



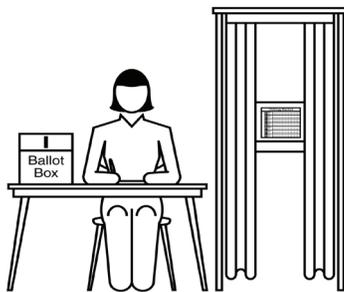
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General Election



**Tuesday
Nov. 6, 2012
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At the firehouse**

Deadline to register to vote: Wednesday October 31 by 5pm to be able to vote on November 6. The Town Office will be open from 3:00-5:00pm that day.

Early/absentee voting can be done at the Town Office or a ballot can be requested by phone, mail, email, or in person if you want to vote at home. The request deadline is 5pm on Monday November 5. You will need to mail the ballot back or drop it off at the Town Office, or deliver it to the Firehouse by the close of voting on Election Day – 7:00pm on November 6.

Justices of the Peace candidates - 5 to be elected

Nance Dean	Democrat
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Leslie Silver	Democrat
Patricia McWilliams	Democrat
Steve Harrington	Progressive



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.

Springs House Restored Flood Damage Repaired



Photo by Emmett Francois



Friends of the Library Informational Meeting

You are invited... to an Informational Meeting at the Library to find out about the newly energized **Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library, Tuesday, October, 30 at 7pm.** This event is to "launch" the Friends group and invite members of the community to become a Friend of the Library. **Delicious desserts** will be served.

Maureen McCormack, Lois Dansereau, Judy Robinson, Kathy Letendre, and Pat Hemenway, the steering committee, met all summer to **re-establish the Friends** group, including drafting by-laws and policy, and applying for 501(c)3 IRS non-profit status.

Join them to celebrate this newly incorporated Vermont non-profit. Bring your ideas for what the Friends Group might do this year in support of its mission of safeguarding and supporting the long term viability and vitality of the Middletown Springs Public Library.

Mark your calendar for the first **Annual Meeting, Tuesday, November 27 at 7pm** at the Library.

All library supporters are encouraged to attend.



What's Happening at the Middletown Church?

by Jared Wilson

Did you know that Jesus was a funny guy? We don't often think of Jesus as having a good sense of humor. He certainly doesn't look too funny in some of the more traditional portraits we see of him. But in the Bible we see him actually using sarcasm from time to time to make a point. Of course, Jesus didn't use sarcasm the way some of us often do. He didn't use it to demean or insult but more often to provoke and illuminate. When Jesus corrects the hypocritical religious leaders about his power in Mark 3 and when he says things like "Nobody gets a lamp just to put it under the bed" in Mark 4, he's being sarcastic to arrest attention and create clarity.

Certainly Jesus' sense of sarcasm is a little different from ours. We can miss the cultural context of his humor. But isn't it great that he wasn't above some good-natured ribbing? We find out more about the real Jesus – not the glossy portraits or the traditional facades passing for Jesus – by reading the Gospels in their historical and religious contexts. Come join us at Middletown Church on **Sundays at 10am**, as we are currently journeying through the Gospel According to Mark.

You can also download or listen to sermon audio at middletownchurch.org, or subscribe to the podcast via iTunes.

Ongoing opportunities at Middletown Church:

- Sunday morning adult study: DVD series on Philipians by Matt Chandler with discussion following. Join us at 9am in the church fellowship hall.
- Join us for worship each Sunday at 10am.
- Community groups meeting in homes are resuming. Come meet some great people and learn from the Bible together. Meeting times and locations vary. Call the church 2386 or email jared@gospeldrivenchurch.com for info.
- Weekly prayer gatherings are Sundays, 6pm at the church.
- Special message series on Relationships – marriage, parenting, sexuality, singleness, etc. – begins Nov. 4.

Service opportunities:

- Operation Christmas Child. Needs ongoing. Contact Betsy at 2097 for info.
- Helping Hands: Would you like to help someone in our community? Do you have a need requiring help? Contact Ellen at 2340.
- Would you like prayer? Contact Natalie at 2457 or Pastor Jared at 2386. Discretion assured.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Mark McManus

Fall prep: It's that time of year again.... fallen leaves, colder temperatures, and heating season. Everyone has been doing a great job keeping their wood stoves and heating plants in good working order. Chimney fires have been rare in the last few years; but still a real possibility. Now that a lot of families have carbon monoxide detectors in their homes, we realize what a threat that the invisible, odorless gas can be.

