



The November 2013 Middletown Magnet

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Holiday Happenings Around Town

Rising Meadow Pottery Holiday Show and Sale

On Saturday and Sunday, December 7th and 8th from 10am to 5pm, potters Diane Rosenmiller and Nicholas Seidner will be hosting their annual holiday show and seconds sale. Pots from recent firings will be available in our gallery, plus seconds will be available as well.

Our new wood fired pizza kiln will be stoked during the weekend. Stop by and try a sample slice.

Can't make the sale? Visitors are welcome to the pottery anytime by appointment or by chance, please call 235-9429 or email rmeadow@vermontel.net.



Christmas in the Park

"Christmas in the Park" will be held at 6 pm on Sunday, Dec. 15th on the green. Join us for the live nativity and caroling as we light the Christmas tree. Then warm up by the fire with hot cocoa, delicious treats and good friends! All are welcome to take part as shepherds or angels. The Middletown Springs Grange and the Community Church will once again host this event. Donations of cookies always appreciated. For more info. contact Rita at 235-2436. Hope we'll see you there!



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Breakfast With Santa

Santa will parade atop a fire truck from South Street in Middletown Springs to the firehouse. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa at the firehouse. Bring your Christmas lists and your cameras!!!

Saturday, November 30th

9:00am

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For more information or if you're interested being a vendor, contact Marilyn Parker at 235-2189.

Thank You for a Job Well Done!

Chris Larson has recently resigned his post as Chair of the Select Board. He deserves many thanks for his tenure on the Select Board.

Chris was consistently a patient, fair, reasonable and informed leader and conducted himself with integrity and decency.

As a community member, I was confident that our town's affairs were being handled properly. As an elected official, I found Chris to be an inclusive, communicative, and fair partner.

Under his governance, many things were accomplished for our town. Major projects included (but were certainly not limited to) the Transfer Station upgrade, the Parker Property purchase, Route 140 paving, and SRTS (Safe Roads to School) negotiations. This was all achieved in conjunction with exhibiting fiscal responsibility and engaging in ongoing town issues.

Please join me in thanking Chris for his service to our community.

— Jenny Talke Munyak

Town Treasurer News

Property Tax Installment #2 for 2013/2014 taxes is due before or on Monday, December 16th, 2013 (the 15th is a Sunday this year.)

I'll be in the town office from 1 - 4 pm on the 16th to collect any outstanding 2nd quarter taxes. Please plan in advance – don't necessarily count on the Town Clerk being available to collect your taxes. To be sure they're received on time, either send them in advance, or make a note of when I'll be in the office.

Jenny Talke Munyak
Town Treasurer

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Friends of the Library will be holding its 2nd annual business meeting this coming Sunday, November 17 at 2 pm at our library. We urge you to come learn about the FOL, join our growing and lively organization, and share your ideas on how best for the FOL to spend their new funds and help set goals for another year. We also will be nominating and electing the FOL Executive Board, which meets once a month.

Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome. See you there!

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Gift of Life Marathon

Dear Fellow Middletowners,

December 17th is the Gift of Life Marathon. Please make an appointment to give by calling **1-800-RED-CROSS** or visiting giftoflifemarathon.com

Rutland is going for the national record. If you've ever thought about donating, this is the time! There are FIVE donation sites and extra staff to help everything run smoothly, and gift bags for everyone who donates. Bring a friend, or make a date of it with your significant other!

Unfamiliar with the GOLM? The annual blood drive is sponsored by WJJR and GMP. It collected 368 pints in its first year, 2003. After setting state and northern New England records several times, the blood drive broke the New England record for a one-day community blood drive in 2008, 2009 and 2010, beating Boston each time. Manchester, N.H., broke Rutland's New England record, and the national record, in 2011 with 1,968 pints. The GOLM collected 1,955 pints last year, 13 shy of tying the record and making it the second-largest one-day drive in the country, the largest ever per-capita.

The drive is unlike any other blood drive – spread over multiple locations, with great food, an incredible sense of community, gift bags for every donor and volunteer, live radio broadcasts from end to end, and a palpable sense of goodwill.

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— Mary Lamson



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News from the Library

Winter is approaching... what a wonderful time to curl up on the couch with a blanket & a book. Stop by and browse our new titles and recent bestsellers. We are always happy to recommend a good read for children, teens and adults alike.

Story Hour starts up again after a short hiatus this fall. Join Martha & Kimberly as we read, sing, play and craft together. While we design the programs with 3-6 year olds in mind, younger children are welcome with a responsible adult. Older children also find it enjoyable to listen to stories being read and our craft projects are always open ended to encourage children with more manual dexterity to let their imaginations take over. Story Hour begins at 10am on the following Saturdays: Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 25, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 18, June 22.

Knitting Circle happens monthly Oct-May. Join us first Monday of the month from 7-9pm. Experienced & novice knitters (& other hand crafters) sit together, stitching, chatting, and helping each other when a stitch gets dropped or a pattern is hard to interpret. The tea kettle is on and we hope you will join us.

