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Middletown Magnet

"News that sticks in Middletown Springs"



Middletown Springs Official Town Website is Here!

The long awaited official website for the Town of Middletown Springs is up and running!

<http://www.middletownsprings.vt.gov/>

This ambitious project is intended to serve town officials, residents, taxpayers, visitors, and prospective residents of the town. It is chock full of useful information, including a community calendar, back issues of *The Magnet*, meeting minutes, town organizations, great photos, and so much more.

Please help us make this resource the best that it can be. Tell us if there's anything you'd like to see that is not there now, or if you find out of date or incorrect information. Your input during this next phase of site construction will be extremely valuable.

Most importantly, please use it! So far, I've looked for and found information about the most recent Metal Day and when the Treasurer would be at the Town Office to accept tax payments. Soon our Town Phone Directory will be there as well - can't wait for that one!

This project would not have been possible without the hard work and perseverance of the Website Committee (Meredith Morgan, Maria Riley, Shirley Moyer, Patty Kenyon, Kimberly Mathewson, and Elsie Gilmore) and the receipt of a grant from the e-Vermont Community Broadband Project.

In addition, The Middletown Springs Library has generously offered to join in our efforts to keep this resource up to date by assigning the duties of web updating and maintenance to the town librarian, Kimberly Mathewson. All new information, requests for changes or updates should be sent to Kimberly via email

Kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net

Many thanks to my fellow committee members, to the library board, the town select board, and to everyone who helped us achieve this goal. Happy browsing!

Patty Kenyon
Website Committee



Photo by Emmett Francois

Are You Ready for Zero-Sort Recycling?

Yes, it's true, Middletown Springs will soon be making the switch to zero-sort recycling! This will increase the items that can be recycled and will make recycling a whole lot easier at home. Check the new town website for a link to a pdf brochure outlining this new single stream system.

The new 40' concrete pad, pictured above, will house our new compacting dumpster - where all recyclables will go. The compactor is on-site and will soon be wired in and ready to be put into service. This should happen within the next two to three weeks.

To improve the site's appearance, plans have been made to replace the current fencing with a spiffy new 8' tall wooden fence with a chain-link gate.

Additionally, by moving to zero-sort, we will no longer need (and have sold) the 2 storage trailers on site. The metal barrels for glass will also be sold and it is anticipated that we will no longer need the forklift or cardboard compactor as well, so they too will be sold.

Next time you go to Fort Dumpster be sure to check out all the improvements. We hope you will take full advantage of this progressive new system. With your help we can increase the volume of recyclables and reduce the volume of land-filled trash. Which should translate to reduced costs for us all.

Community Birthday Calendar Reminder!



PLEASE send in your renewals for the Community Birthday Calendar, we can not renew your information without your approval. This will save a lot of phone calls and help us to meet the Oct 1st deadline.

Renewal options, also for new admissions:

- 1) send in form in calendar between July & Aug
- 2) email Sue at Vt83princess@aol.com
- 3) call Sue @ 235 2060.

Info needed: Name, physical address, phone number and name & birthday of those to be included in calendar.

Prepayment is helpful on the delivery end in December (up to 3 listings \$4; 4 or more listings \$6).

Thanks for your help,
Sue Reed



Fountain of Youth

Join Middletown and Ira seniors for a delicious meal.

Enjoy a delicious Fall luncheon at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney. Ira and Middletown seniors will meet there on **September 26** for Old Fashioned Beef Stew with Potatoes, Onions and Carrots, Homemade Biscuits, Tossed Salad and Brownie Sundae. The meal site opens at 11 am after which homemade soup and coffee will be served. Dinner is at 12 noon. Meals are cooked in the kitchen and served family style. Suggested price is \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200.

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.

All meetings are open to the public.



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Vermont Music at MSHS Annual Meeting



On **Sunday, September 23**, the Middletown Springs Historical Society, in conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council, will host Dr. William Tortolano's presentation, "A Vermont Music Sampler."

Vermont has a significant and fascinating musical folklore. John Philip Sousa wrote "Stars and Stripes Forever" in Isle La Motte; Justin Morgan was first a composer and secondly a horse breeder; and there's more! This slide presentation includes listening to music on tape and commentary.

Dr. William Tortolano is former College Organist and Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts at Saint Michael's College in Vermont. A forty-seven year faculty member at the college, he leads a busy "non-retirement" life as educator, concert organist, church musician, editor, author and director of Gregorian Chant workshops.

