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May 2013

Open Studio Weekend in Middletown Springs & Statewide May 25th & 26th



The gallery at Rising Meadow Pottery

On Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th, from 10 am to 5 pm, The Vermont Crafts Council presents the 21st Annual Open Studio Weekend. This year Middletown Springs has three local artisans participating in three different locations around town.

Make sure to visit the hill top studio and gallery of Vermont artist Peter Huntoon. He will be showing his latest paintings featuring the glorious beauty of Vermont and beyond. Join him in the studio for a tour of his artistic process, from initial idea to the framing of the final work. Peter will be offering watercolor demonstrations throughout the day. An extensive

St. Anne's Tag Sale

St. Anne's Church will be holding a tag sale on Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at St. Anne's rectory garage and lawn with parking at the church lot. The remaining contents of the rectory will be offered at this sale. Some items of interest include: washer and dryer, queen bedroom set, twin beds, kitchen table/four chairs, sleeper sofa, misc. tables and stands, lamps, variety of bedding and towels, sets of dishes, glasses, cookware, microwave, office desk, chairs, file cabinets, photocopier, fax, computer desk, and book shelves.



"Casts of Thousands," watercolor by Peter Huntoon

collection of limited edition prints will also be available.

Potters Diane Rosenmiller and Nick Seidner will be featuring pots from their recent spring firings at Rising Meadow Pottery. Visit the gallery to see what is new, shop for seconds and tour the variety of kilns at the pottery.

Stop by Sissy's Kitchen to pick up a sandwich to go and continue your tour to other area participating studios.

2013 Open Studio maps will be available at these participating studios or download and get more information about this event from the Vermont Craft Council website, www.vermontcrafts.com.



The 2013 Memorial Day Parade Sunday, May 26th, 3:00 pm

This year's theme is
America the Beautiful

Line-up begins at 2:00 pm at the corner of
South Street and Buxton Avenue

For more information contact Cheryl Mahoney
at 235-2238.

4th Quarter Property Taxes Due June 15th

The FINAL installment of Property Taxes – 4th Quarter for Tax Year 2012/2013 – are due on June 15th.

Saturday, June 15th is the LAST day to submit your 4th Quarter property taxes in person, or to mail them with a June 15 postmark.

The Treasurer will be available to collect your taxes on Saturday, June 15th between 9 am and 4 pm at the Town Office.

DON'T DELAY – This is the final installment and any taxes not paid or postmarked by June 15 will automatically generate an 8% Penalty on June 16!!

You don't have to wait until the last moment to submit taxes – it's okay to drop them off or mail them in advance of the 15th.

Tax checks should be paid to: The Town of Middletown Springs and mailed to PO Box 1022.

Any questions, call Jenny at 235-3256. Thank You!

Message from the Listers

This is the time of year when the listers send out change of appraisal notices. Grievance will be the week of June 10th and each property owner has a right to grieve whether they receive a change of appraisal notice or not.

If you want to grieve or just review the information the listers have on your property, you must submit a notice in writing. Our address is Board of Listers, P.O. Box 1232, or you may drop it off at the Town Clerk's Office.

We will schedule appointments to meet with each of you during the week of June 10th.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Corrective Action
Former Parker's Service Station
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Middletown Springs, Vermont

The professional hydrogeologic and environmental consulting firm of Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. (LBG) has prepared a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Former Parker's Service Station located at 1 South Street in Middletown Springs, Vermont (the Site) to satisfy Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requirements outlined in 10 V.S.A. § 6648. Corrective action plan.

The CAP, prepared on behalf of the Town of Middletown Springs, describes the procedures for removing and disposing of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) contaminated soils adversely impacted from a former hydraulic lift.

Attachments to the CAP not requiring DEC corrective action include (1) a soil management plan for general site redevelopment; (2) an underground storage tank closure plan; and (3) removal of specified building components coated with lead based paint and asbestos abatement plan. These documents have been attached to satisfy funding assistance from other entities regarding the redevelopment of the property as municipal offices.

Remedial activities will be funded through a \$35,000 RRA Petroleum Cleanup Subgrant from the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission's EPA Revolving Loan Fund and up to \$125,000 from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. A public meeting will be held at the Middletown Springs Town Office, 10 Park Avenue, Middletown Springs, VT 05757 on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed remedial activities to be funded by these subgrants and to hear any public comments. In addition, a public comment period of 30 days has been reserved from the date of this publication.