Donations of gently used books & movies are left off at the library. While don't always know who they are from, we are also grateful for the support. Some of the donated items are added into the collection while the majority are available to others in our annual book sale. If you are thinking of donating we ask that items be mold & dirt free, in reasonable condition, and no textbooks. Thank you all for your support of the library.



Facebook: "Like" the library on Facebook and receive your library updates that way. Checkout the newly posted photos from last summer's Garden Tour and the recent Halloween Rest Stop. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Middletown-Springs-Public-Library/141165415908081?hc_location=stream

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Fri 10am-2pm
Sat 10am-Noon

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department News

Thank you to everyone who attended our MSVFD Spaghetti Dinner in October. Members of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department and the Middletown Springs Firefighters' Association helped out during this community event. Thank you to all our families, friends, and community members for making this event a success!

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department had special guests that came to lend their support during the Spaghetti Dinner. Al Baker and his wife, Jenn Baker, traveled from Enfield, CT to help serve food for the dinner. Al Baker is a member of the Somers Firefighters IAFF and the Somers Fire Department in Somers, CT.

On behalf of the Somers Firefighters IAFF, Al Baker and his wife delivered a generous donation of Hurst extrication equipment to the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department. MSVFD attended a training session on October 27th conducted by Al Baker. This equipment is a huge asset to the department which is valued at approximately \$10,000. Thank you Somers Firefighters IAFF for this very generous donation of equipment!



Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, November 30, at 8 am
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David Wright Honored by Vermont Historical Society



On Friday, November 1st, David Wright received the Individual Achievement Award for his continued years of service to the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Presenting the award on behalf of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums is Vermont Historical Society Executive Director Mark Hudson.

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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Fire Department Visits School



On Tuesday October 22, 2013 the Middletown Springs Vol FD went to the Middletown springs elementary school to do a fire prevention program. This year we called in help from Wallingford vol FD as well as Clarendon vol FD. We discussed Get Out Stay Out, meeting places, kitchen fire safety and we talked about some of the gear and tools we use to fight fires and save lives. After a fun filled morning at the school, the kids joined us at the fire station for a couple fire and smoke detector demonstrations. After the demonstrations the kids were able to check out the fire trucks. We hope that everybody will practice fire safety in their homes and work places. If anyone has any questions about fire safety please feel free to stop at the fire station on any Tuesday night or find one of our very dedicated volunteer fire fighters in town. And as always if you would like to help keep your community safe, we are always looking for volunteers to join the fire department.



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Planning Commission Approved Minutes, Sept. 2, 2013

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Members Present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Approval of Agenda: One addition.

- 1) Approval of August Minutes: Tom moved and John gave a second. All in favor.
- 2) Correspondence: A draft from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resource regarding a public hearing on a statewide indirect sewage discharge permit. No action by us is needed.
- 3) RRPC Report: No meeting in August. A tentative visit from RRPC with us regarding general information on how the Middletown Planning Commission can best work with the regional office is in the planning stage.
- 4) Building Committee Report: The Friends of Adoption approached the committee about possibly buying their building on South Street. The committee, as well as the SB, made a visit to the property. The building committee voted to advise the select board that the building did not meet our town's needs. A lengthy list of objections to the purchase was provided. In addition, the library trustees have voted to join in with the building committee on pursuing a joint building. On the site the underground tanks and earth were removed, and the building removed will come soon. A big meeting is coming up this Wednesday, Sept 4 for all regular users of the town office.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Village Center Designation: John sent our final map changes to Jaime Lee, RRPC consultant, and has not heard from her. John will follow up to be sure our maps are correct for presenting to the select board. John has requested being put on the Selectboard agenda for Sept 12.
 - b) Economic Development: No report.
 - c) Report from the town: Tom presented a draft for editing of a notice to be printed in the September Magnet.
- 6) New Business: None.
- 7) Next Meeting Date: Oct 7, 2013

Adjourn: 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary



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Planning Commission Approved Minutes, Oct. 7, 2013

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

Public Present: Peter Huntoon, Mareva Millac, Nick Seidner, and Dave Munyak.

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Agenda Approval:

1. Approval of September minutes: Tom moved and John gave a second. Approved as presented
2. Correspondence: None
3. Old Business:
 - a. **Village Center Designation:** John announced that the updated map is now on our town website and map copies will be available in the town office soon. John explained the meaning of "village center" to those present and added that a village center designation acts to support economic development. He distributed a flyer showing how the designation can aide businesses and historic buildings as well as offering a priority listing for state grants to the town. The Select Board has given preliminary approval of the map when updated. The designation has to be approved every 5 years. John opened the meeting for questions regarding the village center designation.
 - b. Tom reported on the informal meeting held with Kris Hughes from RRPC on how that regional office may help us with any future economic development.
 - c. **Economic Development:** Tom spoke about having a town vision that could lead to developing a positive identity for the community and how such an image can act as a marketing tool to assist in any state economic development work with us. It was acknowledged by all that the town has many independent artisan, business, and farming entrepreneurs and that these many independents may want to come together to offer insights into how best the town could further an image that would benefit them and the town's economic base. Dave Munyak talked about his pleasure at settling here and Nick Seidner of the independent spirit prevailing here. Maureen offered that seeing how there is such a wealth of talent and knowledge here the town could become a haven for mentoring. Peter Huntoon said he and his wife, Mareva Millac, had built a series of workshop rooms and both of them love the idea of teaching and mentoring while