So keep up the good work and get your wood stove, furnace, or boiler inspected and serviced by a professional. And when you change your clocks, replace your detector batteries and check your fire extinguishers.

Fire prevention day: Wednesday, October 17 will be Fire Prevention Day at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. This year, Firefighter James Reed has organized a program for all the grades that will take place from 9am to 1pm. Members of the Fire Department will have a model house set up to demonstrate fire and smoke behavior, and how smoke detectors work. The Fire Department will also be bringing the Ladder Truck to Wallingford on October 25 for a demonstration.



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A Half Century Of Photography

The Tea & Conversation series continues at the library on **Sunday, November 4 at 2pm.**

Emmett Francois will talk about his lifelong career as a professional photographer and the publication last year of his fourth book of photographs.

In the early part of his career he worked in the International Art Department of the Readers Digest and later as a press photographer for The Bergen Evening Record. For over 35 years Emmett Francois has taught photography at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Ridgewood Community School, Green Mountain College and the Fletcher Farm School in Ludlow, VT.

Emmett was the senior Photographic Officer in the Navy Reserve where he was recognized for bringing the U.S. Navy into the world of digital imaging. In his photographic business of nineteen years he served Fortune 500 companies both nationally and internationally. After sharing his story he will open the discussion to include questions and comments about his work as well as the nature of digital photography and printing.

Light refreshments will be served.



Fountain of Youth

Join Middletown and Ira seniors for a delicious meal.

Come for some Halloween treats at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney on **October 31**. Roast Pork, Oven Roasted Potato Wedges, Apple Sauce, Steamed Broccoli and Pumpkin Pie will be served at 12 noon. The Center's doors open at 11 am. Seniors 60 and over pay only \$3.25 for this delicious and nutritious meal.

You never know who you'll meet on this bewitching day. Costumes NOT required but would ADD to the fun.

Call Mary Thomas at 287-9200 to make your reservation.



News from the School

by Principal Rick Beal

There have been some **positive changes** to the physical structure of the school. Our school received an incentive from Efficiency Vermont for upgrades to the lighting. The upgrades will provide electric cost savings and a better learning environment for the students. With the upgrade of the lights, it seemed timely to install suspended ceilings in the classrooms in the older part of the school. This has provided a much quieter environment for learning. Our growing Pre-K program has been moved from the basement to the former Art & Music room with a new bathroom installed. We have also replaced some very old carpets in two classrooms to maintain a healthy classroom environment for the students.

The school is an **important asset** to the community and it is critical that **timely maintenance** is performed. Because of signs of deterioration, approximately half of the roof on the new addition was re-shingled and roof louvers were installed to improve air circulation in the attic. The slate roof on the original 1904 building is also showing deterioration. A historic preservation grant has been applied for that would help cover the cost of replacing the damaged slate with new slate. The school's water system is being upgraded with grant funding assistance from the Vermont Water Supply Division. All of these changes and improvements will help ensure that our school remains a positive asset to the community.

MSES has the pleasure of hosting the Rutland County Parent Child Center **Playgroup** each week. The group meets in the former Pre-K classroom on Friday mornings from 9:30- 11:00AM. The playgroup is free and open to all community children birth and up with their parents. Everyone is welcome including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings. Please come and join us.



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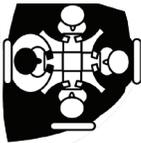


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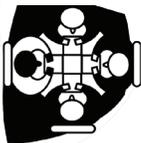
**Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting
August 29, 2012 - Approved**

BOARD PRESENT: Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Jim Webber, Carl Haynes (arrives 6:10)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Larson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

- **Parker Property – SWC Grant**
- J. Webber moves to authorize Shirley Moyer to sign the board order with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission grant payment for \$100. M. Lamson 2nd. [C. Larson - aye, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber - aye, motion carried]
- **Parker Property – Purchase option**
- M. Lamson moves to allow Neil Vreeland to send the purchase option to the Parker's for the Parker property on South Street and allow Chris Larson to sign on behalf of the Select-board. J. Webber 2nd. [C. Larson - aye, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]
- **Fort Dumpster – Single Stream Conversion**
- C. Haynes spoke with Slate Valley. Cost including work, new box, labor and non-weather proof 10HP converter for \$2,650. M. Lamson is under the impression a 20HP converter is necessary and will follow up with Slate Valley to coordinate installation.
Meeting adjourned 6:28 pm
Mike Lamson, Clerk



**Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting
September 11, 2012 - Approved**

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

- **Fort Dumpster – Single Stream Conversion**
- Slate Valley checked with the phase converter manufacturer and a larger unit was recommended. The quote from Slate Valley increased from \$2,650 to \$5,450.
- A second quote was requested from G Andrew McCain. McCain determined that the 100 amp wire supplying power to the transfer station from the salt shed was insufficiently sized. McCain provided a quote to connect the compactor including the wire upgrade for \$4,950.

