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Middletown Magnet

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September 2013

Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Irish 'Wave' in the Green Mountains

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Middletown Springs Historical Society will be held on **Sunday, September 22**, at the Historical Society Building. The meeting begins with a Dessert Buffet at 7pm, followed by a brief business meeting and election of trustees.

Professor Vincent Feeney, the featured speaker, will present a program on the "The Irish 'Wave' in the Green Mountains".

The Irish arrived just as Vermont was undergoing a mini Industrial Revolution, based on railroad construction, quarrying of slate and marble, and textile production. From the late 1840s and through the 1860s, thousands of Irish immigrants escaped the potato famine in their homeland and settled in Vermont.

Vincent Feeney, author of a published history of the Irish in Vermont, *Finnigans, Slaters and Stonepeppers*, tells the little-known story of Irish immigrants in Mid-Nineteenth Century Vermont.

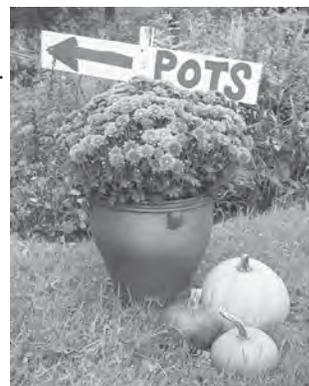
Mr. Feeney is an adjunct professor of history at the University of Vermont. His book, *The Great Falls on Onion River: A History of Winooski, Vermont* (2002), was published by the Winooski Historical Society. With John Duffy, he wrote *Vermont: An Illustrated History*, and he contributed to both *The Vermont Encyclopedia* and *The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America*. He is a former president of the Chittenden County Historical Society.

The program is made possible by support from the Vermont Council of the Humanities through its Speakers Bureau program. It is free and accessible to people with disabilities.

All are welcome at this free event. For more information, call David Wright at 235-2376

Foliage Open Studio Weekend in Middletown Springs!

The Vermont Crafts Council is sponsoring Foliage Open Studio tour **Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Tour maps are available at local participating studios and at the Crafts Councils website, www.vermontcrafts.com.



34. Rising Meadow Pottery - Diane Rosenmiller and Nicholas Seidner. Utilitarian stoneware and porcelain pottery. 50 West St, Middletown Springs. 235-9429.

35. Nance Dean Jewelry - Nance Dean. Fabricated sterling silver, organic, unique and daring. 235-2641. At Sissy's Kitchen, 10 West St, Middletown Springs.

36. Peter Huntoon Vermont Artist. Vermont paintings and limited edition prints. 17 Studio Lane, Middletown Springs. 235-2328. From Middletown Springs, head east on Rte 133/140 towards Rutland for 1 mile. Find Haley Rd on the left.

37. Mareva Millarc. Non-objective original, oil and gouache paintings. 17 Studio Lane, Middletown Springs (802) 235-2328. Mareva will be with Peter Huntoon for Fall Open Studio. Follow directions for #36.



PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Town of Middletown Springs
1st Quarter Property Tax Due

Monday, September 16, 2013

Payments can be made at the Town Office
Monday, September 16 from 1PM to 4PM
 or mail to:

Town Treasurer
PO Box 1022
Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Select Board Vacancy

There will be a vacancy on the Middletown Springs Select Board after the September 12, 2013 meeting. Please send your letter of interest in serving on this board to Post Office Box 1232 Middletown Springs before September 26, 2013. The term will be from the 26th until Town Meeting in March 2014 when the office term will be on the ballot.



News From the Town Treasurer

Property Tax Installment #1 for 2013/2014 taxes is due before or on **Monday, September 16th, 2013**. Yes, that's September 16th this year since the 15th is on a Sunday! I'll be in the town office from 1 - 4 pm on the 16th to collect any outstanding 1st quarter taxes.



Please note: For those of you who have still not received credit or notification of your homestead rebate, please pay the 1st installment of your taxes as listed on your Property Tax Bill. Once we have been notified of your rebate by the State of Vermont, your taxes will be adjusted accordingly and you will be sent an updated property tax bill.

It is important to note that if your tax is being paid by your mortgage company or your bank, it is YOUR responsibility to give them the adjusted bill to pay when it becomes available.

Finally, if for some reason, you have not received your property tax bill, please contact me at 235-3256 or mtstreasurer@vermontel.net and let me know - please indicate for which property you need the bill as well as the name under which the property is listed.