The talk is co-sponsored by the Middletown Springs Historical Society and the Vermont Humanities Council, and is a National Endowment for the Humanities We the People project.

The event will be held at the Middletown Springs Historical Society as part of the Society's Annual meeting. The annual meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The talk starts at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jon Mathewson at 235-2561.

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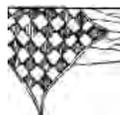
Library Gets a Fresh Coat of Stain



Photo by Emmett Francois

Volunteers pictured from left to right: Peter Beckwith, Lela Dennis, and Glenn Tarbell.

Quilts to be Documented in Middletown Springs



How old is that quilt in the attic? What's it made of? What condition is it in? How can I care for it?

These and other questions will be answered by the Vermont Quiltsearch documentation team on **Saturday, September 22** in Middletown Springs. The event will be held at the Historical Society from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is no charge for documentation, but optional, more detailed appraisals are available at \$40 per quilt. Refreshments will be available.

The documentation team will look at quilted and tied quilts and quilt tops made from pioneer times through 1960, whether or not they were made in Vermont. (The team does not document woven, knitted or crocheted bed coverings, or quilts made after 1960.) Each owner receives a free copy of the documentation form and information about care and preservation of quilts.

The purpose of the Vermont Quiltsearch is to locate and identify quilts before they deteriorate with age, and their oral history is lost. More than 6,500 quilts have been documented since record-keeping began in 1979.

For more information call David Wright at 235-2376.

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Our Compassion,
Your Decision

Energy Committee Invites Feedback on Usage of Prize Money



Greetings from the Energy Committee! In case you haven't heard, Middletown Springs won \$5,000 in the Rutland County Energy Competition. The money must be used for an energy-related project in town by around August 2013. The Energy Committee has put together several options for the money, and we would appreciate feedback on the alternatives.

1. Donate the money to a special energy efficiency project for the new town building
2. Make the firehouse more energy efficient
3. Use an application process to choose a family in need whose house would receive energy efficiency upgrades
4. Install solar hot water for the elementary school
5. Use the money to kickstart a larger project
6. Use the money to provide energy efficiency education to residents of the town
7. Use the money to provide energy audits for 10 homes

These are just some of the ideas that were thrown around at our last meeting. We want to hear your thoughts on these and other ideas you may have.

Drop us an email at MLamson@nwwvt.org

Message from the Listers



From now through the fall, the listers will be continuing their project of photographing every property in town. Only the exterior of buildings will be photographed, and whenever possible, the photographs will be taken from the road.

There will be no appointments scheduled.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board of Listers at the town office 235-2220.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

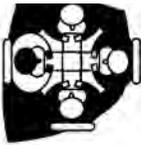
**Town of Middletown Springs
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Saturday, September 15, 2012

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Saturday, September 15 from 1 PM to 4 PM**

or mail to:

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Middletown Springs, VT 05757**



Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2012 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak

Approval of Minutes of 7/12

• C. Larson moves to approve the 7/12 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

• Jenny Talke Munyak – attends to discuss preliminary tax rate. Closed FY2011/2012.

• \$5,465 surplus for general, highway shows as over budget due to Irene, after applying amount which is reimbursable, we are on budget. Jenny applied the highway surplus from 10/11 to cover deficit (approx. \$37,000) to close out the year. C. Haynes feels that all Irene costs and reimbursements should be separated and that the highway surplus should not be used to close out the year. Discussion regarding whether using the highway surplus to offset 11/12 deficit is permissible due to the 10/11 highway surplus being included as part of the FY13 budget. C. Larson moves to set the fiscal tax rate at .25 for the town tax rate, .362 for highway tax rate, for a total .612. M. Lamson 2nd. Discussion continues regarding the use of the highway surplus to close out the year (cover the deficit). C. Larson does not feel a decision on how the highway surplus is used will affect the tax rate however should be discussed. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes - nay: motion carried]

Parker Property

• Discussion of surveyors. Due to slow response from Mark Courcelle M. Lamson spoke with alternate surveyors however

Mark Courcelle did finally return a call and indicated he will be delivering the survey at the beginning part of next week.

• C. Larson will speak with Frank Parent regarding the setback and potential conflict with the dug well on Joe Teer’s property which has been reported to date as abandoned. Joe Teer approached Carl Haynes to discuss this issue and stated that he does not drink the water however it is still hooked to his house.