The DEC will evaluate the progress of the project and will rely on a corrective action completion report to document conformity with the CAP. Copies of the CAP are available to the public for review at town hall or at the DEC offices in Montpelier, VT. Mr. Matthew Becker, DEC project manager, may be reached at 802-249-5770 or matthew.becker@state.vt.us for questions, comments, or copies of the CAP.

Middletown Springs Fire Association is looking for donations for their basket raffle and silent auction being held on June 22nd. Please contact Karen Mach at 802-235-2160 or kjmach@aol.com if you are interested.



All proceeds to benefit the MSVFD.

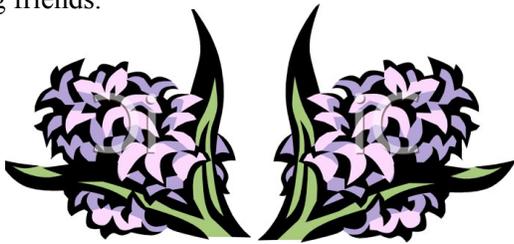
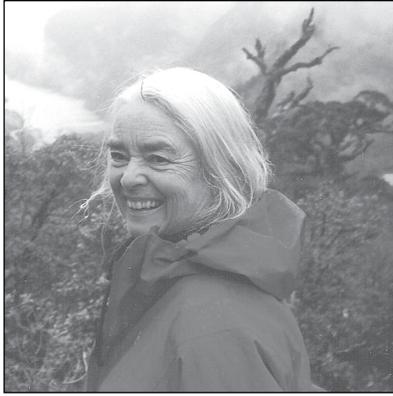
Celebration of a Life: Nan Gilmour

Nanette F. Gilmour died on May 2, 2013 at her home in Middletown Springs, from esophageal cancer.

Nan was born on Dec 23, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois. She grew up above a machine shop, Farmer Mold and Mechanics, started by her grandfather John Farmer before moving to Miami, FL, at the age of 8. She attended Miami Edison High School where she met lifelong friends and her former husband Bob Gilmour. The family moved to New York City where Nan completed her degree at the New School for Social Research. In 1970 they moved to Vermont where Nan raised her three children, operated a small farm, and restored an old farm house, which over time became an impromptu community center famous for "Sunday potlucks at Nan's."

A devoted community leader, Nan was Chairman of the Board for the Middletown Springs Library Board of Trustees, trustee of the Congregational Church Corporation, a Justice of the Peace, Trustee of the Copeland Church Fund, Trustee of the Copeland Cemetery Fund, Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies, and Chair of the Middletown Springs Democratic Caucus. She served as the librarian for the Middletown Springs Elementary School in the 70's, helped to start the town newspaper, and became a real estate agent who sold homes and introduced families to the community. Her kitchen table was a place of daily gatherings and countless people and dogs lived in her home at transitional points in their lives.

She is survived by her three children, Robert, Jim, and Kara Gilmour; four grandchildren; and an enormous circle of loving friends.



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School Budget Passes

Below are the results of the Special School District Meeting and Vote on April 30, 2013:

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$1,994,889.30 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2013-2014 fiscal year?

Yes 158

No 130

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Middletown Springs Community Church

Fellowship Hall 8:00 am

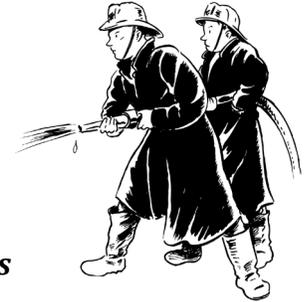
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Questions? Call Virginia 235-2348

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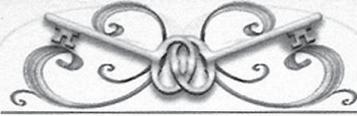
The MSVFD Open House
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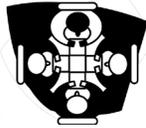
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Select Board Minutes – Approved Regular Meeting, March 28, 2013



Call to Order: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Board Present: Jim Webber, Shirley Moyer, Carl Haynes, Mike Lamson

Public Present: Laura Castle, Glenn Moyer, Pete Turenen, Jackie Parker

Approval of Minutes of March 14: J. Webber moves to approve the 3/14 regular meeting as amended. S. Moyer 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried*]

Public Comments: Glenn Moyer – Garron Road (shoulder) has been washed out by his house (#85). Glen placed a call to C. Larson and J. Webber and it has not been repaired. Would like to know when it will be repaired.

Parker Property: Carl attended the Building Committee meeting last week. Grant funding deadline is approaching. Work must be completed by May.