Jenny Talke Munyak
Town Treasurer

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, September 28, at 8 am
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Fountain of Youth



On **September 25** the Middletown and Ira seniors will meet for lunch at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney. Dinner that day will be Stuffed Shells, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread and Jell-O.

Doors open at 11 am. Homemade soup and coffee are served at 11:15 and dinner at 12 noon – all for \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200.

Community Birthday Calendars



It's that time of year again. Time to place your orders and renew your listings in the Grange Birthday Calendars. Feel free to use the renewal form between July & August in your current calendar or call or email Sue 235-2060, vt83princess@aol.com.

Deadline is September 22nd. Prepayment is greatly appreciated as it speeds up the deliveries in December!!!

A Note from the Listers

The Board of Listers is continuing the project of photographing parcels in Middletown Springs through the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 235-2220. Thank you.

Sally Ackey, Randy Kniffin, Patricia Hemenway



Seeking Ad Coordinator

Volunteer sought to receive ads, track payments, and coordinate with layout. Approx. 1-3 hours a month. Would you like to help *The Magnet* in this critical behind the scenes role?

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MSES School News

The staff was excited to see the students and parents as we began our new school year. The school year got off to a great start with MSES's traditional

First Day Community Breakfast with the students taking part in community-building activities before heading off to their classrooms. I would like to thank our FFE members, the Middletown Springs Fire Department, and all of the community volunteers who helped to make this event such a success.

We have had a few changes to our staff for the upcoming year. Mrs. Austin (3rd Grade Math Teacher/Classroom Asst.), Ms. Cancio-Bello (Pre-K/Classroom Asst.), Mr. Klami (Music Teacher), Mrs. Illinski (Counselor), and Mrs. Stedman (Speech-Language Pathologist) have moved on to new pursuits and we wish them all the best. We are fortunate to welcome these highly qualified new staff members: Mrs. Coupe (3rd Grade Math Teacher/Classroom Asst.), Mrs. Harrington (Pre-K/Classroom Asst.), Ms. Barron (Music Teacher), Mrs. Larose-Mangan (School Counselor), and Mrs. Riley (Speech Language Pathologist).

As we start the new school year, I would like to share some good news. Each year, all schools in Vermont receive an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report for math and reading. To meet AYP, schools need to meet the state's annual objectives which are determined by student performance on the NECAP tests. MSES met AYP for both reading and math for the 2012-2013 school year. I would like to recognize the efforts that our students put forth while taking the exams last fall.

I would like to share information about the school's playground. The big slide which is multi-sectional has become unsafe. There are quite a few sections where the bolts have pulled through the fiberglass. For the safety of the students, the top of the slide has been blocked off. A new, one-piece slide has been priced out at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The FFE is starting a Slide Fund to help cover the cost. Any donations to the Slide Fund would be appreciated by the students.

I would like to thank the community for approving the loan to make the needed upgrades to the school's water system. The improvements will bring the school into compliance with state's standards for a community water system and most importantly, protect the quality of the water for our students. The school community appreciates your support.

Rick Beal
Principal

Special Trash Collection

Oversize Trash

October 5



Planning Commission News

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission invites you to join us at one of our regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at the town office.

Currently the Planning Commission is researching and exploring two items regarding the town's future. First we are preparing an application to the State of Vermont for acceptance into the "Designated Village Center" program which may have benefits for small business and commercial activity located in the village center as defined on a property map. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission is assisting with research and map development for the application.

The Commission is also in the early stages of exploring the economic future of Middletown Springs. We've researched some of the work done on this topic in the past and are reviewing some work being done currently in Vermont based on the concept of a "creative community". Clearly Middletown Springs has a very lively and strong base of creative people, businesses and organizations.

Also, the Commission has a seat on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) and participates in their monthly meetings to represent the town and stay informed on regional planning topics.

For more information on these topics and planning commission business you can contact John Arsenault, Chair (jea@vermontel.net), Maureen McCormack, Secretary (moe@vermontel.net), or Tom Hurcomb, RRPC Representative (hurcomb@vermontel.net).



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Library News

Volunteer: This library could not run as effectively as it does without the commitment of many. Volunteers staff most open hours, host movie nights, help with the book sale, and with behind scenes projects. If you are interested in getting involved at the library, please contact Kimberly at the library: 235-2435 or kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net.