• Study is complete by Keefe and Wesner Architects, P. C.: “Historic Context for New Town Office.” Copies of the report are available electronically or at the town office.

• Brella application was approved which will allow LBG Inc. to complete a revised Phase I study

• UST Removal – David Munyak conference call with Trish Coppolino, Dan Potter of South Windsor Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC), Ed Bove – SWRPC has \$44,000 American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARR) funds available for cleanup which could be subgranted to Middletown Springs however the property must be owned prior to subgranting the funds. Participants discussed the process which will include 1. Completion of the Parker survey, 2. Closing on the property, 3. Revised Phase I Study, 4. Application to SWRPC. SWRPC will then subcontract the tank removal as well as the removal of the contaminated soil.

West Street Project – payment, reimbursement

• None

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• The permit to amend the transfer station footprint has been approved to include a 40’ concrete pad for the single stream compacting dumpster.

• Lowest bids: Ashlee Waite bid \$2,900. Don Smith bid \$3,380 (to remove the storage building and install concrete pad for the single stream compacting dumpster). The board placed a call to Ashlee Waite to determine availability. He is available beginning next week. C. Larson moves to hire Ashlee Waite to install the concrete pad. J. Webber 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes - nay: motion carried]

• M. Lamson will contact Hubbard to have the compactor delivered. M. Lamson will determine tie-down for compactor.

• C. Larson moves to hire Slate Valley Electric to install electric service to the compactor. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• J. Webber will contact and setup site meeting with Ashlee Waite.

Salt Shed Replacement

• M. Lamson measured from the south side of the transfer

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station fence to determine that a 42' pole barn could be sited adjacent to the transfer station. Stakes were placed.

- C. Larson would like to determine if the West Street property can be used.
- C. Haynes does not think a pole barn would be useful without doors

West Street Property Disposition

• C. Larson spoke with Speith Engineering to determine the process to remove the property from the flood zone.

Town Auditors

• Juanita Burch-Clay has been sworn in as a Town Auditor until next March. Shirley is working with one other possible candidate. A third is still needed.

Road Commissioner Report

• C. Larson reads list from Bill Reed of items the road crew has been working on.

Financials/Board Orders

• C. Larson moves to approve the Selectboard orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]

Correspondence

- Keefe and Wesner report
- AOT Vermont – FEMA and federal highway criteria amendment to grant agreement. C. Haynes moves to approve the Subgrant Agreement and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the board which was previously approved in November of 2011 mailed July 6th 2012. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- VASA – copy of ATV ordinance
- Gary Kupferer
- Service request for pot-holes on Burdock Avenue
- Beatrice Lewis – note requesting bushes trimmed near cemetery entrance on West Street
- Request from K. Mathewson regarding appointed positions
- Counterclaim documents from John Thrasher in response to Ventrella v. Middletown Springs and Riedinger – Riedinger counterclaim regarding Garron Road. C. Larson forwarded the counterclaim to Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and assumes they will cover legal costs and assign an attorney to represent the town.

Other Business - None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 10:25 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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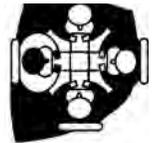
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Select Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2012 Approved



CALL TO ORDER: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Patty Kenyon, David Wright

Approval of Minutes of 7/26

• S. Moyer moves to approve the 7/26 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- David Wright attends to discuss a tree down on the border of his property and the cemetery. David Munyak expresses interest in removing the tree free of charge for his personal use.
- Emmet Francois contacted Jim Webber regarding a leaning monument in the old cemetery which he feels needs to be corrected before it falls. D. Wright wonders if any descendants could be contacted for financial support and a monument company should be contacted for advisement. C. Haynes notes there is money in the Cemetery Fund. C. Haynes will contact Michael Fannon for a recommendation on repair.
- D. Wright will research grant opportunities for cemetery maintenance.

