

Calendar

October

Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 15	6:30 pm	Fire House
Library Friends Meeting	Tues. 15	7 pm	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 17	7 pm	Town Office
School Board Meeting	Thurs. 17	6 pm	School
Tinmouth Contra Dance	Fri. 18	8 pm	Tinmouth Center
Hazardous Waste	Sat. 19	8-11:30 am	Rutland Town
BINGO!	Mon. 21	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 22	7 pm	Fire House
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 24	7 pm	Town Office
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 26	8 am	School
BINGO!	Mon. 28	7 pm	Fire House
Fountain of Youth	Thurs. 30	11 am	Poultney
HALLOWEEN	Fri. 31		

November

BINGO!	Mon. 4	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Comm. Meeting	Mon. 4	7 pm	Town Office
Library Trustees Meeting	Wed. 6	10:30 am	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Wed. 6	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Thurs. 7	6:30 pm	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs. 7	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Sullivan Woods Hike	Sat. 9	9:30 am	Sullivan Woods
Youth Deer Hunting Wkd	Sat. 9 - Sun. 10		
Veteran's Day	Mon. 11		
BINGO!	Mon. 11	7 pm	Fire House
Select Board	Thurs. 14	7 pm	Town Office
Rifle Deer Season Begins	Sat. 16		

Calendar Events – subject to change.

When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

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Small Plane Crash-Lands Off West Street



Photo by Emmett Francois

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, Vt. — A pilot and his passenger escaped serious injury when their plane crash-landed in a field in Middletown Springs this morning.

The pilot, Richard Piccirilli, 65, of Sun City, Calif., told police he took off in his small single-engine Cessna this morning from an airstrip near Burlington and planned to fly to an airport in the Glen Falls, N.Y., area.

However, Piccirilli told police, he learned that the airport's runway was filled with hot-air balloons.

The Adirondack Balloon Festival is taking place today at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Queensbury, N.Y. Piccirilli said he then headed toward the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport in North Clarendon to refuel, but



Photo by Nicholas Seidner

The aviation gods and goddesses were really having a good time with us on the morning of September 21st. A close call on West Street for sure. We are thankful for the great teamwork the MSVFD proved under what could have been a very traumatic and fateful experience caring for the pilot and co-pilot in the plane that came down in our meadow. Also, much appreciation to Rodney Tarbell for making the time in his busy life to help the mechanic remove the plane from our property.

Nick and Diane — West Street



Photo by Nicholas Seidner

didn't make it and crash-landed in a field near Route 140 around 9:30 a.m.

The Middletown Springs Public Library book sale was this morning, and library trustee Lois Dansereau heard the plane coming down.

"I can tell you we were here, we heard this plane, it was very very low, just over the treetops," she said. "Then it made a funny sound, and we heard it crash."

She said people from the book sale event, including a retired emergency medical technician, ran over to help the pilot and passenger.

Piccirilli suffered several small cuts and a possible broken wrist, Vermont State Police Sgt. Thomas Mozzer said in a press release. Passenger David Querry, 53, of Hemet, Calif., suffered a larger cut on the nose, the release stated.

At least one of the plane's occupants was taken to Rutland Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The plane was fully intact with "significant impact damage" to the front nose portion and landing gear, police said. (Reprinted from the *Rutland Herald*, Sept. 21, 2013.)



Middletown Springs Elementary School News

There will be an exciting learning opportunity that will be available for parents and students. Middletown Springs and Tinmouth Village School were awarded a collaborative "The Learning Kitchen" grant. Staff members from both schools will work with parents and students on learning how to prepare healthy meals over a six week period beginning in January. The plan is to meet after school with students in Tinmouth and parents in Middletown Springs. It will be an exciting opportunity for students and parents from both towns to come together and learn about cooking and healthy eating.

The school will be applying for a Farm to School Implementation grant in October. The goal of the project is to develop a stronger, healthier community by teaching students the values of local agriculture, community involvement, and healthy nutrition. We would like to create a sustainable Farm to School program by increasing the purchase and use local products for school meals; create partnerships between school and local farmers to educate about farming, nutrition and food; support local farms.

Vermont schools will be moving to implementing the newly adopted "Next Generation Science Standards"(NGSS). The standards are very clear in the skills and knowledge that students in each grade should be acquiring. An important part of the new science standards is having students do engineering which is the application of scientific knowledge to solving a problem or a need. Students at MSPL are beginning to be exposed to the learning opportunities with NGSS. First and second grade learned about biomimicry and then applied it to creating a model of a protective suit that could be worn while mountain biking. Also, first through 4th has been learning about the engineering design process on Fridays. It has been a pleasure to see excitement with students being engaged with science and engineering. —Rick Beal, Principal

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The main course is served at 12 noon. The cost of this home-style meal for seniors over the age of 60 is just \$3.25 (which is no "trick"). Make your reservation by calling the Center at 287-9200. Good food and fellowship will be in abundance.

Castleton Community Seniors have invited Middletown seniors to their Gala Game Days. The first Friday of each month from 12:00 to 2:30 starts with a free deli lunch followed by a wide variety of games including: Wii Bowling, Shuffleboard, Golf Putting, card games, Dominoes, Darts, Scrabble and other board games. Reservations are required for lunch. Their address is 2108 Main Street, Castleton, VT. Telephone # 468-3093 and E-mail address is homested@shoreham.net.

Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Grant

Big news... Middletown Springs Public Library (MSPL) recently received a Rural Library Grant through the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading and writing in children across Vermont and New Hampshire. The grant enables rural public libraries to create excitement around reading, increase circulation, and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve. While applied for by MSPL, this grant benefits both the town & school libraries as well children birth-grade 6 in this community.