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connecting others to the wonders of rural Vermont. Nick spoke to how a kiosk listing farm and artisan entrepreneurs might further economic development. Maureen spoke of how we offer a quiet community that has appeal to many who wish to avoid crowds and noise. John felt a craft association would be great if the independent town entrepreneurs owned it. Dave thought advertising in journals and magazines that support independent businesses, artisans and farmers would add greatly to the town image and its economic base. Tom asked if anyone was interested in organizing an artisan association. All agreed we should get feedback from others and that further meetings will be needed. Maureen offered to begin a list of independent entrepreneurs with hopes that additional names would be added, as they became known. Tom spoke on how important it is for the well being of the town that economic development be furthered while keeping our rural uniqueness. It is the economic base that supports our common town expenses of roads, school, and tax base. Also, said Tom, it is having some commerce in the town that helps to keep us a community, not just a bedroom town. Tom pointed out how there is convergence presently of many good town efforts. Maureen will begin a list and then ask others to add to it. Hopefully, other artisans and independent entrepreneurs will join us at a future planning commission meeting. John pointed out that a piece in the up and coming Magnet will invite folks to come and discuss the village center designation with us.

4. Building Committee Report: Tom stated that the newly constituted committee with three additional members met last week for the first time. This brings the building committee to 16 members. Three members had participated in a two-day workshop on organizational decision-making. They informed the other committee members on how the decision-making tools could help the town move forward on our new building. The committee discussed how to involve the public using these strategic tools learned at the organizational workshop attended by Kim Mathewson, Patty Kenyon and Maureen McCormack. Request for bids on removal of the building are waiting further state clarification.

5. RRPC Report: Tom reported on a discussion at RRPC on open meeting laws and violations of them.

6. New Business: We agree to move the December meeting to the 9th.

7. Next Meeting Date: November 4, 2013, 7:00 PM

8. Adjourn: 8:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary

Middletown Springs Bingo Retires



“BINGO”

The MSVFD Auxiliary will no longer hold Monday night Bingo at the firehouse. Many thanks to all the Bingo volunteers and players throughout the years from the members of the Auxiliary.

Community Church News

Assisting orphans - children in need of homes and permanent families - was a growing call within the hearts of several folks in the Community Church for some time. About two years ago, Church leaders agreed an Orphan Care Ministry should be created to financially support application and adoption costs for people connected to our Church who desired to adopt children. Our annual budget was adjusted to provide such funds, and families stepped up to take babies and children into their lives.

Foster care opportunities arose first, and the funds came in handy. Next, an adoption possibility began to grow. A wonderful young couple who work on the campus of UVM with the outdoor ministry Lifelines, and whose work our Church partially supports, discovered they were not able to have their own biological children. We paid for a home study and they did all the interviews and paperwork required to be adoptive parents.

In mid-August, the prospective parents got the call there was a new born baby available in Arkansas. Overnight they took off. Through Church connections, and the kindness of strangers, they were housed for more than two weeks in AK. During that time they bonded with their new son Gideon who was hospitalized for health issues, and adoption proceedings inched forward. Back home in Burlington, friends and family pulled together to provide an overflow of baby equipment and clothing. Little Gideon's adoption hearing in AK was recorded and a smiling Community Church congregation watched the video during a Sunday morning service. Since then we've actually met Gideon and he's a cutie. Seeing God's love reflected in each child and family linked to our Orphan Care Ministry has been a true blessing to us all.

Everyone is always invited to join our worship and studies:

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study 9:30-11am. This new session is a Beth Moore study on the life and ministry of John. All women of the community are invited to take part. It's never too late to join. More info: Kim Carr 235-2458

Men's Group: First and third Mondays 6:30 pm; led by Pastor Jared Adult and Teen Study Classes meet Sundays at 9 am.

As always - Sunday Services are at 10 am. For more info call Pastor Jared Wilson at the Church 235-2386 www.middletownchurch.org

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Building Committee Meeting Oct. 2, 2013, Approved Minutes



Present: David Munyak, Patty McWilliams, Fred Bradley, Maureen McCormack, Tom Hurcomb, Lois Dansereau, Nora Rubinstein, Patty Kenyon, Kimberly Mathewson. Arriving at 7:15: Kristal Hier, Michael Beattie.

Call to Order: D Munyak called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

I. Programming meeting with Town Officials – No Town Officials present. Nita Clay sent her needs via email earlier in the day. The committee will invite the town officials not yet accounted for to the next meeting.

II. Minutes:

A. Clerk Position: D Munyak entertained a motion to accept Maureen McCormack's resignation as committee clerk with regret and thanks for her service to the committee. F Bradley moved the aforementioned motion, N Rubinstein seconded and the motion carried.

P McWilliams moved to appoint Patty Kenyon as committee clerk, T Hurcomb seconded, motion carried.