Parker Property

- Survey was received from Mark Courcelle.
- Patty Kenyon inquires if the survey from Joe Teer was filed. Laura has a preliminary copy. D. Wright spoke with Joe Teer who stated he plans to file the survey
- Preservation of VT forwarded a check of \$500, Middletown Springs Historical Society submitted \$500 match and reimbursable expenses.
- M. Lamson moves to submit the completed sub-grant application for Brownfields funding to the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission along with the \$100 application fee and to allow the chairman to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- David Munyak looked at the survey and Parker site and did not see any pins on the southwest corner and also noticed that the survey indicates the pins will be set by Johnson. David wonders why M. Courcelle cannot set the pins.
- David inquires if there can be a Selectboard member attend each Building Committee meeting. Patty Kenyon also feels it is important for a board member to attend. S. Moyer feels that

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she cannot attend as a single member of the Selectboard and be perceived to be acting on behalf of the board. D. Wright feels that having a board member attend would increase communication and speed the process. J. Webber thanks the members of the Building Committee and thinks they are doing a great job. Carl feels it is important to attend the meetings.

West Street Project – payment, reimbursement

- Bill will be working on the FHWA with Laura.

Riedinger Lawsuit/Ventrella Lawsuit/Garron Road

- Letter from VLCT received discussing coverage provided

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• The 10' x 40' pad was poured by Ashlee Waite. J. Dudley had recommended a second pad be poured. J. Webber spoke with Ashlee and approved to pour the second pad. Jim indicated he would pay for the pad personally if not approved by the board. J. Webber moves to pay Ashlee Waite to pour a second pad for the trash compactor. C. Haynes 2nd. S. Moyer inquires if the second pad will affect the certification. [S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

- M. Lamson will have the compactor delivered
- Patty Kenyon inquires if there will be a public announcement regarding the single stream process. M. Lamson will be sending through Front Porch.

Salt Shed Replacement - None

West Street Property Disposition - None

Town Auditors

• S. Moyer moves to appoint James George of East Street to be a town auditor until the election next March. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

- Laura will forward the appropriate documents to James.

Road Commissioner Report

• Bill left a list of action items he is working on/completed as well as a sample request for tree trimming bid quotes on various roads.

• C. Haynes inquires if the Selectboard should survey the roads to determine tree trimming. Carl feels a section of Coy Hill which has been closed in the spring for the previous 2 years should be repaired including fabric and 8-12" of material from SLC.

• C. Haynes moves to schedule a special meeting to view the town roads for discussion of future road work. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]. Carl will check with Chris on availability.

• S. Moyer feels there should be copies of keys for all equipment/doors etc. available in the town office as a security measure.

C. Haynes requests a key for the Town Garage. C. Haynes moves to have a key at the town office for the town garage, he has a key to the town garage and Chris Larson has a key if he wishes and all town highway employees have a key. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• S. Moyer moves to have a duplicate key for all equipment domiciled in the town office. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Financials/Board Orders

• M. Lamson moves to approve the Selectboard orders as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]

Correspondence

• Beatrice Lewis – note requesting bushes trimmed near cemetery entrance on West Street – Bill requested this be placed on Service Request Form

• Nan Gilmore – Service Request Form – Norton Road has washed out and recommends Class IV be upgraded to Class III. Bill Reed followed.

- Previous service request for pot-holes on Burdock Avenue – Bob Parker filled potholes
- Bob Zorn correspondence
- VTel – 12/31/2013 – certification application due 07/1/2013
- VTrans – Inspection and notice for comment for 30 days on the upgraded signage
- Quote for removing fuel tanks from Fabian

Other Business

• Don Smith spoke with Carl Haynes regarding the concrete slab poured at the transfer station. Don wanted to point out that he had included 10" of crushed stone under the slab in his bid which increased his bid amount. Don just wanted to point this out for future reference and wasn't concerned with who completed the work. J. Webber states that all were given the same requirements for bidding and Don may have added this as an extra.

Adjourn

S. Moyer moves to adjourn. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried] Meeting adjourned 9:55 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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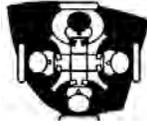
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Select Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 23, 2012 Approved



CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Laura Castle

Approval of Minutes of 8/9

• J. Webber moves to approve the 8/9 regular meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Larson - abstain, motion carried]

Public Comments

• Jenny Talke Munyak – presents Treasurer’s report. Inquires about the line of credit for Route 140 project and if anyone is working on the state reimbursement. C. Larson responds that Bill Reed is working on it. Deadline to repay line of credit is 12/31/2012 per Jenny. Inquires about the status of the board order with the equipment sales proceeds. C. Larson moves to approve the board order for the equipment sales receipts (One-ton, Single Axle, and storage trailers) into the equipment fund and sign the board order to that affect. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. C. Larson inquires status of delinquent taxes and if tax sales will be necessary. Jenny – July received \$2,400 in delinquent taxes and thinks tax sales will be necessary.