Road Commissioner Report

- Grader repair: Next meeting
- Daisy Hollow Road
 - Dead trees on Daisy Hollow: Carl spoke with Doane tree service. 26 dead or partially dead trees along Ray Reed property and 6 along the lower portion of road which are questionable. If the town removed the cut up wood/trees with loader and dumptruck, he would work for \$50/hour. M. Lamson would like to ensure the Tree Warden is involved in the process so that only trees/parts of trees which are dead or dangerous be removed as many of the trees are older maples.
- West Street Work – Paving: Bill will be submitting grant by the April deadline. Carl points out that there are areas on West Street near Coy Hill which will need the shoulders reinforced. Some of this will need a permit due to being in the river. Carl will speak with Bill regarding needed permits.
- Other Road Work
 - Pot hole on West Street was repaired
 - J. Webber inquires if the roads were posted – Carl states that they have been
 - Poultney has a 930 Cat Loader for sale for \$15,000. Carl would like to inquire with Bill if it could be of use for loading while the backhoe is working in other areas. Pete Turenen has serviced the loader – 2004 transmission, 2006 – 8600 hours motor overhauled, 9000 hours service, has under 10,000 hours now. Fair tires w/spare. S. Moyer asks if Poultney takes good care of the equipment - Pete states they do. S. Moyer points out there is still only 1 operator with a CDL. J. Webber would like input from Bill.

Election Appointments:

- Robin Chestnut Tangerman accepted Fence Viewer.
- Jason Cook will accept Fire Warden (he believes current term runs through June)
- S. Moyer moved to post all open positions in the Magnet. J. Webber 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: J. Webber spoke with Pam Clapp who recommended the gaylords be taken to Casellas for single stream. If this is not possible, she will try to coordinate with Tinmouth.

M. Lamson will contact Casella.

Financials/Board Orders: J. Webber moves to approve the highway salary board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. Shirley asks if they are required to sign the orders. [*S. Moyer – nay, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried*]

J. Webber moves to approve the remaining board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. C. Haynes would like expenses for land rental, garage rent, and VMERS be listed on the highway board order. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Correspondence

- Safe Routes to School – project will be ready to be advertised for bid within 1 week. Carl feels we will need to meet prior to next meeting to approve
- Job application from Tyler Manning.
- Blow & Cote, Inc. advertise for bridgework
- Fleet permit from Cardinal, Belden Company with checks. M. Lamson moves to accept the highway weight permits and authorize C. Haynes to sign on behalf of the board. J. Webber 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- Dry Hydrant Grant Program announcement
- Weight permit request from Steve Newton from Wells with \$5 fee.
- John Stokowski – Bobcat Equipment flyer
- Town Highway and Bridge Weight Restriction filing form from Vermont Agency of Transportation.
- Email from Juanita Burch Clay (Auditor) about town documentation availability. Auditor request to have all original town documents be stored in the town office as opposed to private residences. Jackie Parker (Auditor) explains that files should be available for public review.

Other Business

- Carl inquires if the board would like to take up the issue of hiring a third employee. Jim wonders if the low entry pay affects quality of applicant. Carl feels we built the budget for 100 hours and it is up to us to fill it. Carl feels we may have to hire a second full time person to utilize equipment (in next budget year). Will discuss more in future meetings.
- Jim Webber – inquires about Supervisory Union costs per his email.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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Select Board Minutes – Approved Regular Meeting, April 11, 2013



Call to Order: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Present: Jim Webber, Carl Haynes, Chris Larson, Mike Lamson

Public Present: Laura Castle, Jim Georg, Sally Achey, Pete Turenen, Dave Munyak, Bill Reed (arrives 7:50)

Approval of Minutes of March 28: J. Webber moves to approve the 3/28 regular meeting as amended. C. Haynes 2nd. [J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – abstain, motion carried]

Public Comments: Sally Achey – Attends to present information on computer backup option using Carbonite service. Municipal 10% discount - \$206.10 annual with first month free. C. Larson moves to approve the purchase of the Carbonite backup service for the Town Office. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Auditors Report: Jim Georg – Attends as auditor. 48 years in the insurance business. Review of insurance program – presents “Insurance Audit Notes.” Coverage is adequate and reasonably priced. Feels town coverage is broad but not very deep in spots. Believes handling of insurance could be enhanced with some written/in place procedures.