B. Approval of 8/15/13 & 9/4/13 Minutes: T Hurcomb moved to approve the minutes of 8/15/13 & 9/4/13 as presented. F Bradley seconded and the motion carried.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Management and Planning Tools Workshop report & implementation: Background: On September 18 & 19 K Mathewson, M McCormack & P Kenyon attended a workshop hosted by the Institute for Quality Advancement at the invitation of Kathy Letendre (Partner at the Institute). The workshop focused on Management and Planning Tools and was offered at no cost to the building committee members. The intent was to provide some toolsets that can be employed by the committee to help in the process as the town moves forward.

Kimberly, Maureen & Patty reviewed their experiences at the workshop. All thought it was extremely well done and provided them with some great insight in using a designed planning process as well as hands-on practice with the tools. Each felt that using the tools effectively can greatly benefit the committee and ultimately the entire town as we move ahead.

The three proposed to the committee that it think about putting some of these tools into action right away by bringing together a small group of townspeople (eight

to fifteen people) from different stakeholder groups for an afternoon of visioning and gathering input. The visioning process starts with a single question that places the attendee in the future. The key to drawing out all perspectives and gathering up all the opportunities and challenges is to craft a really good question. The committee was enthusiastic about the potential of this approach and gave Kimberly, Patty and Maureen the task of drafting a question that the full committee will review, comment on and ultimately settle on. Once the question is formulated a date will be set and a letter will be sent out to all town residents soliciting volunteers who would like to take part in the process. Maureen, Patty and Kimberly will meet separately and report back to the committee via email in the near future with a draft question.

V. Public WiFi Initiative: N Rubinstein reported that she and D Munyak met with Caitlyn Lovegrove at Rural Vermont's Digital Initiative again this past week. The Select Board approved the WiFi Zone grant and VTel is set to run the fiber drop to the Town Office on October 9. We're waiting now on approval from the Historical Society, which will be discussed at the next Historical Society board meeting. Additionally, Grant's Store will be adding internet at their store with WiFi capabilities, this will expand the reach of the service and will give us a downtown WiFi hotspot from Grant's Store across the Green and to the Historical Society building.

VI. Project Scheduling:

A. Building Removal: D Munyak reported that the Select Board had approved an expenditure of \$700 - \$800 to Clay Point Associates in order to prepare a Request For Proposal (RFP) to remove the lead and asbestos contamination in the building still standing on the corner property. As part of the RFP we will request that the building will be removed along with the lead and asbestos, leaving just the concrete floor. The hope is that this will happen before winter sets in.

Next year we hope to complete the next phase of this process – the Soils Management Plan, which will include removing the concrete floor and excavating the basement under the current building, checking for possible contamination and remediating what might be found. This phase will be covered by an Agency of

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Commerce Grant – which we have already received approval for. The hope is that this piece of the project can coincide with the digging of the new building's foundation – saving us money on excavation costs.

VII. Building & Site Design:

A. Town Office Programming: Discussed under item I., hoping to get the last couple of people to the next meeting for this discussion with the committee.

B. Library Programming: The new committee members associated with the Library got a brief overview of what building programming is from an architectural standpoint, and what information will be needed from them in order to plan an adequate space for the library. The members associated with the library commented that this will be a good exercise for them whether they ultimately co-habit a building with the town office on the corner, or whether they expand their services where they are, or in some other location. M Beattie offered to meet with the Library trustees to help them through this process.

C. Well: D Munyaik asked the committee if they thought it might be time to pursue possible in-kind donations for getting a well drilled on the site. Making sure we have potable water on site is something that we want to do sooner rather than later. The committee was in agreement. M Beattie offered to go and talk to Parker Water Wells to see if they would be willing to donate time, equipment, or both for this project. Once any potential donations are lined up they will be passed on to the Select Board for final approval.

D. Town Office Visits: D Munyaik brought up that we'd still like to go visit the Ferrisburg town office. We'd like to have Laura come with us on this visit. P McWilliams & D Munyaik will work with Laura on potential dates. Once we have those M McCormack will set up a visit for us.

VIII. Funding

A. SWCRPC Grant Closeout: All bills associated

with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) grant have been submitted. Paperwork is in process and once that has cleared the grant money will arrive. All costs associated with the tank pull and the brownfields cleanup at the site of the car lift will be covered by the grant money.

B. ACCD Grant: This item was discussed above, under item VI. A. Building Removal.

IX. Community Support:

A. Planning Meeting?: This item was discussed under item IV. Planning & Management Tools Workshop.

X. Other Business: K Mathewson asked if there was a point person on the committee who would like to receive potential grant information or should she just send items she gets and thinks might apply, to the entire committee. The committee as a whole is collecting these leads at this point, so send them to everyone as they arrive.

T Hurcomb suggested that the committee consider having another legislative briefing before the next legislative session starts in January as a way to keep our elected officials up to date on our progress and front and center in their minds in case something that might pertain to us crosses their path. The committee agreed.

P McWilliams asked if we could put together a report outlining the work done so far on the site and the costs associated with them, along with a recap of the grants and funds we've used to pay for the progress. We could add it to the information we assembled last February before our community meeting. D Munyaik said he planned to do that in the near future.