CLiF will work closely with the public library, the local elementary school, and area daycares and preschools to provide extensive support over the course of one school year. This includes:

- \$2,000 in new, high-quality children's books for the public library (selected by public librarian)
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8:00-11:30 a.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

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- TIRES are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.

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bridge construction to move forward for completion by Oct. 1. S. Moyer 2nd. M. Lamson inquires as to what will be the process . [J. Webber - aye, S. Moyer - aye, C. Haynes - aye, M. Lamson - nay, motion carried]

· Bill has been ditching, building headers, equipment maintenance, has culverts that need to be replaced and sections to topcoat.

· Accident report – rear window of Bob’s truck was broken by rock while weed-whacking

· International 7400 will need patch in subbody in box

· J. Webber received call about fill being placed at Dwight Buxton property – Per Bill this is the closest place to the work which had a clean fill request form filed with the town.

· VOSHA Complaint – document will be sent for the board to sign – fine has been reduced.

· Mark McManus – not a problem for highway employees to use the Fire Station restroom

· Road crossing policy - suggested that the policy be signed by the Selectboard and initialed by employees

· Other Road Work:

· Winter sand – Carl received quote from Jim Sheldon for \$3.25/yd for screening at Parker’s pit. Bill inquires about loading the town trucks while screening. Carl did not cover this with Sheldon. C. Haynes moves to hire Jim Sheldon to screen 2,000 yards of material. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] M. Lamson inquires when it will be completed - October.

· Transfer station/sand pile area issue of hill eroding behind sand pile. Bill researched adding concrete blocks. \$50/10’ block - need to be stacked 2 high @ 90° (18 blocks). Backhoe cannot handle the blocks and we would have to contract hauling and placing. M. Lamson would like to see the hill seeded and no blocks, will meet with Bill to discuss this option and revisit next meeting.

· Carl inquires about deadline/updating of signs and posts per new state standard. Per Bill the deadline is 2015 for at least road name signs. Bill could arrange for contact to meet with the board to discuss requirements.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: Fence - M. Lamson will contact Middlebury Fence for quotes and contractors if necessary to repair.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue: S. Moyer contacted G. Stannard who will complete a survey on the town owned property on Firehouse Lane by the first of the year and could also lay out a road if necessary. Estimate of \$1,500 - \$2,000.

West Street Property: Letter of interest in the property received during correspondence. Carl believes any sale has to be publicly announced with voters given the right to oppose the sale. S. Moyer thinks it should be advertised publically if this is the route we are taking. Will be discussed at next meeting with full board. J. Webber would like someone to contact the interested party and let them know of the process. Carl Haynes will contact.

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

Other Business:

· Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster. Pam Clapp, SWAC rep, contacted to discuss pending electronics recycling changes. M. Lamson moves to notify Pam Clapp that the town will proceed with the electronics recycling per Casella proposal. [all in favor, motion carried]

· Money order for \$155 from Ron Dufour for metal collection. M. Lamson would like to discuss insurance coverage concerns regarding private citizen collecting metal before next metal day to ensure there is no liability.

Adjourn: J. Webber move to adjourn, S. Moyer 2nd. Meeting adjourned 9:39 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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Planning Commission News

As we reported last month, the Planning Commission is in the process of preparing an application to the State of Vermont for acceptance into the “Designated Village Center” program. A Designated Village Center is defined as “a traditional center of the community, typically comprised of a cohesive core of residential, civic, religious and commercial buildings, arranged along a main street and intersecting streets.” Obtaining this designation will have several benefits to the Town, including the availability of tax credits for commercial and historic structures within the district and priority consideration for Municipal Planning Grants and funding from Vermont’s Community Development Program.

In cooperation with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, we have developed a map that defines a proposed village center of Middletown Springs. The Selectboard has reviewed this map and given its preliminary approval. We now want to make the map available for review by the public, prior to submission to the State of Vermont, Department of Housing and Community Development. The map is available under the Planning Commission section of the town’s website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-departments/planning-commission/> and in the Town Clerk’s office.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of every month in the Town Clerk’s office. At our meeting of November 4, 2013 we will be prepared to answer any questions or concerns that you may have about this program. For more information on this or any other Planning Commission business you may contact John Arsenault, Chair (jea@vermontel.net), Maureen McCormack, Secretary (moe@vermontel.net), or Tom Hurcomb, RRPC Representative (hurcomb@vermontel.net).



Middletown Springs
Volunteer Fire Department

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, October 19th 5pm to 7pm

Middletown Springs
Volunteer Fire Department
Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, November 30th at 9am
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Tinmouth Contra Dance Friday, October 18 at 8pm



Come to an exuberant contra dance with local favorites the Cold River Band with Lausann Allen calling at the Tinmouth Community Center on October 18 from 8 – 11 pm. Special “First-Timer” deal –if you have never been to a Tinmouth Contra Dance, the cost is reduced to \$5! Please tell us that you are a first timer when you are paying your admission.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center, Rte 140 in the center of Tinmouth. 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 is October 18.



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News from the Library

Halloween Rest Stop...

The Library will be open on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30-8pm to welcome Trick-or-Treaters of all ages. Light refreshments, give-away books, and public restroom will be available to make your night on the town.

Take a break at the library and see what's going on.

Book Sale...

A hearty thanks to all who helped set up, staff, shop, and clean up after the book sale. It was a Herculean task with more books than ever. We hope you found some treasures to entertain and enlighten you during the winter to come. The sale raised more than \$800 for the library's operating budget and several thousand books have found their way to new readers. With the added excitement of the plane crash on Saturday morning, this book sale was one for the record.

Volunteers...