Summarized recommendations – reporting of claims needs procedure

- Standard contract for all contractors doing business with MTS
- Library is not a named member on the insurance policy. There may be an issue with worker’s compensation.
- Pollution liability coverage is poor for various sites including old dump, transfer station, West St property, old Parker site. Insurance could be available however would be very expensive. Best option is to mitigate the risk prior to any issue.
- AD&D policy is extended to volunteers acting on behalf of the town. Recommendation to get a list of volunteer names for any event
- Faithful performance of duty may relate to public

Library Trustee Appointment: Nan Gilmore resignation as Library Trustee. Nan recommends Lois Dansereau. C. Larson moves to accept the resignation of Nan Gilmore as a Library Trustee. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]. **The Board would like to thank Nan for her service.**

Letter from Board of Trustees. Board recommends unanimously appointing Lois Dansereau.

Letter from Lois Dansereau stating interest.

Carl inquires if it has been past policy to post the vacancy due to being an elected position. Laura confirms that the position should be posted prior to making an appointment.

Position will be posted in 3 places advertising vacancy with interest requested by 4/24.

Other Appointments

- Tara Kelly accepted Emergency Management position.
- M. Lamson will contact J. Dickerson regarding his availability to serve as constable.

SRTS Grant Bid Package: C. Larson moves to approve the invitation for bid packet for SRTS and advertise in the Rutland Herald with the amended bid date of 7:00PM on Thursday May 9, 2013. Bids will be opened at the Selectboard meeting 5/9. J. Webber 2nd. Bill inquires if the paving portion has been looked at or will the town have to bid out separately. Paving of Schoolhouse Road will have to be bid separately. Bill will be setting the deadline to complete Route 140 paving by end of September.

Parker Property

David Munyak – presents final copy of Subgrant Agreement. J. Webber moves to approve the Subgrant Agreement and allow C. Larson to sign on behalf of the board. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – is underway and waiting approval from the EPA. After approval a public comment period of 30 days and a public meeting is required. Subgrant agreement also requires a public meeting. Will try to coordinate.

Planning another public meeting soliciting feedback from the public on property development perhaps in June.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: M. Lamson spoke with Hubbard concerning dumpster delivery to clean up the site.

Road Commissioner Report

Grader repair: Bill has more recent quote from Windmill. Quote is for worst case scenario – labor cost is bigger share of repair. Quote of \$4,160.58. Nortrax did not provide quote.

Pete Turenen supplies quote to repair oil leaks on the rear ends (bearing repair). Estimate of \$4,542 parts and labor to do the seals and bearings however there may be additional repairs once the case is open.

C. Larson moves to hire Windmill to repair the gasket and seal repair. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Class 2 roads grant has been submitted.
- Received extension to do structures grant to fix culvert on North Road

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- There will be various areas along Route 140 needing fill in the shoulders and Poultney River prior to paving especially near the bridge at Parker Water Wells.
- Bill predelivers fill to jobs and doesn't run the backhoe back and forth. Feels the grader being considered from Poultney is old and has heard there were issues with the hydraulics. Feels the money would be better spent on an excavator for ditching. Does not feel the purchase of the loader would benefit the town.
- Byron Hathaway could speak with the town about the use of brine solution as an alternative to sand/salt.
- Dave Antone and Wade Masure could speak with the board regarding the previously discussed recommendations.
- Dead trees on Daisy Hollow – Bill feels there are only 6 trees which need attention.
- Carl spoke with Ray Reed and John Colvin about marking and removing trees and both are willing to work with the town. The board would like the Tree Warden to be involved to mark the trees.
- A Special Meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday April 17 to discuss road issues.

Garron Road/Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

Responses to discovery will need to be signed. J. Webber moves to allow C. Larson and L. Castle to sign the responses to discovery document on behalf of the town. M. Lamson 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if the document was prepared by the town attorney. It was. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

Financials/Board Orders: J. Webber moves to approve the board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

Correspondence

- SRTS permit from state
- Library appointment already discussed
- Keyser Energy – needs diesel/gasoline exemption certificate by 5/1/13. J. Webber moves to return the exemption certificate. C. Haynes 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- Brown's Quarried Slate – price list for sand and topsoil
- Closure letter for federal highway money
- Webber Chapman invoice for \$210
- VTRANS – bridge inspection report.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 10:07 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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Elementary School News



I would like to thank all the community members who attended the Budget Informational Meeting at the school on Monday, April 29th. Our school's cook made two different types of soup that were served with a salad, scone, and fruit. During the presentation, community members asked very good questions concerning the budget and how the school was preparing our students to be contributing community members. One of the points that I took away is that community members want the students to be immersed in the history of the town and be connected with its future. Once again, thank you for taking the time to attend and give input.