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- C. Larson moves to accept the G. Andrew McCain quote including the wire upgrade to the underground portion of wiring and rescind the earlier vote to hire Slate Valley. M. Lamson 2nd. (M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – abstain, motion carried)

• **Financials**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

Mike Lamson, Clerk



**Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2012 - Approved**

CALL TO ORDER: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, David Munyak

Approval of Minutes of 8/23 and 9/11

- Minutes from 9/11 meeting tabled. J. Webber moves to approve the 8/23 regular meeting minutes as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- None

Parker Property

- M. Lamson inquires if the Phase I study is under way. Updated Phase I should be completed by the end of the week or beginning of next week per David Munyak.
- C. Haynes spoke with C. Larson regarding the potential issue

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of the dug well near the Parker property line. The engineer does not think the well will be an issue as it was stated the well is not used for drinking water.

West Street Project – payment, reimbursement

- M. Lamson will speak with Bill to determine where this process stands.

Riedinger Lawsuit/Ventrella Lawsuit/Garron Road

- Gary Kupferer visited the town office to make copies of various surveys and tax maps

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• Discussion of single stream implementation. Electrician is in the process of hooking up the compacting dumpster for recyclables. Glenn Tarbell is constructing the new fence. Discussion of whether Hubbards or Casellas will provide the enclosed dumpster. Casellas was seeking a rental fee for the dumpster and Hubbards does not appear to be. Question of what Hubbards will charge for trucking. M. Lamson will follow with Hubbards and Casellas.

• M. Lamson met with Glen and discussed adding a wood cap to the fence for added stability and aesthetics. C. Haynes moves to install the cap on the fence. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber - nay, C. Haynes - aye, motion lost]

• C. Haynes will remove the old fence and scrap wood from the transfer station.

Salt Shed Replacement

- None

West Street Property Disposition

• Chris conveyed prior to this meeting he had spoken with Speith engineering regarding the LOMA process. Discussion of the process and agreement to wait until Chris is in attendance as he spoke with the engineer.

Town Auditors

• 4 Town Auditor books were received and will be distributed to the Auditors and town office. S. Moyer would like to include the Graham & Graham audit recommendations with the handbooks. S. Moyer moves to include the Report on Internal Accounting Controls prepared by Graham & Graham with Auditor Handbooks. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Road Commissioner Report

• C. Haynes believes that the portion of Coy Hill which has been closed the past 2 winters should be improved with fabric and topcoated. He would like to see it put out to bid and estimates the section at 3 tenths of a mile. Carl will ask Bill for recommendations on what distance should be completed.

• S. Moyers believes the stone-lining of the ditch on Coy Hill needs to be completed below Arsenaults. M. Lamson will ask Bill when this will be completed as it was already decided by the board to complete.

• Discussion of work to be completed on Daisy Hollow on the Route 133 side. Consensus to complete work as discussed last meeting.

• M. Lamson will check on guardrail and 140 paving status

Financials/Board Orders

• M. Lamson moves to approve the Selectboard orders as presented. No second.

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

- M. Lamson moves to approve the Selectboard highway salary orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to approve the general orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]
- S. Moyer moves that the timecards be signed by the highway department. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Invoice from G. Kupferer for \$280
- VLCT newsletter
- Contract from Cargill - salt price at 62.17/ton estimated tonnage is 200 tons for 2012/2013 season (bulk purchase through regional transportation). C. Haynes moves to sign contract and fax copy of contract to Cargill. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• Service request from April Blair on West Street.