Parker Property

• C. Larson spoke with Neil Vreeland about scheduling a closing date to purchase now that the survey is received. Neil will complete the title work and provide a letter to exercise the option to purchase. D. Munyak spoke with Ed Bove of Rutland Regional Planning Commission regarding the updated Phase I study to be completed. C. Larson moves to authorize David Munyak as chair of Building Committee to notify Ed Bove to proceed with the updated Phase I study. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried].

• D. Munyak presents the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission grant for signature. The grant is to provide funds for site cleanup which SWCRPC has available including tank removal and possible other contaminated soil removal, etc. These funds were previously indicated to not be available through RRPC however through diligent work by the Building Committee, the SWCRPC funds were identified

• D. Munyak wants to express on behalf of the building committee that it is their belief the way the survey was performed could overlook something in records research. C. Larson inquires

if there is anything specific that causes people to feel something was overlooked. He feels that all the boundary lines are where they were supposed to be and there are no contested boundaries. It is his impression Mark Courcelle conducted his own title research to verify any data from Bob Johnson’s survey completed on an adjacent parcel.

West Street Project – payment, reimbursement - None Riedinger Lawsuit/Ventrella Lawsuit/Garron Road

• Reservation of Rights letter from Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) – agreeing to represent the town but reserving the right to stop coverage if areas which are covered by VLCT are dismissed (we have insurance through VLCT to cover partial areas of the claim). VLCT hired attorney on the towns behalf (John Monegan). Because some of the claims are for non VLCT covered issues, Gary Kupferer will remain on counsel in a limited capacity. C. Larson moves to sign the reservation of rights letter from VLCT relative to the Ventrella and Riedinger lawsuits. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• J. Webber states Carl was to get his nephew of Slate Valley Electric to complete the work to hook up the compacting dumpster and that is what we are waiting on. J. Webber will contact Carl to determine status.

• Re. transfer station certification email from Pam Clapp – Jim followed up and the email was in error as we are already certified.

• The fence surrounding Fort Dumpster needs to be reinstalled/replaced. A higher fence to replace the 5’ high stockade fence and gate is discussed. A quote to replace the fence with an 8’ high staggered look fence with either wooden or chainlink gate was received from Glen Tarbell. The chainlink gate is more expensive however is recommended for longevity/functionality. The wooden gates have been problematic in the past due to their required width/weight. The chainlink would have privacy screening woven in. Glen can reuse posts and hardware to reduce costs.

• M. Lamson moves to hire Glenn Tarbell to install the quoted 8’ high fence surrounding the transfer station using the existing posts with the chainlink gate option for the amount of \$3,955. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Salt Shed Replacement

• C. Larson received a quote from Speith Engineering regarding the West Street property/flood plain analysis. Speith can provide engineering surveys/consulting to guide the process to possibly remove the site from the flood plain. Speith provided a menu of options totaling \$9,000 including determining if fill could be added to the site to remove areas from the flood plain. M. Lamson feels the LOMA application can be completed to

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determine what exactly is in the flood plain and that all options provided by Speith may not be necessary. C. Larson will follow with Speith to confirm.

West Street Property Disposition - None
Town Auditors

- Letter of interest from Jacqueline Parker in the open auditor position. C. Larson moves to appoint Jacqueline Parker to be a town auditor until the election next March. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]

- Laura will forward the appropriate documents to Jacqueline.

- S. Moyer moves to order 4 auditor handbooks for the new town auditors and one for the town office. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Road Commissioner Report

- Chris surveyed Daisy Hollow and Fitzgerald Roads which were recently resurfaced in areas with Bill. Chris thinks the road looks good. Guardrails will be set soon at the top of the hill. There are additional guardrails which will need to be raised which are now below the roadbed.

- The end of Daisy Hollow near South Street needs ditching and stone installation. Bill has recommended removing a berm and trees toward the end of the road and that a contractor could be hired to complete the work due to his workload and past concerns of property owners. M. Lamson does not feel that we need to hire a contractor to complete this work which we are equipped to do. General maintenance including ditching and surfacing can be done to alleviate much of the problem towards the top of the road. General consensus that we will complete this maintenance work and reevaluate prior to any major work.