Speaking of involving our students in the town and its history, 5th and 6th graders will be working with Pat Hemenway and the Middletown Springs Historical Society on a Civil War Project. Students will be learning from primary documents about what it was like for the soldiers fighting during the Civil War. They will be learning the names and histories of local men from Middletown Springs. This project will dovetail very well with what the students learned about Civil Rights over the past year and during their trip to Washington, DC in April.

I am happy to announce that our school has received a Whole Kids Foundation garden grant for \$2,000. This grant will be a big boost in moving our school's garden towards becoming an integral part of a hands-on learning opportunity for the students which will connect with the "Farm to School" (F2S) program that we are developing. We have been very fortunate to have many community members involved with the F2S planning committee. The committee is focusing on three areas in applying for the F2S implementation grant; community, cafeteria, and curriculum. Having a successful garden that involves students will be an asset as we apply for further funding.

Rick Beal, Principal

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School Board Regular Meeting April 11, 2013 – Unofficial Minutes



Present: Clarence Haynes, Kendra Larson, Meredith Morgan, Chris Smid (Board Members). Also Present: Joan Paustian (Supt.), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Public Present: Marianna Charalabopoulos (Food Service Director). Karen Mach (Board Member) arrived at 6:20 pm.

Call to Order: Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Presentation: Marianna Charalabopoulos presented information about the school food service program. She spoke about her personal experiences with body weight and learning about how to eat healthfully. She described working as Food Service Director at Ferrisburgh School, and the challenges of meeting the new federal meals requirements vs. the old ones. For the first time, all schools need to meet calorie requirements as well as serve minimum and maximum amounts of all food groups. Ms. C. reviewed the new requirements with the board, who thanked her for her presentation.

Approval of Minutes – Unofficial Minutes from: March 7, 2013 (regular), March 20, 2013 (special). Kendra Larson moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013 (as presented) and March 20, 2013 (with corrections), Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report (Written): Dr. Paustian reported that Kristin Caliguiri of PES was named Principal of the Year. MSES' last student day is June 13; for staff, June 14. Gr. 6 Graduation will take place on June 12 at 7:00PM. Mr. Haynes, Mr. Beal, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Wilkins sat in on the first round of Curriculum Coordinator interviews. There was a great pool of candidates. The SU hired Kathi Marcoux from SWVSU where she served as Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment for over 3,000 students. She was previously an Assessment Coordinator and Elementary Teacher. She has much experience and enthusiasm to offer. Teacher contracts were distributed this week. A thank you note was received from Emma Lamberton, a Henderson Fund recipient.

Principal's Report (Written): Mr. Beal reported that students had their make-up day and performance with Circus Smirkus. Four people from MS attended the Farm to School Conference last week. Countryside Lock & Alarm will be installing the camera/buzz-in door system over spring break. The Smarter Balanced Pilot Assessments in English/Language Arts were administered to the students. Mr. Beal liked the test overall but had some technical frustrations with the student mini laptops. We will have to take care of these computer issues before the tests are officially administered in 2015. The test questions are

quite in-depth and focus on higher learning skills. Information texts and writing will be major areas of focus. "Reading Street" texts will be used at MSES. Keyboarding skills will also be more important and we can use free keyboarding programs with the students. Interviews for a new shared School Counselor will continue over spring break. There are 4 very good candidates for the position. We received 3 bids for the slate roof repairs/replacement. According to the VT Water Supply Dept., we can move ahead with just 2 bids for the water system improvements. The Student Council raised \$650—enough money to send one Rwandan child to school. The students were very excited. Mr. Bruttomesso and his class will be working with the Historical Society on a Civil War Project in May.

Business Manager's Report: Financial Statements:

Mr. Milazzo was not in attendance; he has been attending the VISMT Conference. Supt. Paustian handed out financial information regarding the proposed 2014 budget.

Kendra Larson moved to approve the reports of the Superintendent and Principal, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Approve Warrants:

- Warrant #151 in the amount of \$230,453.04, dated 2/13/13
- Warrant #152 in the amount of \$28,116.93 dated 2/27/13
- Warrant #153 in the amount of \$22,198.68 dated 3/13/13
- Warrant #154 in the amount of \$28,454.95 dated 3/27/13

Clarence Haynes moved to adopt Warrant #151 in the amount of \$230,453.04 dated 2/13/13, Warrant #152 in the amount of \$28,116.93 dated 2/27/13, Warrant # 153 in the amount of \$22,198.68 dated 3/13/13, and Warrant #154 in the amount of \$28,454.95 dated 3/27/13 Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 5-0.

General Public Comments: None

Old Business: Sidewalk project is under discussion by the Select Board at this month's meeting. Meredith Morgan will follow up with the Select Board.