Other Business

• S. Moyer feels the tape recorder is obsolete and should be digitized. M. Lamson will look into a digital recorder.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:29 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

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Date	Town	Location/Time
Mon. 10/15	Poultney	Young at Heart Senior Center 9a.m. to 12p.m.
Mon. 10/15	Middletown Springs	Community Church 1:30 to 3pm
Tues. 10/16	Dorset	Dorset Union Church 9am to 12pm
Tues. 10/16	Pawlet	Pawlet Community Church 1:30 to 3:30pm
Thurs. 10/18	Fair Haven	St. Mary's Church 9:30am to 12pm
Thurs. 10/18	Benson	Community Center 1:30 to 3:30pm
Tues. 10/23	Killington	United Church of Christ 9:30a.m. to 12p.m.
Thur. 10/25	Pittsford	St. Alphonsus Church 9:30a.m. to 12p.m.



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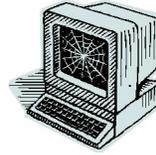
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Thank you for all the compliments and feedback. It is especially gratifying to hear stories of people using the website to find the information. Please continue to let us know **if there's anything you'd like to see** that is not there now, or if you find out of date or incorrect information. Your input during this next phase of site construction will be extremely valuable.

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Website Committee

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**Building Committee
September 5, 2012
Approved Minutes**

Public Present: None

Members Present: Dave Munyak, Patty Kenyon, Chris Larson, Mike Beattie, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Tom Hurcomb, Shirley Moyer, David Wright, Carl Haynes, and Maureen McCormack

Call to Order: 7:08 PM

I. Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded. All in favor. One abstention.

II. Property Acquisition: Pins have been set on the surveyed Parker property and the survey filed. The SB is looking to schedule a closing in the next four to six weeks. The SB will talk to the engineer, Frank Parent about the well issue. It is a preexisting well and we need to know the state law on this and Frank Parent will know this. A second and third question for Frank Parent: are there other actions we can take other than re-locating the septic, and what about the feasibility of a pump? Carl H. brought a copy of the filed survey and pointed to where Joe Teer had expressed some objections. David W. said he had urged Joe Teer to put his concerns on the survey in writing and send them to the SB.

III. Scheduling: The Phase I contract is in place and RRPC is scheduling a site visit with the Parkers.

IV. Building and Site Design: Mike B. has begun a preliminary building program. Mike showed the committee a list and a drawing of who uses what furniture in the present office space. This drawing is an inventory of what space is now used and from this representation future needs can be predicted. No floor plan including heating system is done at this point. Dave M. stated that Patty McCoy, the Poultney Town Clerk, is scheduled to come to our next meeting to tell of her experiences in the use of Poultney's town office. It was felt by all that it was a good idea to have other area town clerks speak to the BC and also the state consultant in this area. Poultney recently had an analysis done on the space needs of its town office. Laura can give us an account of how her paperwork has grown over 10 years. Mike and Mark will meet with the SB over their contract with the town very soon. C. Haynes suggested we add a wall safe for the Treasurer and all agreed on the need for such.

V. Brownfield funding: The SB signed and authorized the submittal for the South Windsor County Planning Grant for pulling the tanks. Once the grant money is received and the town owns the property, the tanks and contaminated soils near the lift will be removed.

a. SWCRPC: See above.

VI. Building Funding: T. Hurcomb stated that he made a stop at the Ira Town office and inquired of their town clerk as to the funding for their building. They were funded through a loan from USDA Rural Development out of Brattleboro. They received their construction loan from a local bank. The Ira Town Office cost \$212,500. Tom will check with Wells for the same purpose. Carl said MS is eligible for funding from USDA and a portion is always grant money. He believes MS is eligible 15% of the total cost of a new building. The Stonebridge Mansion received funding from many sources and we should contact these same sources. We should think of hosting the Rutland County legislative folks and the regional planning folks here.

a. Grant/Agency funding

b. Capital Campaign

c. Historic Preservation Funding. Patty K. reviewed the Preservation list and reduced it to a few agencies. She gave a verbal summary of two agencies. Other BC members are encouraged to review this short list and investigate any potential funding sources prior to the next meeting.

A. Community Support: Maureen reported that several folks had spoken to her saying they hoped we would clean up the corner once we own the property and before any building is constructed. Dave M. said, indeed we will and we will encourage a community effort to do the cleanup and any landscaping.

VII. Public Relations: The Town web site is up and running and the BC is on this site. We should notify Kimberly Mathewson, the website manager, with any updates, corrections or additional information. Town web site: www.middletownsprings.vt.gov

B. Information Meeting: Planning will start soon.

VIII. Other Business: None.

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Next meeting Thursday, September 20, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Clerk

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Building Committee September 20 2012 Approved Minutes

Public Present: None.