Consider volunteering an evening a month. There are open shifts on Mondays and Tuesdays [5-7pm]. Or, host a movie night. Thanks!

Book Sale: Winter is coming. Stock up on reading material for those long nights. We have so many fabulous books waiting for new homes that we could not wait until our regular spring sale. Stop by the our FALL Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 21

8am-3pm

Sunday, Sept. 22

10am-3pm

If you would like to volunteer to work at the book sale, please let Kimberly know. Strong arms are needed for set up Friday afternoon as well as clean-up on Sunday. Thanks.

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The Latest News in Pictures



It's been busy in Middletown these last few weeks. Here's a look at some of the action captured by Emmett Francois and his trusty camera.

1. Underground storage tank removal and hazardous waste cleanup at the four corners.
2. West Street gets a face lift.
3. The Safe Routes to School Sidewalk is installed on School Street.

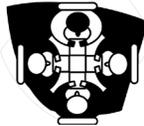
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**Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting - July 11 2013
Approved**



CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

BOARD PRESENT: Shirley Moyer, Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Mike Lamson, C. Haynes (arrives 9:39)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Steve Letendre

Approval of Minutes of June 13, June 20, and June 27

- June 27 minutes tabled

J. Webber moves to approve the June 13 and June 20 minutes as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Public Comments: None

SRTS: Steve Letendre – project is underway – Belden began excavation this week. Engineer is on-site to ensure project is completed as planned. \$18K overrun to install correct drainage which was not in place as expected. A change order will be issued to VTRANS. Contingency in grant may cover this cost. The state is also considering contributing materials such as the catch basins. Steve recommends that the Selectboard approve the change order as it is an essential part of the project.

C. Larson moves to approve the change order recommend by Dubois and King for the underdrain connector at approximately \$18,000 seeking inclusion of that amount in the grant. M. Lamson 2nd. M. Lamson inquires if the approval can be contingent on approval of funding by the state. This may slow the process down as the materials would not be ordered if it were contingent. [all in favor, motion carried]

Per Steve – the SRTS project has been randomly selected to be audited by the Federal Government to ensure project/process is completed per plans. This was brought to our attention a week ago. Federal stipulation that the town has a full time employee involved in the process. VTRANS was not clear as to how this would relate to a small town with limited employees. Consensus that Bill attend the meeting.

Parker Property: None

Auditors Report: None

West Street/Route 140 Project: Jenne Talke Munyak has been working on payment financing for the Route 140 project.

A reduced rate of 2.1% for 3 years or 2.25% for 5 years. Rate is subject to change. C. Larson will let Jenne know \$200,000 for 3 years at 2.1%.

Bill has been prepping for the project – ditching and using the material for shoulders, cleanup around guardrails

Road Commissioner Report: Hillary Smid has been working on a FEMA hazard mitigation grant to replace culvert on North

Road which needs to be upgraded. Estimate of \$8K with 25% match from the town. Hillary requested a letter from the board

C. Larson moves to apply for the grant to replace the North Street culvert. If approved the town will cover the 25% match. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Road Commissioner Report: Has been ditching, repairing pot-holes, equipment maintenance

Met with Jim Pease of Agency of Natural Resources to discuss water runoff. Jim felt there was money available for water runoff (Rain Gardens, etc. (berm with foliage)). Bill will be discussing with the Church board.

Roadside mowing – Bill felt that Bruce Orchitt did a great job

M. Lamson moves to hire Bruce Orchitt to complete a second roadside mowing in September. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Daisy Hollow repair near Route 133 – Bill inquires if a decision was made on how to repair. Carl was to speak with John regarding using the water bar near the old Colvin Road/hay bales in right of way.

M. Lamson moves to direct Bill to raise the grade of the road as was discussed previously and create a crown by bringing in gravel. C. Larson 2nd. S. Moyer is concerned that the north side of the road will still be affected. Bill recommends rock-lining the ditch on the north side and using the old waterbar at the entrance of the culvert. C. Larson – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – nay, S. Moyer – nay. Motion defeated.

Chris feels we could move gravel back out of the ditch and fill in the wash and get a recommendation from the state as to proper method to repair. Bill suggests Tom Roberts or Eric House from District 3. Bill will be setting up this meeting.

Carl and Bill interviewed Steve Geno for the road crew position. Bill feels he will be happy with a part time position. A special meeting will be scheduled for early next week to meet with Steve.