New Business:

- **Food Service Program:** Mr. Beal and Mr. Milazzo created a comparison of food service costs, participation, and revenues for the past few months vs. last year. Revenue producing ideas were discussed to meet the new federal requirements in a cost effective manner. Clarence Haynes moved to table further discussion of the food service program until the next meeting, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 5-0.
- **Prepare for Budget Meeting 4/29/13 & Vote 4/30/13:** Food will be prepared at the school for the budget meeting taking place on April 29 at MSES. Mr. Milazzo will be

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at the meeting to answer budget questions. A second community mailing was discussed. Clarence Haynes moved that the official warning for the April 30 school budget revote be distributed in written form in the April issue of The Magnet, according to 17 V.S.A. 2641(b), Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 5-0. The board discussed slide presentations for the meeting.

- **Social Media Communication:** The Board discussed ways to respond to questions posed by community members online or via e-mail. The board agreed by consensus to have Kendra Larson and Chris Smid respond to questions which may come up before the informational meeting on "Front Porch Forum."
- **Teacher/Board Meeting:** Kendra Larson would like to schedule another opportunity for board members to meet with the teachers during a Faculty Meeting. Mrs. Larson would like to build the agenda for the meeting with items of interest from both board members and teaching staff. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 3:15 pm.
- **Roofing Quotes:** Quotes for repairs to the slate roof were reviewed and discussed. Clarence Haynes moved to accept the bid for the slate roof repairs from TKO Construction in the amount of \$55,650, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Chris Smid abstained).

Policies:

Entrance age (revised): The board reviewed Entrance Age Policy F-104, and suggested adding the word "minimum" before the word "age" in three of the bulleted sentences.

Action on Personnel Contracts:

- Richard Beal, Odyssey of the Mind Coach: \$250
- Robert Bruttomesso, Odyssey of the Mind Coach: \$250
- Kimberly Eugair, Odyssey of the Mind Coach: \$250

Clarence Haynes moved to accept the contracts for R. Beal, R. Bruttomesso, and K. Eugair as OTM Coaches, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building: (Anticipated May 9, 2013, 6 pm - regular)

Please note: Special Meeting (Informational) on 4/29/13 6:30 pm at MSES for budget re-vote on 4/30/13.

Next Regular Meeting set for Thursday, May 9, 2013 at

6:00 pm at MSES.

Executive Session if warranted: None

Other Lawful Business: Mr. Haynes related that there is a lot going on in the Legislature. The unionization of childcare and pre-school workers has once again become active. The Small Schools Grant is on the chopping block. These funds are extremely important to our school as well as many others throughout the state. The hope is that, at the very least, any cuts would be phased in over a number of years. There is also some discussion of having SU budgets voted on by each involved school district. There is a chance that board members will be given the opportunity to provide input on this proposal. Adjournment: Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosso



Scholastic Book Fair at the School Books for all ages!

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Planning Commission Minutes Approved April 8, 2013

Members Present: Tom Hurcomb, Maureen McCormack, and John Arsenault, Chair.

Guest: Jamie Lee, Planner from Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Approval of February minutes: All in favor.

Election of Officers: Elections moved to the May meeting by unanimous decision.

Enhanced Consultation with Jamie Lee, RRPC: Jamie Lee presented a detailed printed analysis (completed by the RRPC in accordance with state mandates) of our 2012 Town Plan. Each goal was described and given a score from 0 to 5. Most goals had been met with a 5. When a goal received less than a score of five suggestions for the improving that goal were made and noted. Such improvements will be made when our town is required to do an updating of our plan.

Village Designation: Jamie Lee submitted a draft of a possible map of MS designating a possible village center. Together we identified significant buildings, services and commercial activities within a contained walking area of the town. More work on this map is required before it can be submitted to the Select Board. Jamie will get back to the Planning Commission with further information needed to complete the map.

Correspondence: Three pieces were received from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation-each was a copy of a) an application for a septic, b) a permit for a septic and c) a permit for potable water for a new town building site.