Adjourn: N Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 9:06pm, F Bradley seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date is Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon
Building Committee Clerk

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Building Committee Meeting Oct. 22, 2013, Approved Minutes

Present: David Munyak, Patty McWilliams, Maureen McCormack, Tom Hurcomb, Lois Dansereau, Nora Rubinstein, Patty Kenyon, Kimberly Mathewson, David Wright, and Michael Beattie.

Call to Order: D Munyak called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

I. Programming meeting with Town Officials: Laura couldn't make tonight's meeting and won't be able to attend a meeting until after the first of the year due to work commitments. We'll work to get input from her outside of the meetings in order to keep the process moving forward.

At this point the discussion took us to item IX. Community Support, item A.

IX. Community Support:

A. Management and Planning Tools: The committee had a lengthy discussion centered around the Visioning Meeting Outline provided by M McCormack, P Kenyon, & K Mathewson. The basic plan is to bring a group of townspeople together to brainstorm about the future and to determine what each participant thinks would constitute a successful outcome for a new town office at the former Parker property. This session will be facilitated by committee members K Mathewson, P Kenyon & M McCormack using the tools they learned in a Management & Planning Tools workshop they attended in September. The intent is to gather information about what is important to the townspeople as we move into the meat and potatoes of this project. The tools have been developed to gather information so that each voice is heard and all ideas or visions have equal weight. The process is informal, relaxed, interactive and hands-on. To assemble the group of citizens, a letter will be sent to everyone in town asking interested folks to volunteer to participate. The date of the meeting was set for Saturday, November 23rd from 9am to 4pm, lunch and snacks will be provided by Building Committee members.

The committee discussed at length the question that begins the process. At the conclusion of that discussion K Mathewson moved that the committee use the question formulated in the Visioning Meeting Outline

as presented or as amended by the committee based on Kathy Letendre's input. P McWilliams seconded and the motion carried.

II. Minutes:

A. Approval of 10/2/2013 Minutes: N Rubinstein moved to approve the minutes of 10/2/2013 as presented. M Beattie seconded and the motion carried.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Public WiFi Initiative: On hold due to Historical Society's reservations. Building Committee members plan to attend the next Historical Society meeting to answer questions and seek approval to place the equipment on the Historical Society's building.

V. Friends in Adoption: D Munyak reported that he had received an email from Tara Saltis of Friends in Adoption relaying a message from George Long, Chair of the FIA Board, inquiring if the town would be interested in the FIA property if there was a drastic price reduction.

The Building Committee discussed the list of pros and cons previously outlined about the building. D Munyak would like to bring the message from FIA to the Select Board's attention along with a recommendation from the Building Committee.

N Rubinstein moved that the Building Committee notify the Select Board of Friends in Adoption's latest communication regarding a possible reduction in price. The Building Committee advises against pursuing the Friends in Adoption building because of the concerns about potential flooding, handicapped accessibility, adequacy of space, future maintenance issues, size and location of the vault, and the existing wet basement. P McWilliams seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Project Scheduling:

A. Building Removal: D Munyak was in communication with Todd from Clay Point Associates on 10/15. Todd was to provide information about the next steps in preparing an RFP for building removal in the next week or so. He has not seen that come in yet. Once the RFP is ready, the town can go to bid on that phase of the project. The hope is to have the building removed before the end of this year.

VII. Building & Site Design:

A. Town Office Programming: Tabled

B. Library Programming: Tabled

C. Well: M Beattie reported that he has begun a

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preliminary conversation with Parker Water Wells about putting a well on the site.

D. Town Office Visits: Continuing to work on arranging schedules and getting a visit set up at the Ferrisburg Town Office building.

VIII. Funding:

A. SWCRPC Grant Closeout: All bills associated with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) grant have been submitted and paid. The final tally is as follows, we spent \$32,390.91 out of an available total of \$35,382.52 leaving \$2,991.61 unspent and no longer available. All expenses were covered with the exception of one bill which came in after the grant deadline. That bill for \$379.27 will be submitted to the Agency of Commerce for possible coverage within their grant. If it does not meet their parameters, the bill will be submitted to the Town for payment out of the Municipal Facilities fund.

B. ACCD Grant: We are still waiting to hear back from the Agency of Commerce on the proposed grant revisions that we requested.

IX. Community Support:

A. Management & Planning Tools: Discussed earlier

B. Legislative Briefing: T Hurcomb is working with D Muniyak to assemble a written briefing letter that can be sent to our local and state legislators outlining the work we've accomplished so far on cleaning up the former Parker property, the grants received to date and so forth. They will bring a draft of the letter for review at the next Building Committee meeting.

X. Other Business: None

Adjourn: N Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 8:55pm, T Hurcomb seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 6 at 7pm at the Historical Society Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon
Building Committee Clerk



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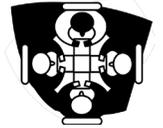
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Select Board Minutes Special Meeting October 3, 2013, Approved



Call to Order: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Public Present: Glenn Moyer, Deanna Moyer

Selectboard Vacancy:

- The Selectboard met with Glenn Moyer to discuss interest in the open Selectboard position.
- Deborah House forwarded a letter declining to meet with the board however expressing willingness to serve. She was unable to meet in person
- M. Lamson moves to enter into executive session to discuss the Selectboard vacancy. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Move into executive session 7:20.
- C. Haynes moves to exit executive session. J. Webber 2nd. Move out of executive session 7:35.
- C. Haynes moves to appoint Glen Moyer to the vacancy on the Selectboard. J. Webber 2nd. M. Lamson cites issues documented in the past with Glen and Selectboard member and employees. [C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – nay, S. Moyer – abstain].