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

Call to Order: 7:08 PM

I. Minutes: Moved to table the approval of the September 5, 2012 minutes. Maureen will send out one more copy of the Sept. 5th unapproved minutes.

II. Property Acquisition: No change. Chris Larson was to contact Frank Parent but no report has been received.

III. Schedule. The Phase I Schedule is complete. Dave Munyak will email the schedule to the BC next week.

IV. Building and Site Design: No report. It was decided that the BC would invite area town clerks for a round table discussion. David will invite Ann Singiser, the Mendon Town Clerk. Maureen will contact the town clerks of Wells, Ira and Poultney. We could ask if we can do a field trip to their new town offices, also. We will ask if they would be willing to participate in a round table on the third Thursday of October or on another convenient date when Laura can be present.

V. Brownfield Funding. SWRPC on hold waiting to hear on the approval of the funding. Dave M. talked to Trish Coppelino who suggested we talk to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, ACCD, about clean up money as they get EPA money and currently have available about a million dollars. Tom H. suggested we follow-up with Pat Moulton, Deputy Secretary of the agency. Tom has had conversations with her on our needs. If we can coordinate the money from Vermont ACCD with the SWRP money when the property closes we would have what we need to take the building down, pull the tanks out, and complete other site work this spring.

B. Building Funding. Tom Hurcomb reported that he went to Wells and visited with the town clerk (a temporary town clerk). She was going to request the needed information from their SB.

a. Grant/Agency Funding. No Report

b. Capital Campaign: We discussed how we could encourage taxexempt donations. We would need to establish an organization or other means for the capital campaign to accept money. Patty Kenyon will inquire of Tinmouth as to what they established for their town center funds. Tom Hurcomb will talk with Jonas Rosenthal about what they established for tax-exempt donations. We need to coordinate the grants and donations to come in at the same time. David Wright thought the Vermont Community Foundation could act as a fiscal agent as well as be a source for grant and loans. David Wright will inquire. Tom Hurcomb suggested we have the county legislators and Rutland Regional director come here in November for a briefing by this committee. It should be a daytime meeting. Dave Munyak asked for the members to review his short history mailed out at the end of August and to get back to him with any changes.

c. Historic Preservation Funding: No report.

A, Community Support: No Report.

VI. Public Relations: The BC discussed when and what should be included in the first public information meeting and celebration. The meeting should take place within weeks of the town closing on the property.

VII. Other Business. None

Adjourn: 8:11PM

Next Meeting: October 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Clerk



Library News

by *Kimberly Mathewson*

Lego Club at the Library: Calling all Lego Builders... Lego Library Club begins **Tuesday, October 16** and runs for five (5) weeks. Jody Dickerson will be on hand to oversee and inspire. Ty Dickerson graciously donated the Legos. Club runs **five (5) Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-4:15pm**. On the final week, Tuesday, **November 13 at 6pm**, the club will host an Open House to show off their creations – families and community are welcome to stop in and see these one-of-a-kind constructions. Contact the library for more information or to sign up.

New Volunteers: Lisa Thornton, Juanita Clay, Cathy Turner, and Ellen Secord have all recently joined the volunteer staff at the library. Their generous gift of time and support for the library is greatly appreciated.

New to the Collection: Stop in and Check it Out!

Winter of the World	by Ken Follett
The Casual Vacancy	by J. K. Rowling
Where'd You Go, Bernadette	by Maria Semple
The Beautiful Mystery	by Louise Penny
The Cutting Season	by Attica Locke
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Chloe (picture)	by Peter McCarty
Penny (early reader series)	by Kevin Henke

Thank you, Kate!

Internet Intern: This fall the library will host an Internet Intern from CCV/CSC. Kayla will be in the library up to 6 hours a week to provide one-on-one tech support, as well as training to the library staff. This program is part of the e-Vermont Project which has benefited this library and town in so many ways. Details will be posted in the library, at the store, and on Front Porch Forum as soon as they are known.

See you at the Library....