Building Committee Report: Tom reported on two areas of progress. The corrective action plan, CAP, has now moved to its final approval agency, the EPA. The application for the sub-grant from the South Windsor Regional Planning Commission has been approved by the Select Board and sent on to the SWRPC. The BC is in the preliminary stages of planning another town wide information meeting to be held sometime after June 1. The purpose of this meeting is to ascertain the desires of the residents for a multiuse building as well as general ideas for the municipal building. The BC is also looking at ways that a multiuse building could support greater economic development for the town. The BC has contacted Paul Costello of the VT Rural Economic Development to help facilitate the next town wide meeting.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: May 6, 2013

Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Respectfully completed,
Maureen McCormack, Acting Secretary

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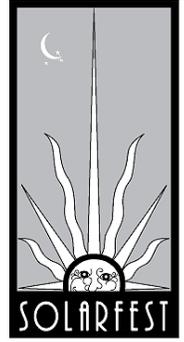
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This course is ideal for people looking to design and install battery-based solar electric systems, and for solar professionals who have been working in the grid-direct market and need to learn about battery-based systems in preparation for the NABCEP Solar PV Installer Certification Exam. This course qualifies for 40 hours of NABCEP class requirement or 18 Continuing Education credits for NABCEP recertification.

This is a unique opportunity for people living in the North East to attend a SEI workshop. Registration is required prior to June 10, 2013.

For complete details, please visit the pre-festival workshop website at http://solarfest.org/solarfest_prefest_workshops.php

Middletown Springs Building Committee

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

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PEGTV is extending the deadline for their funniest video contest to May 31st so there is still time to dust off the old home videos or create a new one.

The submissions can be no longer than 90 seconds long. The clips can be uploaded through our website, dropped off at our studio located at the Howe Center in Rutland, or mailed in. All the forms needed to enter and any technical specs can be found and downloaded off our website at pegtv.com. If you have a VHS tape or mini DV tape bring it into the studio and we can help you extract your clip.

The grand prize is a Vixia HD Digital Video Recorder and the finalists will be featured on a live awards show from the PEGTV studios.

PEGTV is comprised of Channels 15, 20 and 21 and is available to all cable subscribers throughout Rutland County. Streaming programming, video on demand services and hyper-local weather forecasts are also available online at www.pegtv.com.

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Fountain of Youth

Been hankering for spaghetti and meatballs? The Fountain of Youth seniors are heading over to Poultney to the Young At Heart Senior Center on May 29. Tossed salad, garlic bread and cookies & ice cream will round out the spaghetti & meatball luncheon. Lunch is served at 12 noon with home-made soup and coffee available after 11 am. How much for this family style meal? \$3.25 is the suggested price for seniors 60 and older and \$4.25 for others – a real treat for good food and fellowship. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200. Come eat and enjoy!

Mayfly to Perform in Tinmouth

Mayfly, with Katie Trautz, will be performing at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Friday, May 17th at 7:30 pm.

The cost is \$10 at the door, and doors open at 7:00 pm. Refreshments are provided by a Tinmouth organization to raise funds, and coffee is being generously sponsored by Vermont's own Canopy Coffee.

Mayfly, an Americana duo, is a Vermont based band that performs old-time New England and Appalachian music, as well as original songwriting on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and vocals. Mayfly has been performing for over 10 years, touring throughout New England and Canada. Katie Trautz and Julia Wayne intersperse close harmony vocals with strong instrumentals influenced by blues, ballads, and American roots music. The duo has performed alongside renowned traditional musicians from across the globe, including Swedish fiddler Anna Lindblad, Louisiana based musician Dirk Powell, and North Carolina's Riley Baugus.

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Building Committee Minutes April 3, 2013, Approved

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Members Present: D. Muniyak, M. McCormack, N. Rubinstein, P. Kenyon, T. Hurcomb, F. Bradley, M. Beattie

Minutes: Approval of 3/21/13: Fred moved and Tom gave a second to approve the minutes with corrections. All in favor

Public Comments: None.

Project Scheduling:

Corrective Action Plan (CAP): Dave received an email from Deirdre Ritzer, of LBG Inc.. She and Matt Becker of VT DEC are making more revisions to the CAP. Fred and Dave reminded the BC that we are required to have a public comment period and meeting for the CAP where authorities are present to answer questions. This is also required for the sub-grant we are to receive from Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, and the hope is to combine these periods and meetings. These meetings must predate any removal and cleanup of the site.

Building and Site Design:

Library meeting: Dave will email us on new dates for a possible meeting with the library trustees.

Design Program: Wish list and multiuse ideas: After members generalized some ideas Michael urged the BC members to think in terms of categories, such as, economical/affordable, long lasting, flexible, functional and aesthetics-taking into account our location of being on the green and in the center of the village as well as our town history. Dave will send out an email to all BC members urging them to send their ideas both for the building wish list and multiuse ideas in an email to him by April 8, this coming Monday. These ideas will give us some direction to our research on grant funding.

Community Support:

Town Programming Meeting: No scheduling time yet.