Other Business:

- Fuller was unable to complete the grinding of Schoolhouse Road as scheduled due to out of state laborers on strike. Fuller has now scheduled the grinding to take place October 11 with the first paving coat on Oct. 14.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting October 10, 2013, Approved



Call to Order: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

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

Public Present: Laura Castle, Glen Moyer, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes of September 26 and October 3:

- Jim Webber moves to approve the September 26 minutes as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- October 3 Special Meeting minutes tabled.

Public Comments: None

Building Committee Report: Jim Webber moves to sign "Request for Reimbursement Form" from Southern Windsor County. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Auditors Report: None

Road Commissioner Report:

- Bill Reed – states that he will be presenting a written statement of things that have been completed by the highway department in the past 2 weeks and upcoming issues he will be dealing with due to inaccuracies he feels have been in the minutes.
- Vosha – no update
- School Road – equipment is in town to grind and pave
- Other Road Work – J. Webber inquires about the sign across from the town garage which has been down for 2 weeks. Bill Reed states that it is the state's responsibility.
- S. Moyer inquires about Coy Hill East near the old town dump which is washing off. Bill states that it will take grading to repair.
- Town backhoe and grader – Carl inquires what will be repaired. Bill states lift arms
 - Backhoe – Nortrax – completed annual service and provided quote for work which needs to be done (estimate of \$5072.41). Backhoe is at 4400 hours. Bill feels work which needs to be done is routine and the backhoe was originally purchased with a planned 7 year replacement. Nortrax suggested replacing belt and belt tensioner. Bill can order the parts and repair.
 - Jim Webber moves to have Bill replace belt tensioner and serpentine belt on the backhoe. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Firehouse Lane Water Issue: None

Law Suits: G. Kupferer contacted Carl Haynes. There was an issue with adjoining property owner in Wells however it appears to have been resolved.

Correspondence:

- Carl Haynes moves to purchase cement blocks from either

Genier or comparable supply and find a way to transport them and put in place before the sand pile is put up. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes – aye, M. Lamson – nay, motion carried]

- Green Up day inquiry/town coordinator
- Kupferer – \$1,069.75 legal fees
- Renewable Energy Vermont – conference at end of month
- Kupferer – copy of email received from Carolyn S. Earl esq. to Kupferer/Larson
- Non hazardous waste manifest – notification of transportation
- VT Health Connection – information on health benefits
- Service Request Form – Willow tree brushes cars on Route 140 W. near Brian Lamson property – Bill Reed
- Service Request Form – Dead tree on Route 140 near old Norton house – branches falling – Bill Reed
- Service Request Form – what is status of Park Ave as a town road and what are parking restrictions on a town road. – Bill Reed.
- Service Request Form – site view restriction – Schoolhouse Road, Firehouse Lane, Cemetery Road – Bill Reed
- Carl will refer requests to tree warden

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

Other Business:

- Vermont Health Connect: J. Webber – has heard most companies opting out of providing insurance because individuals may get subsidies based on income
- Bill inquires about evaluations. Will be added to next meeting agenda.
- M. Lamson moves to enter into executive session to discuss employee issues. S. Moyer 2nd. [C. Haynes – aye, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – nay, M. Lamson – aye, motion carried] Move into Executive Session 9:10. M. Lamson moves to exit Executive Session. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Move out of Executive Session 9:30. C. Haynes moves to contact the town attorney to meet with the Selectboard prior to next meeting. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- C. Haynes – inquires about time clock – M. Lamson will follow up
- S. Moyer inquires if a message has been recorded at town garage as requested. C. Haynes will follow up.
- S. Moyer/L. Castle – researched insurance on non-town vehicles being used for work purposes. Inquires if private vehicle used by employee should be added.

Adjourn: J. Webber move to adjourn, C. Haynes 2nd. Meeting adjourned 9:41 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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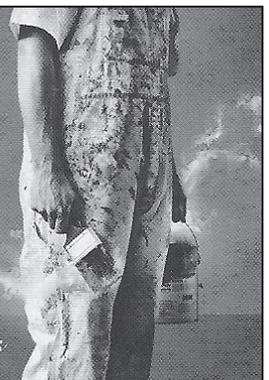
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Middletown Springs Elementary School News



October was Fire Prevention Month. The school was very fortunate to have a visit from members of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The firemen spent the morning visiting each classroom to discuss fire safety; especially in the kitchen. Also, students were able to see the firemen put on all their gear, including their air packs, to see and hear what a fireman would look and sound like if there was ever a fire at home. The afternoon was spent at the fire station where students watched live demonstrations of different methods used to extinguish fires. The students also had an opportunity to see and ask questions about the different vehicles that the fire department uses. The students and staff are very appreciative of the time the firemen volunteered for the good of our school and community.