Just back from the ARSL conference in Omaha, Librarian Kimberly is full of ideas to better manage the collection and for winter programming. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the library: open shifts include 2nd Monday 5-7pm, 4th Tuesday 5-7pm and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays afternoons. Movie Hosts are needed for Friday evenings... be part of the movie committee to help choose what is showing. Volunteers are also needed to help behind the scenes with cataloguing and book processing. Interested in getting involved? Stop in the library or contact Kimberly at 235-2435 or kimberly@mtslibrarycomcastbiz.net.

Teen Community Service...

Seeking high school students interested in providing tech support in the library to patrons. We would like Tuesday (5-7pm) to be Tech Night when digitally-challenged patrons could come in for some one-on-one support in accessing the internet, social media, or have other computer-related questions. Training in how best to provide tech support will be offered. Contact Kimberly for more information at 235-2435 or kimberly@mtslibrarycomcastbiz.net.



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New on the Shelves:

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How the Light Gets In by Louise Penny
And three by Debbie Macomber: *The Inn at Rose Harbor*
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See you at the Library....

Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson
Town Librarian



MSPL Librarian Receives VTLIB Scholarships for ARSL Conference

Town Librarian, Kimberly Mathewson was one of six Vermont public library directors to be awarded a full scholarship from the Vermont Dept. of Libraries to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries' Conference in Omaha, NE, on September 25-28. She joined five other librarians from around Vermont and Michael Roche, a VTLIB Library Consultant, to attend the conference of hundreds of library workers from across the country. Conference attendees attended sessions on a wide range of topics, including: fund-raising, reference, programming, library management, library technology, and community engagement. The scholarship covered the costs of conference registration, travel, lodging and meals.

The six scholarship recipients were: Amy Wisheart, Hartland Public Library; Carol Nicholson, Goodrich Memorial Library, Newport; Lisa Sammet, Jeudevine Memorial Library, Hardwick; Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson, Middletown Springs Public Library; Amy Olsen, Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park; and Rebecca Cook, Poultney Public Library. Funding for these scholarships came from the federal Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) program, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting September 26, 2013, Approved

Call to Order: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Board Present: Jim Webber, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

Public Present: Laura Castle, Jackie and Earl Parker, Glen Moyer, Bill Read

Approval of Minutes of August 13, August 22, September 12, September 20

· Carl Haynes moves to approve the August 13 Special Meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [J. Webber - aye, S. Moyer - aye, C. Haynes - aye, M. Lamson - abstain]

· Carl Haynes moves to approve the August 22 Special Meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [J. Webber - aye, S. Moyer - aye, C. Haynes - aye, M. Lamson - abstain]

· Carl Haynes moves to approve the September 12 Regular Meeting as amended. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

· J. Webber moves to approve the September 20 Special Meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [J. Webber - aye, S. Moyer - aye, C. Haynes - aye, M. Lamson - abstain]

Public Comments: None

Safe Routes to School:

· Belden requested a no cost contract extension to allow completion of paving/stripping prior to grant expiration. M. Lamson moves to sign the no cost change contract extension regarding SRTS contract. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

· Carl requested an update from Tom Fuller regarding Schoolhouse Road paving however has not received a return call.

Building Committee Report: None

Auditors Report:

· Jackie Parker - Auditors met today - next meeting will focus on fiscal year 2013 report. Auditors would like to know about new policy regarding highway employees using firehouse restrooms (crossing street policy). Auditors would recommend a written copy presented to employees and to have them sign.

· Auditors discussed what they feel is a lack of policies and procedures in place - auditors are planning to conduct research regarding potentially expanding written policies. As an example, road foreman/road commissioner job classification (M. Lamson feels that those 2 descriptions are already in place). Another example is classifying expenses accurately. Inquires if there is a policy regarding call outs for emergencies - how much time charged. There is no policy regarding this. Auditors will continue working on this and present recommendations.

Correspondence:

· Vermont Health Connect letter regarding notification. Dis-

ussion/research of the requirements to notify employees of the new Vermont Health Connect. A provision of the U.S. Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates that ALL employers provide each of their current employees and new hires individually with written notice about the state's new health insurance marketplace, known as The Exchange or Vermont Health Connect (VHC), BY OCTOBER 1, 2013.

· S. Moyer moves to notify all town employees by October 1 of the requirements of the Vermont Health Connect. J. Webber 2nd. C. Haynes inquires elected or hired. M. Lamson believes hired, J. Parker agrees. [all in favor, motion carried]

· M. Lamson will conduct further research as there are additional requirements before the new year. Jim would like a VLCT rep to address the board. M. Lamson will contact.

· Glenn Moyer letter of interest in open Select Board seat.

· Note from individual expressing interest in the town owned property on West Street.

· Copy of correspondence requesting motion to dismiss from G. Kupfer re. Pepperman vs. Dept of Taxes and Town of Middletown Springs.

· Large dump day action needed - Laura will contact Hubbard for dumpsters

· Letter from Comcast notifying service to library and school

· Service Request Form from Bill Reed - request agenda for Select Board meeting 9/26

· Service Request Form - pothole on Pleasant View Rd - filled 9/24

· Service Request Form A. Haley - Haley Rd sign to be reset - sign has been reset

· Service Request Form from L. Moldeski - Tree across Haley Rd

· Service Request Form from M. Lamson - Potholes on Coy Hill - repaired

Appointments:

· Selectboard position: M. Lamson, J. Webber would like an opportunity to meet with the interested candidates individually. Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday October 3 to meet with the candidates.