Other Business:

- We will schedule a day visit to the town office/community center of Ferrisburg.
- Tom will be in contact with Paul Costello relative to a time-line for scheduling the town wide meeting.

Adjourn: 9 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, clerk

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Legislative Update

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This session, for example, we have made choices about the quality and safety of our roads and bridges and how we pay for them. We have made choices on drug addiction and mental health treatment facilities. We have made choices about how best to transition people off public assistance and into the workplace. We have chosen to support our seniors with heating fuel aid and for our veterans home in Bennington. And we have supported families with cost effective early childhood education, our local community schools, and college scholarships. We also have discussed other choices such as electrical generation, labeling of foods, end of life decisions, economic development, jobs, and environmental issues.

Please contact me with your concerns and questions at JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us, 1822 Rupert Mtn Road, Pawlet, VT 05761, and 325-3424(home) and leave a message at the State House 800 322-5616. Thank You!

Rep John Malcolm

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Library News

Thank you.... Poetry Month Events were a big success. Poetry discussion, movies, story hour, poetry reading and our poet-Tree. The Tree will be up through May; please stop in and see it. A special thank you to the Middletown Springs Poets who so kindly shared their work at the Poetry Reading: Linda Peavy, Jon Turner, Jon Mathewson, and Gary Lindorff.



Book Sale.... June 1 & 2: Donations accepted for the Annual Library Book Sale through Wed, May 29. Leave donations at the library during open hours. Please, no textbooks. Volunteers needed to set up and staff the sale. Contact Kimberly if you are interested and willing...

The **Summer Program** is being put together. The theme this summer is "underground." Dig Deep... Read. Look forward to story hours, movies, and other events. More news soon.

New to the Library Shelves:

Whiskey Beach, by Nora Roberts,
Starting Now, by Debbie Macomber,
The Golden Egg, by Donna Leon,
Speaking From Among the Bones, by Alan Bradley,
Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald, by Therese Anne Fowler,
Six Years, by Harlan Coben,
All That Is, by James Salter,
Leaving Everything Most Loved, by Jacqueline Winspear,
Life After Life, by Kate Atkinson,
The Burgess Boys, by Elizabeth Strout,
Manuscript Found in Accra, by Paulo Coelho,
Miss Fuller, by April Bernard
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Thurs.	5/16/13	Rutland - Maple Village	10am
Wed.	5/29/13	Rutland - Godnick Ctr	12:30pm
Thurs.	5/30/13	Clarendon - Comm. Ctr.	12:30pm

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The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center, Rte 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Dancing takes place on the fourth Friday of the month. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under. Refreshments will be available. Call 235-2718 for info or directions or www.Tinmouthvt.org for directions. Note-this dance has switched to the third Friday of the month. Our next dance will be September 20.



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Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 16	7 pm	Town Office
Firehouse Concert	Fri. 17	7:30 pm	Tinmouth
Tinmouth Contra Dance	Fri. 17	8:00 pm	Tinmouth
Scholastic Book Fair	Mon. 20	3-6 pm	School
BINGO!	Mon. 20	7 pm	Fire House
Scholastic Book Fair	Tues. 21	3-5 pm	School
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 21	6:30 pm	Fire House
Scholastic Book Fair	Wed. 22	3-5 pm	School
Scholastic Book Fair	Thurs. 23	11am - 7:30pm	School
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 23	7 pm	Town Office
Scholastic Book Fair	Fri. 24	8 am - noon	School
Women's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 25	8 am	Church
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 25	8 am	School
Open Studio Weekend	Sat. 25-26	10 am - 5 pm	About Town
Memorial Day Parade	Sun. 26	3 pm	The Green
Memorial Day	Mon. 28		
BINGO!	Mon. 27	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 28	7:30 pm	Fire House

June

Magnet Deadline	Sat. 1		
Metal Day	Sat. 1	6 am-Noon	West Street
St. Ann Tag Sale	Sat. 1	9 am - 3 pm	St. Ann's Church
BINGO!	Mon. 3	7 pm	Firehouse
Knitting Group	Mon. 3	7 pm	Library
Library Trustee Meeting	Wed. 5	12:30 pm	Library
Building Committee Meeting	Wed. 5	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Thurs. 6	6:30 pm	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs. 6	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 10	7 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library Meeting	Tues. 11	7:15 pm	Library
Conservation Commission	Tues. 11	7 pm	TBA
School Board	Thurs. 13	6 pm	Firehouse
Select Board	Thurs. 13	7 pm	Town Office
Property Taxes Due	Sat. 15	9am- 4 pm	Town Office

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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