The school has applied for a Farm to School Implementation grant. The goals that were written into the grant proposal are multi-focused. Through collaboration and sharing of skills, abilities, resources, knowledge, and experience within the school and greater community, the school will increase the purchase and use of local products for school meals. There will be partnerships created between school and local farmers to help educate students and families about farming, nutrition, and how purchasing local food can also help support farmers. Middletown Springs Elementary School will collaborate with Timmouth Elementary School to support a sustainable Farm to School Program. If the school is chosen as a recipient of the grant, the Farm to School Committee looks forward to working with community members in implementing the grant and seeing positive results for our students and community.

Vermont has adopted new science standards called Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). An important focus of the new standards is the inclusion of engineering and the engineering design process. Within the standards, there are opportunities for students to take the scientific knowledge they have acquired and apply it to the engineering design process to solve a problem or meet a human need. The engineering design process has students ask questions, imagine solutions, plan the solution, create the solution, test the solution, and improve upon it. Exposure to engineering will help connect students to science and encourage students to pursue science and engineering as careers.

— Rick Beal, Principal

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Board of School Directors Regular Meeting September 24, 2013, Official Minutes



Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Meredith Morgan (Vice-Chair), Karen Wilder (Clerk), Christopher Smid (Member), Sarah Haley (Member). Also Present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal, (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Public Present: None

Call to Order: Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Presentation: None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2013 (Regular) and August 30, 2013 (Special)

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the minutes of August 22 and August 30, 2013, Karen Wilder seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Karen Wilder distributed the minutes of the August 13, 2013 (Special) informational meeting regarding the school water project loan for review by the Board.

Clarence Haynes moved to adopt the minutes of August 13, 2013 with corrections, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

- b. Superintendent's Report: Supt. Paustian reported that she and Jan Dente will be updating personnel practices, such as dental/eye, etc., due to the results of negotiations. Support staff negotiations will take place again on October 2 and on October 30. Teachers have requested that the Board enter negotiations with them. Board members are working to come up with meeting dates. Supt. Paustian received a bill for 504 services for a secondary student from a private school which was discussed. Policies for private schools differ from public schools. Discussion took place about secondary schools and school choice. Supt. Paustian shared a PowerPoint presentation on how AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) is determined and recent AYP results for MSES students. Data and testing

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were discussed by the Board.

c. Principal's Report: Mr. Beal shared that the First Day Celebration was a success with a great garden-related student activity. MSES and Tinmouth were awarded a grant for the Learning Kitchen program. Both MSES and Tinmouth fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students and parents will come together to learn about cooking nutritious meals. All recipes and ingredients will be provided. Gary Ackerman (Tech. Integrationist) will be here for the next few weeks working with the teachers. Mr. Beal and Mr. Ackerman will be collaborating on a science and technology project. During the Sept. 24 in-service, teachers worked on developing new report cards encompassing Common Core standards. Melinda Coupe was hired to replace Netta Austin. Ann Reed was hired to teach music lessons during the school day; with an emphasis on band instruments. Other lessons will take place before and after school. The day the school's water pump didn't work, the Alert Now parent notification system also did not work, so it was a challenge to get the word out on the two-hour delay. Mr. Beal shared that the slow progress of the water system project has been frustrating. He has been contacting the state regarding when we can move forward. Mr. Beal spoke to Blair Enman of Enman Engineering who said the state is requiring a great deal of paperwork so changes and delays can, unfortunately, be part of the process. The slate roof project paperwork is being sent to the VT Historical Society so we can receive reimbursement. FFE and others are brainstorming fundraising ideas to replace the slide for the students and all the community children who use the playground. The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. will be at MSES for Fire Safety Week. James Reed, Training Officer wants to head up a full day program at the school, including specific instruction for the children on what they should do in case of a fire (stay low, don't hide so the firemen can find you, listen to the firemen, etc.).

d. Business Manager's Report: Current financial statements prepared by Louis Milazzo were included in the board packets. He also sent the Title I sub-grant paperwork for signature. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Approve Warrants:

- Warrant #166 in the amount of \$37,195.18 dated 8/14/13
- Warrant #167 in the amount of \$47,926.52 dated 8/28/13
- Chris Smid moved to approve Warrant #166 in the amount of \$37,195.18 dated 8/14/13 and Warrant #167 in the amount of \$47,926.52 dated 8/28/13, Sarah Haley seconded; motion carried 4-0, Clarence Haynes abstained.

General Public Comments: None

Old Business:

Shared Food Service Program with TSD - possibilities

- Tinmouth has decided to hire its own Cook. Marianna Charalabopoulos will help train their Cook on the required paperwork aspects of the job. Tinmouth will pay for hours Marianna spends on training.
- Sidewalk Project: Belden's contract for striping the driveway expires on October 1; however, the company hired by the Select Board to do the paving has not been in contact with Belden to coordinate the paving with the striping. Meredith Morgan has spoken with Town Clerk, Laura Castle about a contract extension for Belden. By consensus, the School Board agreed to request that the Select Board extend the contract with Belden Co. for two weeks after the paving is done so that the striping can be completed and covered under the grant. A School Board member will contact the Select Board with this request.