School Board (Regular) Meeting August 16, 2012 Official Minutes

Present: Clarence Haynes, Steven Letendre, Kendra Larson, Meredith Morgan (Board Members). Also Present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary), April Simpson (Art Teacher). **Public Present:** None

1. Call to Order: Mr. Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Presentation: None

3. Consent Agenda: (Action)

a. Approval of Minutes – Unofficial Minutes from:

July 18, 2012 (Regular) Minutes of July 18, 2012 were reviewed. Kendra Larson moved to accept the minutes of July 18, 2012, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried.

b. Superintendent's Report (Written): Supt. Paustian reported that all of the Admin. Team members were at the Leadership Academy in Killington the first week of August. Mr. Daggett was also at the conference. He is a national specialist on essential standards. He says that while Vermont's standards are good, there are too many. We need to move from content-based learning to applications-based learning. Dr. Collins held a writing conference this week that was attended by Rick Beal, Lea Pettis, and Lorraine Wilkins. Dr. Collins will be working in the SU with all K-12 people over the year. The VT Superintendents Leadership Team has met. They are considering the role of superintendents as educational leaders to rewrite quality standards as the DOE has not done this to date. They are also looking for ways to work with the new secretary of education (now appointed). Our Business Manager, Louis Milazzo was at the state meals program training this week. Statistical reports were due to the state today and have been sent in. The SECT data was done in time for all SU

schools; except for the high school who encountered problems with a software program. Peter Mello will be at the SU in-service training on August 27. He is currently working on CFP grant paperwork. Discussion ensued on the annual AYP scores. The math curriculum was discussed as well as the Collins reading program. The SU is looking at other types of assessment and MSES will be implementing AIMSweb for mathematics this year (already using it for reading).

c. Principal's Report: The Summer Program went very well academically—the program was very well planned and implemented. Mr. Beal would like to send “kudos” to the staff who worked the program this year. Mr. Beal stated that he is pleased that a good number of staff members took courses over the summer. Discussion about the Young Scholars program ensued; there have been personnel and cost changes. Mr. Beal, who attended the VPA conference, found Mr. Daggett to be a wonderful speaker with a lot of tech knowledge, including ways of applying the software/curriculum to real world problems/experiences. He reported that Eva Gonova (Instructional Assistant) has resigned; interviews will take place shortly. The Pre-K move is complete and the toilet has been installed. The grades 3/4 and 5/6 rooms were switched, the 5/6 room has a new tile floor and has been freshly painted. New carpeting has been installed in the old Pre-K/new Conference room. The roof repairs will begin soon. Enman Engineering will update the water system plan so the project can be put out

to bid. The community garden continues to flourish; rain barrels have been put in to conserve water. Kendra Larson asked for a list of staff members who took professional development this summer so that the Board can recognize them. Mr. Beal will provide this.

d. Business Manager's Report

i. Financial Statements

Mr. Milazzo was not present this evening. Supt. Paustian re-

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ported on his behalf, that there is a more than \$50,000 budget surplus from last year. A spreadsheet prepared by Mr. Milazzo was distributed showing the sources of this surplus; lower expenses/higher revenues. She also distributed an information sheet from Mr. Milazzo regarding tax pre-bates from the state.

Steven Letendre moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

4. Approve Warrants: Clarence Haynes moved to approve Warrant #137 in the amount of \$51,573.16 dated 7/27/12, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

5. General Public Comments: None

6. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b): Clarence Haynes moved that the Board enter Executive Session at 6:32PM for personnel matters, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried. The Superintendent, Principal, Recording Secretary, and Art Teacher are part of the executive session. The Board then decided to further discuss the matter privately. The Recording Secretary, Principal, and Art Teacher left the room at 6:37PM. Steven Letendre moved that the Board exit Executive Session at 6:52PM, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried. Action Taken: Clarence Haynes stated that the Board supports Art Teacher, April Simpson being released from her 2012-2013 contract to accept a full-time position elsewhere. He asked that Miss Simpson provide the Board with the recommendations she had offered for potential candidates.

7. New Business: None

8. Old Business:

a. Board to ratify Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement: Clarence Haynes moved to ratify the Support Staff CBA for FY11-12 as presented, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried. Copies were signed and distributed; one to Board, one to Supt., and one to Recording Secretary (on behalf of the Support Staff Association).

b. Update on renovations, roofing, and other projects:

Covered under "Principal's Report."

c. Sidewalk: Meredith Morgan informed the Board that an additional permit will be needed to tie the sidewalk into the drainage system. The person who handles these permits is on vacation so

we will need to wait a few weeks to get approval for funding and go out to bid. It was noted that we might receive more competitive bids if we wait until winter when contractors are less busy. Another option is to move forward with going out to bid and postpone the work until later in the year (possibly spring break). By consensus, the decision is to continue to move ahead.