West Street/Route 140 Project: None

Road Commissioner Report:

· Carl received quotes to repair the wingwalls on the West Street bridge near Parker Water Wells. Our permit expires Oct. 1 and construction is to begin tomorrow 9/27. Permit documents were reviewed - discussion of how to proceed. M. Lamson concerned that we have not satisfied requirements of the permit, most notably that a preconstruction meeting be scheduled to discuss project specifics with contractor per state requirement. C. Haynes feels that we should go ahead with the 3 repairs as scheduled and he notify Jaron Borg with the state of the process. J. Webber moves to have Carl contact Jaron Borg to see about

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Winter sand – options are to screen sand at Parker’s pit which allows storage space and the option to purchase the screening tailings for spring mud needs or purchase sand from various pits. Parker’s pit: \$4.90/yard for bank run gravel, screening @ \$4/cu.yd. 3,000 cubic yards for 2 years total of \$8.90/yard. To purchase sand Chet McCullough - \$7.50 at pit/\$10/delivered. Stan Martel \$8 at pit/\$12 delivered. Hulcomb \$5.25 at pit/\$9.50 delivered. C. Larson moves to purchase 2,000 yards from Parker’s and authorize Bill to purchase 1,500 yards from Chet McCullough if screening is not an option. M. Lamson 2nd. Carl inquires if we should seek other options for screening. Carl will check for cheaper screening options. [S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – nay, J. Webber- nay, C. Larson – aye, motion defeated] C. Haynes moves to purchase 2,000 yards from Parker as long as we can find options for screening. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Bill inquires about shoring up the bank behind the sand pile. Bill should move forward with repair.
- VT Local Roads – Bill will attend. C. Larson moves to authorize Bill to attend. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- International 7600 truck is at Bill Lyles to repair sander and wing
- Roadside mowing scheduled for this fall
- Bill inquires if letters were sent to property owners on Brown Road about not continuing to maintain this portion of the road. C. Haynes will send letters.
- VOSHA Citation – notification of penalty. \$450 fine for running water and toilet facility. Chris recommends sending letter requesting hearing citing employee use of fire station restroom and extra time to comply. S. Moyer moves to approve the highway department washroom policy as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Carl inquires about windshields on dump trucks and if they can be repaired in town cheaper. Bill states that mirrors will also need to be ordered.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: Tires were removed by K&S tire.
Salt Shed Replacement: The current salt shed is not shedding water and Bill feels it is in danger of coming down.
Firehouse Lane Water Issue: None
West Street Property: None
 Poultney Snowmobile Club Request

Ernie attends to ask permission to conduct work which they will pay for on Dayton Hill Road. Ernie spoke with Ed Preseau (property owner) who gave permission to complete any work on his property. Estimating 6 hours with excavator. C. Haynes moves to grant permission to the Poultney Snowmobile Club to complete the work to repair the mud holes. J. Webber 2nd. Bill Reed points out that we will be granting permission to work on a town road and they should be insured. Ernie will need to provide insurance certificate. S. Moyer is concerned about setting

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precedent for work. C. Larson fills out “Work in Right of Way.” [C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes, aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – nay, S. Moyer – nay, motion carried]

Pepperman Suit: Gary Kupferer is providing coverage on behalf of the town. VLCT will not cover the town in this instance. Gary has filed for motion to dismiss.

Garron Road Suit:

- Waiting for parties to complete land transfer
- D. Munyak inquires about settlement – at mediation it was agreed that Ventrella would transfer strip of land to Riedinger, right of way granted to adjoin land owner, town will discontinue road, VLCT contribute purchase price to Ventrella

Appointments: Need constable, planning commission members
Financials/Board Orders: J. Webber moves to approve the financial board orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence:

- Letter from Deborah House expressing interest in open Select Board position
- Service Request from Jack Shinn– Dudley Road – cleaning culvert (completed)
- Service Request from Bill Reed requesting copies of unapproved and approved minutes from August 8 and August 22.
- \$491 invoice from G. Kupferer
- Ginger Archer Interiors – letter regarding piece of land on North Road (TH06-240)
- VLCT – declining coverage for Pepperman suit.
- Agency of Transportation – accepting applications for transportation alternative program (ex. SRTS)
- VLCT – annual meeting notice

Other Business:

- Bill inquires about employee evaluations. Chris recommends executive session to complete at a future special meeting.
- Bill requests something in newsletter regarding trees and power loss – calls should be placed to the power company – Green Mountain Power. Stress safety issue of not touching trees on power lines.
- C. Haynes thanks Chris Larson for his efforts to the Select-board and town.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 10:48 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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Middletown Springs Building Committee Meeting Minutes August 15, 2013 — Approved



Present: David Munyak, Tom Hurcomb, Michael Beattie, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Laura Castle, Shirley Moyer, Patty McWilliams, David Wright, and Patty Kenyon
Call to Order: D Munyak called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

There was no formal Agenda for this meeting. The intent is to discuss the pros and cons of the Friends In Adoption (FIA) building and then move on to other pertinent business. At the latest building committee meeting (last Wednesday 8/7/2013) the committee met with the Select Board and a representative from FIA at the FIA building to take a tour to see if their existing building (now up for sale) might be an appropriate space for a new Town Office. Subsequent to that meeting, members were asked to submit a list of Pros & Cons about the building to D Munyak to compile. We began the meeting reviewing the compiled list that D Munyak brought with him and opening up discussion.

Discussion started with the concern about the building’s handicap accessibility, specifically the narrow hallway (in-accessible) between the front of the first floor and the vault which is at the back of the first floor. Also the second floor space and just what it might be used for without an elevator which would make it truly handicap accessible.

The committee then talked about compiling a comprehensive list of upgrades that would need to be done to the FIA building in order to bring it into compliance for a Town Office. The list could be generated fairly easily by the committee with the help of Michael Beattie who knows the regulations and could help us with that to do list and assign cost to it. Having this information is the only way to know just how much this building might cost us – the still unknown and comparison factor is the costs of the proposed building on the corner site, so there was some question as to whether or not proceeding with a cost analysis was the best use of the committee’s time right now. There are still too many unknowns in regard to the former Parker site at this time.