New Business:

- Sign Water Project Forms (loan documents)
- Loan documents from the state have not been received. This item will be revisited next month.
- Student Pathways
- Dr. Paustian shared that Vermont has enacted a law on dual enrollment; allowing high school students to take AP courses and earn both high school and college credits at the same time. At this point, the state is paying this tuition. This cost will more than likely be passed on to local schools in the future. Student Pathways will also allow high school students to pursue personal learning—individual, flexible ways to learn in order to accommodate special situations/interests. This initiative may be expanded to elementary schools at some point.
- Foreign Language Options: Meredith Morgan and Chris Smid asked about the possibility of providing a foreign language experience for our students. They would like Supt. Paustian to gather information on a language learning program they have heard about. She will check with other area superintendents.
- Pre-K Lunch: Mr. Beal addressed the board regarding the growing number of Pre-K students staying for lunch. He feels that three and four year olds are not developmentally ready for the lunchroom—following rules, carrying trays, etc. He is very concerned that we do not have adequate staff supervision available. Student safety is paramount.

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He believes it is in the best interest of the Pre-K students not to have them stay for lunch, but to provide a take-home bag lunch to those families who request them. The Board agreed by consensus to discontinue the practice of having Pre-K students stay for lunch and to have Mr. Beal send a letter to parents sharing this information.

- Lunch/Breakfast Program: We have an average of 46 students having breakfast and between 45-50 students having lunch daily. With increased participation and scratch-made meals, Mr. Beal states that the hours allotted to the Cook are not adequate. In order to maintain the high participation of students and the high quality of the food, we either need to add hours or make cuts to the breakfast meals. Mr. Beal would like to increase the Cook's hours to 37.5 hours per week and solicit volunteers for the kitchen to provide assistance with prep work. Clarence Haynes moved to increase Ms. Charalabopoulos' time from 30 to 37.5 hours per week, Sarah Haley seconded; motion carried 5-0.
- Title I Sub-grant: Supt. Paustian presented the revised Title I sub-grant documents for 2013 in the amount of \$42,770 and the Title I sub-grant documents for 2014 in the amount of \$35,648.

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the revised sub-grant for 2013 and the current sub-grant for 2014 by having the Board Clerk sign the grant forms, Sarah Haley seconded; motion carried.

Policies:

- F-46 Tuition Payment (revised) for approval
- D-12 Employee Harassment (revised) for approval
- Policies F-46 and D-12 were reviewed. Clarence Haynes moved to approve Policies F-46 and D-12, Karen Wilder seconded; motion carried.

Action on Personnel Contract:

- New Hires:
 1. Melinda Coupe - .80FTE IA/.20FTE Teacher
 2. Ann Reed—Instrumental Music Instructor
- Renewals:



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1. Donna Dudley – Before School Program Assistant
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4. Susan Rosso – After School Program Billing/Data Entry Clerk
5. Tracey Tinsley – Sports Coordinator
6. Sarah Humphreys – After School Program Instructor
7. Cathy Ward-Turner – After School Program Art Instructor
8. Chris Smid moved to approve the hiring of Melinda Coupe and Ann Reed and the renewals of Susan Rosso, Tracey Tinsley, Sara Humphreys, and Cathy Ward-Turner for the above-named positions, Sarah Haley seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building:
Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 10 at 6:00PM at MSES

Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) if warranted (Discussion & Possible Action): Clarence Haynes moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 8:32PM to discuss support staff negotiations, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 5-0. No action taken.

Motion made by Clarence Haynes to move the Board out of Executive Session at 9:10PM, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried.

Other Lawful Business: None

Adjournment: Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12PM, Karen Wilder seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosso
Recording Secretary



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| Rifle Season Begins | Sat. 16 | Sunrise | |
| Story Hour | Sat. 16 | 10 am | Library |
| FOL Annual Meeting | Sun. 17 | 2 pm | Library |
| Fire Dept. Training | Tues. 19 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| Building Comm Meeting | Thurs. 21 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Tinmouth Game Supper | Sat. 23 | 4 pm | Tinmouth |
| Fire Dept. Meeting | Tues. 26 | 7 pm | Fire House |
| Fountain of Youth | Wed. 27 | 11 am | Young at Heart |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thurs. 28 | | |
| Contra Dance | Fri. 29 | 8 pm | Tinmouth |
| Men's Prayer Breakfast | Sat. 30 | 8 am | School |
| Breakfast with Santa | Sat. 30 | 9 am | Fire House |

December

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|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| Rifle Season Ends | Sun. 1 | Sunset | |
| Knitting Circle | Mon. 2 | 7 pm | Library |
| Planning Comm Meeting | Mon. 2 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Library Trustees Meeting | Wed. 4 | 10:30 am | Library |
| Building Comm Meeting | Wed. 4 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| First Response Meeting | Thurs. 5 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| MSHS Trustee Meeting | Thurs. 5 | 7:30 pm | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| Muzzleloader Season | Sat. 7 | Sunrise | |
| Story Hour | Sat. 7 | 10 am | Library |
| Holiday Craft Fair | Sun. 8 | 10 am to 3 pm | School |
| Select Board Meeting | Thurs. 12 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Muzzleloader Ends | Sun. 15 | Sunset | |
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