9. Policies: None

10. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b):

Clarence Haynes moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 7:27PM for legal issues, Steven Letendre seconded; the motion carried. Kendra Larson moved to have the Board exit Executive Session at 7:43 PM, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried. No Action Taken.

11. Action on Personnel Contract

i. New Hires: .20 FTE teacher—Netta Austin

ii. Resignations: Eva Gonova, Instructional Assistant

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the hiring of Netta Austin as .20 FTE teacher, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

Clarence Haynes moved to accept the resignation of Eva Gonova, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried.

12. Other Lawful Business: None

13. Set Next Board Meeting & Agenda Building: Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00PM at MSES.

14. Adjournment: Steven Letendre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosso

Recording Secretary



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School Board(Regular) Meeting September 26, 2012 Unofficial Minutes

Present: Clarence Haynes, Steven Letendre, Meredith Morgan, Karen Mach (Board Members). Also Present: Joan Paustian (RSWSU Superintendent), Richard Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). **Public Present:** None.

1. Call to Order: Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2. Presentation: None

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes – Unofficial Minutes: Karen Mach moved to approve the unofficial minutes from August 16, 2012, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried.

b. Superintendent’s Report (Written): Supt. Paustian reported that all of the schools had a great start to the school year. The new RSWSU Integration Specialist has begun. He is a .4 employee (since he has another position) and is available on Mondays and Fridays. He has both teaching and technology certifications and is currently reviewing our Tech Plan. The Henderson Fund Scholarship applications are due at the end of October—she will put have this topic placed on the October meeting agenda.

c. Principal’s Report (Written): Mr. Beal reported that MSES had a really successful opening day; complete with music and a whole-school poster activity on what makes each of us special. Mr. Beal is head of the RSWSU Science Committee and is looking into bringing Jean Ward to the district to model science lessons and work with teachers. He took a summer course: “Engineering K-12” and shared information from the course at the SU Science in-service on Sept. 25. He believes the application of science and engineering principles in other subject areas will be very beneficial by helping students become problem solvers and risk takers.

The “Foundations” reading program has been introduced into the classrooms and has been going very well, allowing for some individualization in the upper grades. Some staff members have taken Wilson Writing training; three more will attend in October. He reported that the contract with Enman Engineering to design the repair of the water system has been approved by the state. Working with an engineer was required to qualify for loan forgiveness. Roof repairs have been completed on the shingled portion of the building. Mr. Beal is looking into getting a matching grant available to historical buildings in order to replace the slate on the roof of the old section of the building. Mr. Beal would like to hold Spanish and Art Clubs during the afterschool program as enriching and inclusive experiences. Mr. Beal is preparing a grant for the Vermont Arts Council to partially fund a Circus Smirkus week-long artist in residency program and performances for the senior citizens (daytime) and community (evening). FFE is applying for a Hills & Hollows Grant, as well. Funding for the afterschool clubs and artist in residency program was discussed.

d. Business Manager’s Report

i. Financial Statements: Mr. Milazzo was not in attendance; he sent the budget preparation timelines for the school and the SU. The first SU budget meeting will be held in Ira in October. Mr. Haynes asked a question about a secondary tuition bill. Dr. Paustian will check with Mr. Milazzo.

Steven Letendre moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

4. Approve Warrants: Clarence Haynes moved to approve Warrant #138 in the amount of \$25,451.14 dated 8/10/12, Warrant #139 in the amount of \$70,295.12 dated 8/31/12, and Warrant #140 in the amount of \$27,844.24 dated 9/14/12, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

5. General Public Comments: None

6. New Business:

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a. Approve Sub-grant Agreement (RSWSU)

Joan Paustian presented the sub-grant allowing MSES to pay the Title I Teacher using grant funds. Steven Letendre moved to approve the sub-grant agreement with the RSWSU, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

b. Approve the Enman Engineering contract for water system repair engineering. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the contract with Enman Engineering to bring the water system into compliance, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Contract was signed.

c. Approve Expenditure of Medicaid funds. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the expenditure of Medicaid reimbursement funds as appropriate for a portion of the Circus Smirkus residency and for the ASP Spanish & Art Clubs, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

d. Town Website: Meredith Morgan spoke with Kimberly Mathewson and wonders what information the Board would like to put on the new town website. Mr. Haynes would like to see the schedule of board meetings, final approved board meeting minutes, and an easy link to the school and RSWSU websites. Special events should also be posted on the Calendar of Events. Board members will consider options to discuss at the next meeting.

e. Energy Efficiency Grant: Steven Letendre was contacted by Mary Lamson regarding a grant of \$5,000 awarded to the town for a number of buildings, homes, etc. becoming more energy efficient. She asked about any projects the school might have planned. Mr. Beal and Mr. Letendre will work together to identify potential projects.