There was also some discussion about whether or not the FIA building is in the flood plain and its proximity to the Poultney River. The current flood plain maps were not available in the town office for viewing by the committee. Also, the accuracy of the maps is an unknown, as Middletown Springs was re-mapped but only by viewing topographical maps, not physically and property owners in town have had issue with

the accuracy since the re-mapping.

Other discussion focused on what would happen to the corner property if the town chose to purchase the FIA building and not use the current intended site. Would it be turned into Green Space, would it be sold after the cleanup was finished, etc? Some folks questioned why the committee is even considering changing course at this late date – just this week the underground tanks were removed from the former Parker site and we are in the middle of that site’s rehab. Aren’t we already committed to the site we’ve chosen?

Discussion then moved to the viability of the chosen site and some of the still unknowns or perceived unknowns, such as the well and septic, can the site sufficiently support both a well and a septic system – one that is big enough to see us through the foreseeable future and beyond? M Beattie assured the committee that the engineer has said yes, the site can support a septic that is more than adequate to house the Town Office with a 30 person meeting room and a library (if the library idea comes to fruition). The site also has room for a well – the location of each is fairly specific.

Then discussion turned to the well and the fact that since we know where it needs to be, that we might want to attempt to drill a well on the site in the specified location before we get too much further down the road, but after the cleanup is complete. This would be a good first step as the viability of the site depends on getting an adequate source of potable water. Discussion then turned to back to the FIA building and its well and septic – comparing the issues that might be encountered on that site. The well is there -we do not know if the water has been tested, and the lister’s card states the septic (after the renovation) as being “less than typical”. So that could be a concern with that property as well.

Other items on the pros & cons list related to the age of the FIA building (150 years old) which significantly shortens its lifespan for the future of the town; that it cannot also accommodate the library (whose board is interested in pursuing the possibility of moving to the corner with the Town Office); that it has a vault, but that the vault is too small for our needs so would need upgrading; the building could be available fairly quickly – depending on the needed renovations; the building has adequate parking; it’s a beautiful historic building and generally in good shape with some great renovations; it’s close to the center of town; internet and phone wiring is up to date and move in ready; the location would have less safety issues than the 4 corners; it is an old building so maintenance could become an issue in the future; the current layout would not be efficient for a Town Office setting; would need an elevator

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to make 2nd floor accessible; no large meeting room; buying this property would remove it from the tax rolls; the asking price is significantly more than the tax appraisal value; the basement is damp and wet – might lead to mold problems. After much deliberation and consideration the committee reached consensus and were ready to make a recommendation to the Select Board regarding the possibility of purchasing the FIA property.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman moved that the Building Committee does not recommend pursuing the Friends In Adoption property at this time. Patty McWilliams seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Next item up for discussion: The next steps for the corner property now that the tanks have been removed. D Muniak started the discussion in regard to the next steps. Once the tanks are gone (which is now done) and the PCB's removed (will be happening in the next couple of weeks), we move on to the removal of the building under the Agency of Commerce grant. Through this grant we are eligible for funds to remove the building (lead and asbestos abatement) and also for some site excavation work, which if we were ready, could potentially include the excavation for the future building's basement. The snag is that we'd need to request that the Agency of Commerce grant us an extension on the work deadline because 1. We are not far enough along in our design process to determine the foundation needs, and 2. Even if we were, we would not have enough time to adequately finish the foundation before the winter. All agreed that we should try to get an extension on the grant so that we can push these decisions out to late winter and be ready for work in early spring still trying to take full advantage of this funding opportunity.

We then discussed the "building program" which is essentially the individual function and space needs for each user of the building – this is how the size of the building will be determined which then leads to the building sketches and preliminary building designs. M Beattie will begin work on the program and the committee will meet with the Town Officials at their next meeting to discuss their space needs following up on discussions they have had with Michael previously. After that meeting the building program can be put together and then we will have a public meeting to share those space needs and gather input from the town on our projected needs, asking for ideas for improvements, other needs, and overall input.

T Hurcomb suggested that we should ask that some folks (at least one) from the library board join our committee and attend meetings since they have expressed interest in pursuing a possible co-habitation in the new building. The committee agreed. Dave Muniak will take this task on.

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Discussion turned to building funding and how we might attract donors and in-kind sources similar to the model used in Wells. The question was asked, what makes our building attractive to a potential donor? P Kenyon suggested that one option would be to strive to design and build an "Energy Plus" building – one that produces more energy than it uses – that excess energy production can then be used to buy down other town uses not attached to the actual building site. Our town office could be a model for all types of new smaller public buildings. D Muniak added that we could include an educational component that would explain all the innovative systems and give credit to the folks who helped to provide them (which would be an additional incentive to donate some services). Patty also reminded the committee that we have an offer from an energy engineer to help us with a plan like this pro bono.

Some folks were worried that the townspeople might not go for this idea and would be afraid that this type of building would cost too much or ultimately not produce as planned. Other members thought that it was a worthy approach to producing a building that will bring us in some in-kind services and donations and also serve the needs of the town with no energy costs for years to come and at an affordable initial cost. The conclusion was that the only way this type of forward thinking approach might work is if the townspeople are on board with the plans and could see that the technologies do work and that the build could be affordable. So the committee would need to be able to show examples of projects that have worked and share them with the townspeople on an ongoing basis.

No other ideas for securing funding were brought up.

Next building committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th. This will be a building program meeting. Representatives from each town department will be asked to attend to discuss their space needs for architectural planning.