Financials/Board Orders

- J. Webber moves to approve the Selectboard orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye: motion carried]

Correspondence

- VLCT letter for education

Other Business

- Laura Castle has 56 unregistered dogs and requests to send a letter to those animal owners.

- C. Larson received letter from Meredith Morgan regarding the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project. A permit from the state is needed for the basin on Route 133. School Board wants to move forward with the bid process to be completed by the end of 2012 if possible.

- Notification from Neighborworks of Western Vermont (NWWVT) – Middletown Springs was the runner-up in the Rutland County Town Energy Competition and has received a \$5,000 award to be used for an energy related project. The Energy Committee is seeking input/recommendations for the use of the funds.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Building Committee
August 1, 2012 - Approved



Public Present: None

Members Present: D. Munyak, M. McCormack, P. Kenyon, P. McWilliams, D. Wright, T. Hurcomb, and F. Bradley

Call to order: 7: 11PM

I. Approve minutes from 7/3/12: A motion was made to approve the July 3rd minutes with a second to approve. Motion carried. Meeting on 7/19 was cancelled.

II. Property Acquisition:

A. Survey Status: Fred B. contacted George Stannard, a surveyor from Fair Haven in reference to Courcelle's concern about the lack of dimensional records, as many properties are no longer present at the site. Standard recommended Sherri Slack, a real estate paralegal, who is an expert on researching records when properties no longer exist. Fred B. and David M. met with her and explained the situation and the existence of the other surveyors. On the SB meeting of 7/12 David M. suggested to the SB of 3 members that they seek additional surveyor assistance but the SB 2-1 vote on this motion was not a majority, thus, Courcelle will remain in charge of the SB survey and Slack's services will not be used. D. Munyak was told Courcelle has received the survey from Mr. Johnson (that was before Solarfest weekend). Nothing has been received from Courcelle at this date. Fred B. would like to "go on record" that the town should be represented by an independent surveyor or it will likely face future boundary disputes. The town must feel confident the survey is correct.

Questions were asked as to whether the SB supports the BC. David M. stated he feels the SB supports the BC but he and

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others recognize that this support is not evidenced by their attendance at the BC meetings. Fred would like to see if there are rules of ethics that could be incorporated for this BC and asked to see what other organizations have drawn up. As a subcommittee of the SB Dave M. wondered if the BC could set such rules and have them have any teeth. Patty K suggested we attend the SB meeting and ask our questions there. Maureen asked if the SB could rotate but have at least one or two members present at every BC meeting. The SB meets on the second and fourth Thursday at 7PM.

B. BRELLA Application: Trish emailed Dave M. saying the BRELLA application has been approved. Fred asked if there is a time phase or a "life". Dave M. says no time line exist with BRELLA.

C. Tank Removal: At the last SB meeting the SB asked about liability before the Phase One is completed. Dave has not received an answer to this question from the consultants. Trish said the tank removal should be done asp. Dave M. had a conference call with Trish, Ed Bove and Dan Potter, from SRPC, and Dave has sent the transcript of that talk to all the BC members. Potter has funds he can re-grant to us but only when we own the property. Tom H. asked if the money from an EPA grant could be used for removing the soil on site if needed. Dave said EPA is for petroleum cleanup so this money could be used around the pumps. Dan has a list of contractors he or we could use for this purpose. If Dan is does the job then all-the-better for us. Patty M. asked when the property could be purchased and Dave M. said anytime after the surveying is complete.

III. Scheduling:

A. Survey completion, schedule Phase I, and schedule CAP, schedule closing: The surveying must be done before we can go any further. When do the tanks actually get pulled? ASP is the answer. But if we want someone else to pay for it we must follow their guidelines. We are looking at this other planning commission that has money that can be used for tank pulls. To subgrant to us but we must first own the property.

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B. Building and Site Design: Patty M. talked with Kimberly M. and found that Kimberly was worried about moving away from the present library. The politics in town being what it is Kim is concerned she might lose some patrons of the library if it does not remain where it is. David contacted Art Krueger who does assessments for septic. He gave a couple of dates when he could come. However, it is true that the library can have a pump tank. A price of 300 dollars plus the backhoe would be Krueger's fee. So we are waiting to hear from the LB. Tom suggested we explore other partners for the building where money could be attained.