7. Old Business: None

8. Policies (For Adoption): None this month.

Mr. Letendre asked if we were on a cycle to review policies. Supt. Paustian reports that we are up to date on all required policies. Mr. Haynes would like to revisit policies no later than January, 2013.

9. Action on Personnel Contract

a. New Hires:

- i. .50 FTE Instructional Assistant – Shirl Harrington
- ii. 1.0 FTE Instructional Assistant – Tara Cancio-Bello
- iii. Farm to School Grant Coordinator – Tracey Tinsley
- iv. ASP Individual Assistant – Kim Carr

Steven Letendre moved to approve the hiring of Shirl Harrington, Tara Cancio-Bello, Tracey Tinsley, and Kim Carr for the positions listed above, Karen Mach seconded, motion carried.

b. Resignations: None

c. Terminations: None

d. Other:

i. Renewals for FY13

- 1. Mary Barron – Instrumental Music Instructor
- 2. Leslie Klami – Instrumental Music Instructor
- 3. Robert Bruttomesso – Soccer Coach
- 4. Donna Dudley – Student Supervisor
- 5. Susan Rosso – After School Program Billing/
Data Entry Clerk
- 6. Susan Rosso – School Board Recording Secretary
- 7. Susan Rosso – Medical Designee
- 8. Tracey Tinsley – Sports Coordinator
- 9. Holly Crandall – After School Program Assistant
- 10. Meghan Crandall – After School Program Coordinator

Meredith Morgan moved to approve the FY13 renewals of Mary Barron, Leslie Klami, Robert Bruttomesso, Donna Dudley, Susan Rosso, Tracey Tinsley, Holly Crandall, and Meghan Crandall for the positions listed above, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried.

10. Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building: Next MSD Board Meeting set for Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:00PM at MSES; by consensus.

11. Other Lawful Business: None.

12. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b): Clarence Haynes moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 7:22PM for personnel/legal issues, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried. Meredith Morgan moved to have the Board exit Executive Session at 7:27PM, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried. No Action Taken.

13. Adjournment: Steven Letendre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosso, Recording Secretary



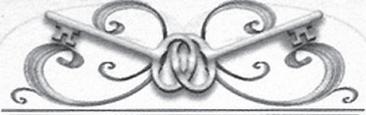

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October: Energy Themed Films

10/2 No Impact Man 10/9 Windfall
 10/18 Burning in the Sun 10/23 Black Wave
 10/30 Double Feature: Warming Up in Mongolia & Oil on Ice

November: Food Themed Films

11/6 The Price of Aid 11/13 Food Stamped
 11/20 Eating Alaska 11/27 We Feed the World

December: Environment Themed Films

12/4 Double Feature: Sun Come Up & Rising Waters
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Fire Prevention Day	Wed. 17	9am-1pm	School
Building Committee	Thurs. 18	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 22	7 pm	Fire House
Select Board	Thurs. 25	7 pm	Town Office
Contra Dance	Fri. 26	8 pm	Tinmouth
Men's Breakfast	Sat. 27	8 am	School
BINGO!	Mon. 29	7 pm	Fire House
Friends Info Meeting	Tues. 30	7 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 30	7:30 pm	Fire House
Halloween Parade	Wed. 31	tba	Town Green
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 31	Noon	Poultney Center

November

Magnet Deadline	Thurs. 1		
First Response	Thurs. 1	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Historical Society	Thurs. 1	7:30 pm	Historical Society
Library Program	Sun. 4	2pm	Library
BINGO!	Mon. 5	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Commission	Mon. 5	7 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon. 5	7pm	Library
Election Day	Tues. 6	7am-7pm	Fire House
Library Trustees	Wed. 7	12:30pm	Library
Building Committee	Wed. 7	7 pm	Town Office
School Board	Thurs. 8	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs. 8	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 12	7 pm	Fire House
Energy Committee	Mon. 12	7:30 pm	Town Office
Conservation Commission	Tues. 13	7 pm	Library
Book Discussion	Wed. 14	7:15pm	Library

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