Last order of business is to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013. There were a few minor corrections/clarifications suggested. Michael Beattie moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013 as amended. Patty McWilliams seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon, Acting Clerk




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· District 3 Tom Roberts met with property owners. Bill feels it is unlikely the state will donate resources (engineer/materials) to alleviate drainage issues near East Street.

· Other option is to run drainage pipes to catch basin across town green

· Jim Pease Agency of Natural Resources suggested rain gardens, crowning access road to rented property, drainage north of transfer station, seeding areas.

· J. Webber moves to hire a surveyor to complete a survey to determine what grant options are available. C. Larson 2nd. M. Lamson inquires about cost and would like to see an estimate. Mark McManus estimates \$1,000 or more. [S. Moyer – aye, C. Haynes – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Larson – nay, S. Moyer – aye, motion carried]

· C. Haynes moves to get an estimate from Stannard for the survey. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor – motion carried]

· Mark states as part of lease, Fire Dept is to notify of any planned changes to firehouse. Fire department is proposing a 8' x 8' addition so that the bay can accommodate the ladder truck. J. Webber inquires about how Church parking will be affected. Mark thinks there will be some but little impact on parking.

· C. Larson inquires if the town employees will be able to use firehouse bathroom as may be required by the OSHA violation. Mark will speak with the association.

Public Comments: None

Safe Routes to School: Carl spoke with Tom Fuller. Option of grinding on a Saturday is not possible. Planning to complete grinding week of the September 23rd.

Building Committee Report:

· WiFi Grant Proposal – VT Council on Rural Development – Caitlyn Lovegrove attends to discuss WiFi grant opportunities to provide free and public WiFi zone in the center of town (town green and within town offices). J. Webber inquires if after the 5 year grant period there would be fees. Caitlyn states current fee structure is \$150/access point/year to renew however in 5 years the technology may change and there is no commitment to renew. M Lamson moves to authorize the WiFi proposal as recommended by the Building Committee. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

· Dave Muniak - PCB cleanup occurred prior to deadline for funding. Tanks and soil have been removed. Waiting on invoicing and fund dispersal for final financial report. Preliminary guess is that all work will be covered.

· Building Removal – David spoke with Kristin at Agency of Commerce to get updated contract and to ask for extension. Has not received a reply to date. LBG to prepare request for proposal to remove the building. John Diego of LBG recommends hiring (subcontracting to) Claypoint Associates (rough estimate of \$700 - \$800) to prepare the bid request packet for building removal. C. Haynes moves to authorize the building committee to retain Claypoint to prepare a request for proposal and help with the bid



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process. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

· Building Committee - At Sep. 4 meeting discussed with listers, planning commission, town officers, etc. needs and expected uses of future town office to begin design work. Still seeking input from clerk and auditors.

· Building Committee recommends appointing Krystal Hier, Lois Dansereau and librarian Kimberly Mathewson to the Building Committee. C. Larson moves to appoint Krystal Hier, Lois Dansereau, and Kimberly Mathewson to the Building Committee. M. Lamson 2nd. Discussion of necessary quorum inhibiting Building Committee when all don't attend. [all in favor, motion carried]

Auditors Report: None

Lister's Report:

· Salley Achey – attends on behalf of Listers to ask Select Board to review the application of penalties for the Homestead application misfiling. Recommending to review annually so that taxpayers can be informed by 4/15 filing deadline. Penalty for filing a homestead which is not homestead or for not filing a homestead declaration. 2013 – everyone has to file homestead applications by 4/15 annually. 8 people in town filed late. If file late, penalty of 3% or 8% of correct education tax amount. Listers responsible to waive or assess the penalty – listers are recommending waiving the penalty for the 8 people. Listers to review application of penalties for homestead misfiling.

· Jim Webber moves to waive the homestead penalties assessed. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye J. Webber- aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

· The listers will revisit with the Selectboard in March to discuss misfilings.

West Street/Route 140 Project: Fuller Paving will return to gravel the shoulders. Lines have been partially painted.

Road Commissioner Report:

· Has not heard from the state regarding the grant to repair the wingwalls on the bridge by Parker Water Wells. Permit expires October 1. Total cost a little over \$6,000. Bill does not feel there is time to put the project out to bid. Carl would like to see cost estimates from contractors to complete the labor. Special meeting could be scheduled to review quotes for Tuesday September 17. Carl will get quotes. J. Webber moves to allow Carl Haynes to get estimates and approve the lowest bid to complete the work as long as the total amount was under the grant estimate. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

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Comcast – information on how to contact in emergency
Fleet permit request Trombley from Castleton – insurance
and \$10 check included. M. Lamson moves to approve the
fleet permit. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor: motion carried]

American Red Cross – descrip of disaster shelter initia-
tive – request meeting if interested

Other Business:

Appointments:

Dan McKeen – expressed interest in appointment to Cope-
land Church Fund. S. Moyer moves to appoint Dan McKeen
to the Copeland Church Fund. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor,
motion carried]

S. Moyer moves to appoint Gene Bertsche as Trustee of
Public Monies and also as Trustee of Copeland Cemetery
Fund. J. Webber. [all in favor, motion carried]

Carl Haynes expresses interest in serving on the Copeland
Milk Fund. C. Larson moves to appoint Carl Haynes to the
Copeland Milk Fund. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, C.
Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes
– abstain: motion carried]

Bill inquires where the wood from Daisy Hollow Road
can be dumped. Carl has an area where it could be dumped
on his property.

OSHA – Carl inquires about any update. C. Larson states
no update yet. Will need to write road crossing policy, eye
washing station, transfer station employees. Chris will speak
with the fire station about employees using facilities.

