**Building Committee
May 21, 2015 Approved Minutes**

Members Present: David Muniyak, Patty Kenyon, Maureen McCormack, David Wright, Patty McWilliams, Tom Hurcomb, Fred Bradley, Kimberly Mathewson, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman at 7:25, Michael Beattie at 7:45

Members Absent: Kristal Hier, Lois Dansereau

Public Present: Terry Redfield

Call to Order: D Muniyak called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

I. Minutes:

A. Approval of May 6 minutes – M McCormack moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2015 as amended, P McWilliams seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Sub-Committee Reports

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continue to progress as we move ahead.

R Chesnut-Tangerman shared an idea that came to mind about storm water during the conversation. Would it or could it be possible to – could catch roof run off into a cistern that we then could hook to a dry hydrant for fire suppression in the center of town? Something that peaked the committee's interest and that will be investigated.

D Muniyak talked about the benefit of building a review/check list that each committee member can use to evaluate future drawings and configurations of the proposed building. This will put each member on the same page throughout the process and give us all a sense of and a place to evaluate our priorities against any proposals. This would include the building's form and function as well as our goals for durability, feasibility, energy usage, long term maintenance and so on. Committee members agreed that this would be a huge help moving forward.

V. Project Scheduling

A. Well / septic permit update - D Muniyak asked Frank Parent if he had heard any news about the permit. He had not, so Dave encouraged Frank to follow up soon. Frank said he would.

VI. Other Business: P McWilliams asked if we intended to start up the Magnet submissions again. D Muniyak indicated that yes, the next Front Porch Forum post he does would be a great candidate for the next issue of The Magnet as well.

Kimberly talked about a conference she attended as the librarian which focused on libraries as a hub for communities. Their importance in that role was evident in Ferguson, MO earlier this year when schools were shut down, local libraries were the safe place kids could continue to learn in a safe nurturing environment.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at MSHS

Adjourn: Patty McWilliams moved to adjourn at 8:46pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon
Building Committee Clerk



Planning Commission Approved Minutes May 4, 2015

Call to order: 4:05 pm **Present:** Tom Hurcomb, John Arsenault, and Maureen McCormack. **Guest:** Ed Bove from RRPC.

Agenda Approval: Approved

1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2015: John moved and Tom gave second to approve the April minutes and all were in favor.

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2) Ed Bove, RRPC - regarding Regional and Town Plans: Ed Bove stated that the point of his visit was to remind us that we are now into our two year window for adopting a revised town plan. MS adopted its present town plan on March 6, 2012, and March 2017 is the renewal date. Ed pointed to a few areas in the plan to revise, and also a new required chapter on Flood Resilience. He offered the help of his office and we discussed how looking at area town revisions would be helpful to us. Bove said that the state office of A and R has a flood ready website that will prove helpful in completing this chapter. A new requirement, Act 59, requires identification of applications and acceptances of Village Designations as well as how the town will maintain such a designation. Some new census data and new maps will be needed as well as the identification of regulatory and non-regulatory implementations in town. There are regulatory and non-regulatory implementations. Village center is non-regulatory. The brownfield is a non-regulatory. He concluded by saying he found our plan in overall good shape with little needing to be revised. He asked that we keep RRPC in the loop about major town activities such as the up-and-coming Garden Festival sponsored by the FOL.

3) Correspondence: Received an invitation to a Spring Planning Zoning Forum at Lake Morey Resort on June 10. We also received by certified mail an invitation to a hearing on the Poultney Town Plan Revision on May 28 at 6:30 pm.

4) Old Business

a. Municipal Planning Grant: Tom Hurcomb stated that the planning commission and select board are kept in the loop with minutes from all the Creative Economy meetings. Starting with an original group of 20 the group now has 47 interviews completed reviewing the assets, challenges and goals for a creative community in Middletown Springs. After interviews are complete there will be a public meeting to provide the public the information findings. The Creative Economy has a goal to produce an organizational structure, a vision, mission and a town image concept. In August we will complete a progress report to the state. The goal is to complete the project with a final report in October.