C. Library Board Update: See Above.

D. B. Other library field trips: None. Maureen waiting to do these trips until the surveying is complete.

E. Historic Study on Town Green: David W. reviewed the information members received from Tom Keefe and added he hoped the ideas of how the building can relate to the green would be embraced. Members responded with how helpful they found Keefe's report. It was agreed that Tom Keefe presents so well he would be good for any public presentation we might have. Putting Tom Keefe's illustrations on Front Porch may lead some folks to think we are further along than we are when they see the drawings so this will not be done.

F. Design Team: No architects present. Dave M. did prepare a spreadsheet of activities regularly done in the town office and forwarded them to the architects. Dave M. asked Maureen to arrange for the library consultant information to be sent to M. Beatrice. The BC will invited the Poultney Town Clerk, Patti McCoy, to address the BC. Patty M. will set this up.

IV. Funding Opportunities:

A. Building funding: Tom H. reviewed his idea presented at our last meeting of inviting local politician, state and federal agencies so they could learn of our needs. Tom began by contact our Congressional delegation; he has talked to representatives

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for Leahy, Sanders, and Welch. Tom put together a list of county legislators and agencies. He established a list of contact persons in each agency. The VT Agency of Commerce and Economic Development directed him to the program coordinator of redevelopment. She may come here and look over our situation sometime this month. David Muniyak's summary will be mailed to all these legislators before they visit with us. Dave M. will work with Tom H. on this.

B. Historic Preservation Funding: Tom H. has taken a contact approach on the HPF list. We can also identify the agencies that are applicable and try to figure out what agencies we should approach. Patty K will cull through the list and then identify the designated agencies. We will then discuss this at our next meeting.

C. Capital Campaign: Dave M. reminded us that we put off till after the Solarfest strategies we can pursue in this regard. How do we distinguish this campaign from other funding efforts? One understanding must be that the Capital Campaign secures funding only for the building itself. Other funding is for the site only and/or grant oriented. Patty K. suggested that commencement of the CC should come after we hold our public meeting. At this public meeting we will find out who is interested in seeing this project completed.

Funding Opportunities:

- Brownfield funding (separate from building funds)
- Grant/agency funding-building and site
- Capital campaign funding-building and grounds

V. Community Support:

A. Neighbors: David Wright went to see Joe and Coreen Teer, as we had not heard from Carl who was to see him. Joe said Carl had talked with him. Joe said he was having his property surveyed and that this survey was virtually complete. He said Courcelle, the SB contracted surveyor, was talking with Johnson, his contracted surveyor. BC members expressed concern that

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there is much surveying to be done by Courcelle separate from whatever Johnson does and that are not in anyway the responsibility of Johnson, Joe Teer's surveyor. This reiterates the need for an independent surveyor.

B. The Front Porch bulletins will be printed in the Magnet in addition to the BC minutes.

C. Information meeting: We are waiting for further information to plan this meeting.

D. Public Relations: No discussion.

VI. Other Business: None.

Adjourn: 9:08 PM

Next meeting August 16, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Clerk

Building Committee

August 16, 2012 Approved Minutes



Pubic Present: None

Member Present: S. Moyer, T. Hurcomb, L. Castle, D. Muniyak, P. McWilliams, M. McCormack and D. Wright

Call to Order: 7: 11PM

I. Minutes:

A. Approve minutes from 8/1/12: Motion moved and seconded with one correction. All in favor.

II. Property Acquisition: Regarding the status of the survey Courcelle is waiting for Johnson to set the pins on the south border before completing his survey. Johnson has not yet filed his findings. D. Muniyak voiced to the SB that the BC has concerns about the need for an independent survey at their last meeting. A discussion followed on the hiring of Sherri Slack (see last meeting minutes) to do an independent and professional title search, as Joe Teer, a non-professional, has done the only title search at this time. We now have 2 surveys based on a layman's search of the records. The BC wants to go on record that we have valid concerns that something crucial in the title search may have been overlooked. There is nothing we as a committee can do but relay our concerns to the SB.

III. Scheduling: Once the survey is accepted and filed we will go ahead with site design.

IV. Building & Site Design: The design team was not present. David M. has sent to the architects the spreadsheet giving the details of how many folks use the building and for what purpose. What is the process of working with the design team? The BC will be acting as the client with the architects once they begin their work. A lengthy discussion followed on possible build-

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ing space needs for various town officers. We can expect a paper program before any drawings.