S. Moyer moves to empower the tax collector to send out
the warning of impending tax sales for delinquent taxes. C.
Larson 2nd. [all in favor: motion carried]

C. Haynes moves to allow the tax collector to work with
Gary Kupferer on the tax sales. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor:
motion carried]

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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Select Board Minutes

**Regular Meeting – September 22, 2013
Approved**



Call to Order: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Board Present: Chris Larson, Jim Webber, Shirley Moyer, Mike
Lamson, Carl Haynes

Public Present: Bill Reed, David Munyak, Laura Castle, Mark
McManus, Jim Georg, John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb, Ernie
Demez, John Crowningshield, Maureen McCormack, Sally
Achey, Caitlyn Lovegrove

Approval of Minutes of August 7, August 8, August 13, August
22

Carl Haynes moves to approve the August 7 Special Meeting
and August 8 Regular Meetings as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [all
in favor, motion carried]

August 13 August 22 meetings tabled.

John Arsenault for the Planning Commission

· Village Center Designation – offered by Housing and Urban
Development

· Benefits – tax credits for rehabilitation, income producing
properties, priority for grants (municipal and HUD)

· “Presents Proposed Village Center Designation” map.

· C. Larson moves to authorize the application for the village
center designation. J. Webber 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if there
should be a public notice and timeframe for review. Motion
amended to “to authorize the application for the village center
designation after notice in the Magnet is provided.” [all in favor,
motion carried]

Mark McManus for the Fire Association

· Drainage around Firehouse/Church. Engineer surveyed and
designed water treatment system to alleviate flooding/silt infil-
tration. Mark feels we will be running out of time to get project
paid for through grants (park and ride, etc.). Need survey of town
property – park and ride has to be on town land.

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**Middletown Springs Building
Committee Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2013 — Approved**

Present: Committee Members: David Munyak, Nora Rubin-
stein, Maureen McCormack, Michael Beattie, Patty Kenyon
and Tom Hurcomb. (no quorum) Public: Herb Childress, Jim
Webber, Sally Achey, Pat Hemenway. Arriving at 8:45pm,
Jenny Munyak.

Call to order: D Munyak called the meeting to order at 7:09pm
Programming Meeting w/Town Officials

Listers – Pat Hemenway and Sally Achey shared a list (at-
tached) they prepared for the committee outlining their needs.
They reviewed the list and fielded questions from the group in
attendance. The list included the physical space they recom-
mended as well as equipment needs. The general discussion
included work space needed, as well as meeting space, records
storage space, office equipment needs and access to other of-
ficials (i.e. Town Treasurer, Town Clerk) and the public for
meetings, grievances, and the like. The committee spent quite
a bit of time talking about the functions of listers in our town
and the practices of listers in some of our neighboring towns in
order to get a good sense of space needs now and into the future.

Select Board – The committee then moved to the Select Board
and their needs. Inquiring of Jim Webber and D Munyak (for-
mer SB member) if they thought that the board would need a
dedicated office at the new Town facility. Both thought that
a dedicated office was unnecessary, but that having access to
a shared small meeting room would be ideal, and it might be
helpful to have some file storage space for board members in the
office. There is also a need for a large meeting room to conduct
Select Board meetings in – this space could be shared with other
town functions, could be used for voting and shared with the
library if they chose to co-habit the building with the town.

Planning Commission – T Hurcomb & M McCormack repre-
sented the Planning Commission and talked about their needs.
They need access to a meeting room and some file storage – they
currently have a dedicated filing cabinet in the current town
office. The committee asked if they could see the need for a
dedicated computer down the road or any other special equip-
ment, for instance, when they are drafting a new town plan,
might it be helpful to have access to a computer with a large
screen (possibly a projector shining on a wall) where the entire
committee could review and edit the plan in progress during a
meeting. They agreed that it might be prudent to plan for that
type of future need as we move further into the digital age. It
was mentioned that other town officers and departments might
also find this type of set-up very useful.

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Town Treasurer – J Munyak arrived and was given the
opportunity to talk a bit about the space needs of the Town
Treasurer. The Treasurer needs a small office with some work
space that is close to the Listers and to the Town Clerk, she
would need a computer, a dedicated phone line (which she
currently has), locking file cabinets and drawers, a small
safe, a dedicated quality printer capable of printing checks
and the ability to scan documents easily.

Minutes: Approval of 8/15/13 minutes - tabled for lack of
a quorum.

Clerk Position: tabled for lack of a quorum

Project Scheduling: Tank pull and soil removal completed
– D Munyak stated that the Underground Storage Tank has
been successfully removed and the contaminated soil has
also been removed and disposed of properly.

Building & Site Design:

Library Update – J Munyak attended the Library board
meeting earlier in the evening and reported to the Committee
that the Library is excited to work with the Building Com-
mittee and that they are happy to add their representatives
to the Building Committee. The intent is to have at least
two people present at each meeting. Kimberly Mathewson
will attend all the Building Committee meetings and Lois
Dansereau and Kristal Hier will alternate between meetings.
The committee will recommend that the Select Board appoint
Kimberly Mathewson, Lois Dansereau and Kristal Hier to
the Building Committee.