5) RRPC report: The RRPC has incorporated several recommendations made by Middletown Springs Planning Commission regarding the RRPC Telecommunication Plan and public safety.

6) Building Committee report: It is discussing regrading the Parker property and adding some plant beds with the aid of community volunteers.

7) New Business: The Proctor Town Manager has requested a copy of our Designated Village Center filing with the state.

8) Next meeting date: June 1, 2015

9) Adjournment: Tom moved we adjourn at 5:08 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary

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MSVFD News



On May 19 the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department **executed a live burn** in the center of town. During the drill, mutual aid was called for Ira Volunteer Fire Department and Poultney Volunteer Fire Department. The drill was very beneficial to MSVFD and the mutual aid companies that participated. The drill was purposefully done to figure new pre-plans for water supply for the school, town office, historical society, store, and residences located near the center of town that may be involved in a structure fire. We were able to establish water supply from the hydrant located on the Haynes property, to the four corners, and up North Street. Approximately 2,000 feet of hose was laid in order to perform the drill. We were able to figure the amount of tankers, port-a-tanks, engines, hose lines that would be needed in case of a structure fire in the center of town. MSVFD and all of the mutual aid companies have acquired new apparatus since the last pre-plans were done for a large structure fire near the center of town. This was a drill that needed to be executed, and it went very well. All departments and firefighters had a discussion about the amount of apparatus, water supply, and manpower that would be needed in order to successfully contain and knockdown a fire of large size and distance from a hydrant. Although, we do not wish a structure fire on any community member or residence, it is still possible that it could happen to anyone of us. It is nice to know that we are prepared and ready if it does. Thank you to all of the community members that we may have inconvenienced during this drill.

The Memorial Day Weekend **5K Run/Walk** and the Memorial Day Parade were as magnificent as always. The MSVFD 5K Run/Walk was once again a successful event. It was a beautiful morning and a lot of fun. Congratulations to Garek Brisson for finishing first with a time 21:17.

It was a beautiful day for the Middletown Springs **Memorial Day Parade!** It is always a great day to enjoy time with community members and other organizations around Rutland County. It was a great turn out, and everyone enjoyed the day. Honorary Member and Auxiliary Member, Dot Reed, rode in the Officer Seat of Engine 531 during the parade. It was a pleasure and an honor to have her ride in the Memorial Day Parade.

Although times have changed, along with members and apparatus, the MSVFD has not forgotten dedicated community members like Dot who have done so much for MSVFD. Thanks for sharing our day Dot! Our Memorial Day ceremony after the parade and the taps always remind us to give thanks to our fallen soldiers and our honorable veterans. Please take a moment today and every day to remember why our flag flies so proudly.

The MSVFD participated in a **drill with the Clarendon** Fire Department on May 26. MSVFD was invited to take part in a drill at the Vermont Country Store in North Clarendon. MSVFD took part in the drill with Ladder 535 and the newly acquired Engine/Rescue 534. The drill consisted of water supply, ventilation, communications, and ladder company operations. A debriefing took place after the drill with MSVFD and Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

CALLS:

On Wednesday, May 27, at approximately 20:52 hours MSVFD was alerted and responded to sights of smoke on top of the mountain south of Daisy Hollow Road. MSVFD responded with Attack 533 and Engine/Rescue 534. Manpower on foot and ATV's was the only access to the scene. Crews hiked and investigated the area and determined that the fire was a lightning strike that had extinguished itself. MSVFD was back in service at approximately 23:00 hours. In a debriefing, MSVFD was proud to say that communications, safety precautions, and strategy was very well done.

On June 1 at 13:42 hours MSVFD responded to a call off Coy Hill Road, near the Moyer Farm, for an excavator fire. MSVFD responded with Engine 531, Engine/Rescue 534, and Engine 532. Poultney Volunteer Fire Department responded for mutual aid and manpower with Engine Tanker 553. The fire was contained to the excavator and did not spread. Thankfully, we had enough rain over the course of the last couple of days. Thank you to Kevin Eaton for responding with the First Response. Kevin also returned to the station and helped wash trucks and repack hose. Thank you Kevin for your help and for everything you do! Thank you to Bobby Parker and Bill Reed for assisting at the scene.