A. Library Board Update: The Library Board notified the BC that they wish to remain where they are.

B. Design Team: No report.

V. Funding Opportunities:

A. Brownfield funding: The SB authorized the submittal of the sub-grant application to South Windsor Regional Planning Commission pending the conclusion of some budget numbers. We will try to coordinate with Ed Bove of RRPC.

B. Building Funding:

1. Grant/Agency funding: Tom Hurcomb has contacted what appear to be the most important agencies on the list from Vermont Historical Preservation Trust for funding. The ones not contacted by Tom must still be assessed for what they have to offer. What needs to happen is for the BC to go over the list with a fuller committee present. A careful reading is important as some are offering loans and we need to find out where we can get the best loan deal if and when that proves necessary. Action Item: All BC members should read and make notes on the remaining agencies on the preservation list.

Sen. Sanders is to be in town this Saturday. Tom H. has contacted Sander's campaign and spoke with his campaign manager. He advised Tom they can not tour the office space at this time. He assured Tom that he could give us time to tell what is going on. Tom has assembled a portfolio including Dave Munyak's history and Tom Keefe's drawings to give to Sanders. For anyone interested Sanders will be at the firehouse at noon on Saturday, Aug. 18.

We must look for other agencies that may have funding. The Freeman and Johnson Foundations are another possible source and Patty McW. will explore both for possible funding. The town has been awarded five thousand dollars for energy needs from Neighborhood Works. D. Wright, who serves on our energy

committee, has advocated it be dedicated for use to the new town office.

VI. Community Support:

A. Neighbors: David W. took Joe Teer a copy of the Preservation architect's report. Tom gave Jana Tournabene a copy of the same report. Patty McW. will give a copy to Nan Gilmour and Vicky Arsenault. Maureen will give a copy to Jackie and Earl Parker and Tony and Annisa Lamberton.

B. Informational Meeting: Once we get the survey completed we can start planning the meeting. We could do a bulletin board at the November election. We feel it necessary to own the property before we have a public meeting.

VII. Other Business. None

Adjourn: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Clerk

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I would like to thank our Friends for Education and community members for an excellent Opening Day of School. The food provided by FFE was enjoyed by students, staff, parents, and community members. I would also like to thank the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department for being at the school and bringing one of the fire trucks. Our opening day activity with the students was to draw/write on a cloth banner something that makes each one of us special or unique. The banner will be proudly displayed in the multi-purpose room during the upcoming school year.

We have had a great start to the school year! I look forward to working with all students, parents, and community members.

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The state did close out its fiscal year in the black and close to projections. Although the Vermont economy is relatively stable, uncertainties in the national and global economies and uncertainties in Congressional action have forecasts by legislative economists lowering state revenues in future years. The current low interest rates have allowed the state to save money by refinancing portions of the state borrowing. Hopefully good foliage and winter sports seasons will help our Vermont businesses.

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Calendar

September

Hazardous Waste Collection	Sat. 15	8 - 9:30 am	Tinmouth
Property Taxes Due	Sat. 15	1 - 4 pm	Town Office
Bedtime Story Hour	Sat. 15	6:30 pm	Library
BINGO!	Mon. 17	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Drill	Tues. 18	6:00 pm	Fire House
Building Committee	Thurs. 20	7 pm	Town Office
Quilt Search	Sat. 22	11 am - 4 pm	Historical Society
MSHS Annual Meeting	Sun. 23	6:30 pm	Historical Society
Vermont Music Sampler	Sun. 23	7 pm	Historical Society
BINGO!	Mon. 24	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 25	7:30 pm	Fire House
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 26	11 am	Poultney Center
Select Board	Thurs. 27	7 pm	Town Office
Contra Dance	Fri. 28	8 pm	Tinmouth
Men's Breakfast	Sat. 29	8 am	School
BINGO!	Mon. 30	7 pm	Fire House

October

Magnet Deadline	Mon. 1		
BINGO!	Mon. 1	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Commission	Mon. 1	7 pm	Town Office
Building Committee	Wed. 3	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Thurs. 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Historical Society	Thurs. 4	7:30 pm	Historical Society
Oversized Trash Day	Sat. 6	6am - noon	577 West St.
Open Studio Weekend	Sat. 6 / Sun. 7	10 am - 5 pm	Rising Meadow
Columbus Day	Mon. 8		
BINGO!	Mon. 8	7 pm	Fire House
Conservation Commission	Tues. 9	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs. 11	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs. 11	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 15	7 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 16	6 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs. 18	7 pm	Town Office

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