Other Business: N Rubinstein reported that she and D
Munyak met with Caitlyn Lovegrove (formerly Caitlyn
Clay of Middletown Springs) from the Vermont Council on
Rural Development's Digital Economy Project last Tuesday.
Middletown Springs is eligible to take advantage of their
WiFi program which will provide equipment to the town for
an internet “hot spot” which offers free internet connection to
anyone within that “hot spot”. Caitlyn plans to attend the next
Select Board meeting to inform the board of this opportunity.
The Building Committee will recommend that the Select
Board take advantage of this opportunity as this equipment
fits into the vision of a vibrant town center and can easily be
moved into the new town office upon completion alleviating
the need for the townspeople to purchase this equipment at
the time of construction and outfitting the new building.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19
at 7pm. The committee will invite the remaining town of-
ficers to that meeting in order to gather information about
their space needs in a new town office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon, Acting Clerk

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**Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting – August 7, 2013
Approved**



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

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

Public/Building Committee Members: Laura Castle, David Munyak, Michael Beattie, Maureen McCormack, Tom Hurcomb, David Wright, Robin Chestnut Tangerman, Nora Rubenstein, Fred Bradley, Patty McWilliams, Tara Saltis - Friends in Adoption

Potential Town Office

Members of the Selectboard and Building Committee toured the Friends in Adoption building located at 44 South Street. The property will be listed/is listed for sale. The Building Committee was approached by Friends in Adoption to determine potential interest in the building for possible use as a Town Office.

After touring the building a discussion of pros and cons of the site were discussed as outlined in the 8/7 Building Committee Minutes.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 8:57 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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**Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 8 2013
Approved**



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

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

Public Present: Bill Reed, Steve Letendre, David Munyak, Meredith Morgan, Earl Parker, Jackie Parker, Laura Castle

Approval of Minutes of July 11, July 17, and July 24

Jim Webber moves to approve the July 11 minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

C. Larson moves to amend the July 17 minutes/remove 2 paragraphs from the minutes prepared by J. Webber which he does not feel accurately represent the happenings of the meeting specifically description of Bill Reed's comments. M. Lamson 2nd. M. Lamson agrees however was not at the meeting and will need to abstain. Jim feels that what he wrote is what was said. [C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber – nay, S. Moyer – nay, C. Larson – aye, M. Lamson – abstain – motion lost]

J. Webber moves to approve the minutes of the July 17 meeting as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – nay, M. Lamson - abstain, motion carried.]

July 24 – Jim Webber moves to approve the July 24 meeting as presented. Chris Larson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

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

Public Comments: None

Treasurer/Financial Issues: A special meeting will be scheduled for next week to set tax rate.

Safe Routes to School:

Steve Letendre – presents update on sidewalk project. Concerning the drainage issue – will be replacing catch basin on the north side of Schoolhouse Road and pipe across road.

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Change order submitted to VTRANS for \$9,800 which was approved and will be paid through the SRTS grant

Schoolhouse Road paving – Original plan called for 2" of asphalt overlay – however road is in disrepair (alligator cracking) – engineers feel 2" will not be sufficient/no longevity

Better approach is to remove asphalt, reshape/grade, add 2" base and 1" finish coat

Estimate to complete including SRTS credit for existing asphalt as in original bid is approximately \$39,381.

Bill Reed feels there may be large rocks under existing road which may need to be removed which could increase costs.

C. Haynes – measured 6" of asphalt in places – feels taking all the blacktop off will require more fill and increase cost. Bill points out that it looks as though the thicker areas are not the majority and may be areas that were filled. Majority was 3". Carl thinks that 2" of fill would need to be replaced which would be extra cost at \$400/load. Carl would like to see the road ground up and the 3" of base/topcoat.

C. Haynes – Tom Fuller is supposed to look at it and provide grinding/paving estimate.

C Haynes moves to wait on decision until we get price from Fuller Sand and Gravel for grinding and paving Schoolhouse Road. J. Webber 2nd. M. Morgan feels the Belden option would no longer be available if delayed. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for Monday to make a decision. [all in favor, motion carried]

Parker Property

Quick Start Contract presented for LBG engineers to conduct oversight on tank removal which is required by the grant. M. Lamson moves to sign the LBG Quick start contract. C. Larson 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if the cost is covered in the grant. It is not, however is required. [all in favor, motion carried]

There are some sink holes appearing in the east front corner of green (white) garage is falling in. Bill will place an orange barrel.

Auditors Report: Jackie Parker – auditors are continuing to review end of fiscal year.

West Street/Route 140 Project: None

Road Commissioner Report:

Hiring Bruce Orchit for 2nd roadside mowing – C. Larson emailed to confirm.

Road Foreman meeting in Clarendon – Director for High Risk Rural Roads – regarding signage – they are pushing 2015 date to be in compliance with new signs.

Structures grant for Bridge 7- state should fax copy

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Meeting with Martha/Keith and Chet next week about winter sand.

Dudley Road – washboard repaired and now will need to be repaired.

6 cones around work on Orchard Road stolen – cost goes to taxpayers and should be reported.

Trucks will need inspection in October – windshields and mirrors need replacing.

Annual maintenance on backhoe will be completed.

7600 sander fabrication/repair. Plows/wings.

Inquires about salt shed replacement. C. Larson recalls \$30,000 was allocated for replacement but no decision was ever made.

Dave Munyak inquires if any mowing will be conducted by the highway dept. on the corner property. Bob Parker did one pass before the parade. The board would like the area mowed.

C. Haynes moves to allow Chris Larson to sign the structures grant for Bridge 7 when received. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Carl inquires if we should bid, Bill will get estimates.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: M. Lamson will revisit quote for gates.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue: None

Financials/Board Orders: C. Haynes moves to approve the financial board orders that are signed. C. Larson. 2nd. [all in favor: motion carried]

Correspondence:

Diane Rosenmiller – letter expressing interest in serving as a trustee of Copeland and public monies. C. Larson moves to appoint Diane Rosenmiller to the Copeland Cemetery Fund instead of Gene Bertsche. Jim Webber 2nd. Discussion: the board was not aware of this interest when appointing Gene to 2 spots. [all in favor: motion carried]

Gary Kupferer invoice for \$945

Neighborworks of Western Vermont – sends letter thank-
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