Thank you to everyone. We have a great membership and great community members.

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Elementary School News

by Rick Beal, Principal

The sixth graders and their chaperones had a great class trip to **Washington, DC** during the first week of May. Even though it was a short trip, the class squeezed a lot into the time they had. We were able to visit many of the Smithsonian museums, the Holocaust Museum, and the major monuments, as well as take a tour of the capital. The students were fortunate to visit the Senate Chamber and see Majority Leader Mitch McConnell debating the merits of reauthorizing the Patriot Act, while Florida Senator and presidential contender Mark Rubio awaited his turn. We had many opportunities to ride the subway with the students getting quite good at figuring out where we needed to transfer lines and at which stops to get off. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to share this trip with the sixth grade students. We would like to thank everyone who helped support the students in making the trip happen.

There will be **some changes** for the start of the school year in August. Mr. Bruttomesso will not be returning next year after almost twenty years of teaching at Middletown Springs. Amanda Williams of Poultony has been hired as the new 2nd/3rd grade teacher. She brings a wide range of experiences which will be a positive addition to our learning community. Also, Mr. LaBate will be retiring at the end of June. Everyone at MSES wishes them both the very best in whatever personal and professional paths they take in the future. There will be a small change to our class configurations for next year. Last year, we tried a combined K/1 class, but this year we will have separate kindergarten and first grade classrooms by adjusting the roles of some of our existing staff. This configuration will allow us to address students' needs at an earlier age. For the other grades, the configurations will be 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, and 6th.

Our 3rd-6th grade students have completed the first year of the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)** examinations. The SBAC is computer-administered which is different from the pencil and paper NECAP tests that have been given for a number of years. The results from this year will serve as the benchmark from which all schools will work to show yearly progress. Having had an opportunity to observe some of the questions, my view is that the SBAC concentrates on

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There will be some **physical improvements** to the building over the summer. The shingled roof over the multipurpose room will be replaced. The floor in the multi-purpose room which has held up very well (due to the efforts of Mr. LaBate) will be sanded; any needed repairs done, and new resin poured. The floor will then be ready for another twenty years of use. The school's water system will be in compliance with State of VT regulations by the first part of July. The issue with the water system has been the need to upgrade the storage tank controls and the alarm system. The school applied for and received a Revolving Loan for the improvements with the majority of the cost being forgiven. Work on the water system will start after school lets out and is scheduled to be completed by early July.

We are looking for **mentors** for next year! Sometimes the best way to help children realize their potential is to help them at school, that's why Middletown Springs Elementary School has partnered with The Mentor Connector to offer a school-based mentoring program. The Mentor Connector's school-based program is all about starting a friendship, providing guidance, and inspiring students to reach their potential. Although it takes place at school, this program isn't limited to the classroom. Of course, you may help your mentee with homework, reading or math, but it's perfectly fine to shoot hoops in the gym or play on the playground. If you have just one hour a week, the Mentor Connector will train you and support you in changing the life of a child. For more information, contact the Mentor Connector at 775-3434 or info@mentorconnector.com. Also, feel free to call Principal Rick Beal at the school (235-2365) if you have any questions.



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Village Harmony - July 1



Village Harmony, the acclaimed teen world music singing ensemble, led by Suzannah Park, Will Rowan and Nadia Tarnawsky, will be at the Community Church in Tinmouth on **July 1, at 7:30pm.**

This group includes 25 brilliant teen singers ages 12-18, from nine states. The program includes traditional songs and choral arrangements from South Africa, Ukraine, Lithuania and the Balkans, American Appalachian and shape-note songs, and several renaissance works. Suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors.

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Where: Tinmouth Community Center, Tinmouth

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Tinmouth Contra Dance

Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8:00

Beginners's Session 7:45-8:00

Tinmouth Community Center, Route 140

June's contra dance will feature Luke Donforth calling, with live music by local favorites, The Plumb Bobs. The dance will be held at the Tinmouth Community Center on Friday June 19 from 8 – 11 pm. All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner. If you are a beginner, come at 7:45 for a beginner's session. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing and a fun night for all.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday of the month. The Community Center is on Rte 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under.

Refreshments will be available to benefit the dance fund. Call 235-2718 or 446-2928 for info or directions or www.Tinmouthvt.org. Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance.

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Milestones

Douglas Parker Shaw, 85, Manchester Center, died May 4, 2015 at his home on Cottage Street.

Doug was born on Bonnet Street in Manchester Center on June 16, 1929. He was the youngest child of Walter H. and Esther (Graves) Shaw. He attended the Center School and graduated from Burr and Burton Seminary, Class of 1947. He went on to the University of Vermont where he graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1951.

Following basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia, Doug served as U.S. Infantry 1st Lieutenant during the Korean War. He was injured in an engagement and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Doug's commitment to his community was deep. He served on the Burr and Burton board of trustees for 16 years and 12 years on the Vestry of the Zion Episcopal Church. He served 17 years on the Manchester Planning Commission and Transportation Committee as well as being a director of the Factory Point National Bank for 31 years. Doug was also a member of the Adoniram Lodge Masons, receiving a 65-year membership pin in 2014, the American Legion, and the VFW. He enjoyed 35 years as a volunteer fireman on the Manchester Fire Department.

After his retirement, Doug made deliveries for the Meals on Wheels program. He also spent many weekends tending the meadows and wooded acres of his property in Middletown Springs, and was particularly fond of the pancake breakfasts held at the Middletown Springs Firehouse.

Doug is survived by his wife Joan, of Manchester, and his five children--Sally Shaw, Andrew Shaw, Nancy Shaw, Cynthia Shaw, and Elizabeth Shaw. Doug was also the proud "Papa" of seven grandchildren-- Calvin and Emily Shaw, Cameron and Rudyard Senecal, Celia Bales, and Esther and Isla Mackenzie.

He left behind a legacy of committed community service, a love of the outdoors, and a loyal appreciation of the Vermont landscape. Doug used his final years to hone his sense of gratitude, which only grew richer and more insistent with every passing day. Despite failing health, his sense of humor never faltered and he will be remembered by everyone who loved and cared for him as a man who never took life, or love, for granted.



Doug and his wife Joan climb the meadow for a particularly fine view of the village.



Calendar

June

Property Taxes Due	Mon	15	9 - 4	Town Office
MSVFD Drill	Tues	16	6 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues	16	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs	18	7 pm	MSHS
Movie Night	Fri	19	7 pm	Library
Strawberry Festival	Sat	21	2-4 pm	MSHS
Fountain of Youth	Wed	24	11 am	Young at Heart
Library Trustees	Wed	24	7 pm	Library
Select Board	Thurs	25	7 pm	Town Office

July

Building Committee	Wed	1	7 pm	MSHS
First Response	Thurs	2	6:30 pm	Fire House
MSHS Meeting	Thurs	2	7:30 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon	6	3 pm	Town Office
River Trail Committee	Tues	7	6pm	Town Office
School Board	Thurs	9	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs	9	7 pm	Town Office
Building Committee	Thurs	16	7 pm	MSHS
Movie Night	Fri	17	7 pm	Library
MSVFD Drill	Tues	21	6 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues	21	7 pm	Library
Library Trustees	Wed	22	7 pm	Library
Select Board	Thurs	23	7 pm	Town Office
Fountain of Youth	Wed	29	11 am	Young at Heart
Movie Night	Fri	31	7 pm	Library

August

Planning Commission	Mon	3	3 pm	Town Office
Building Committee	Wed	5	7 pm	MSHS
First Response	Thurs	6	6:30 pm	Fire House
MSHS Meeting	Thurs	6	7:30 pm	MSHS
Herbal Workshop	Fr-Su	7-9	9 am	Madrugada Farm
School Board	Thurs	13	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs	13	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri	14	7 pm	Library

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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