Discussion of moving answering machine to town garage so that a more specific recording can introduce the highway dept. Chris feels that we should be able to leave service requests on the answering machine.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: K and S Tire will be removing tires from the transfer station and behind the pole barn.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue: None

End of Year Financial Report: Jenny left Treasurer’s Report for review

Financials/Board Orders: Discussion of signing salary board orders. S. Moyer - has brought it up more than once that the

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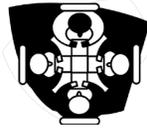
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board had voted 9/13/12 that the time cards be signed by the highway dept. C. Larson states that we could discipline an employee for not following the policy but it would not be legal to not pay someone for work completed. Jim agrees with Shirley - if the motion was passed unanimously, the time cards should be signed. J. Webber feels that an employee should be on administrative leave if not complying with policy. Bill feels we are discussing employee related issues outside of executive session. Chris does not agree. M. Lamson inquires why Bill won't sign the time-card. Bill feels all employees are not being treated the same (not required to sign), time clock has never been right and he will not sign a false document. Bill states that he has no problem signing the time card if the clock is correct. M. Lamson will look in to a time clock repair.



C. Larson moves to approve the July 11 and June 30 highway salary board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer - nay, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - nay, motion does not carry]

C. Larson moves to approve the balance of the board orders as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Chris will schedule Special Meeting when the full board is available.

Correspondence: Application for employment from Ian Dressler for transfer station. Consensus to allow as needed employment if paperwork/shots are in order.

Credit application sheet from NAPA - Allied Auto in Granville

Rutland County Sherriff - offering civilian fingerpringing Webber, Chapman, Kupferer - \$2,430 legal fee re. Garron Road

Association of Blind and Visually impaired - thank you letter

Service Request for Selectboard minutes, copy of agenda and where it was posted from Kathy Reed. Laura provided info.

Agency of Transportation - exemption certificate for diesel - expires end of 2014

VT Center for Independent Living - thank you letter for contribution

Dept of taxes - notice of education tax rates - non-res 1.5023, homestead rate: 1.6182

Certificate of insurance from Casella

Agency of Natural Resources - Town Forest Fire Warden expires 6/30/13. Recommend Jason Cook who has agreed to reappointment. S. Moyer moves to reappoint Jason Cook to the 5 year Town Forest Fire Warden. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

VTRANS - park and ride

VLCT News

Letter from Kathy Reed to Selectboard.

Other Business: Question from Bill - should he continue to come to work if board order for payment are not approved. Chris intends to schedule a Special Meeting to get the order signed.

Chris Larson lets the board know that he will moving out of town September 1 and will need to resign from the board around this time.

S. Moyer inquires about appointments -Trustee of Public Monies, Trustee of Copeland Church Fund, Copeland Cemetery Fund, Copeland Milk Fund

J. Webber inquires if there is a town policy regarding concealed weapons on town property or when on duty. C. Larson does not believe there is a policy. J. Webber thinks there should be a policy. Jim will research.

C. Haynes arrives 9:39

M. Lamson moves to approve the July 11 and June 30 highway salary board orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if the pay rates have been changed. It appears Jenny may have been under the impression there were approved raises which has not occurred to date. Pay rates corrected. M. Lamson amends the motion to read "as amended." [S. Moyer - nay, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - nay, C. Haynes - aye: motion carried]

M. Lamson inquires with Carl his impressions of the applicant for Road Crew. Carl feels he is more qualified than previous employee and has some relevant experience. C. Larson moves to hire Steven Geno for the part time highway employee position at \$12/hour for up to 32 hours per week once paperwork is approved. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer - aye, M. Lamson - nay, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes - aye: motion carried]

C. Larson moves to approve the June 27 minutes as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer - abstain, M. Lamson - abstain, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes - aye: motion carried]

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:54 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Historical Society Museum Open House



Sunday, October 6 from 2 to 4 pm
Join us for a stroll through our exhibits
and some light refreshments

Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library

3rd Tuesday of the month
7:00 PM
at the library.
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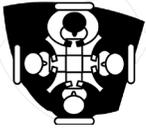


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Select Board Minutes Special Meeting - July 17, 2013 Approved

Note: These minutes were taken by Jim Webber and approved in handwritten format. They have been transcribed to the best of our ability by the Magnet layout person (P. Kenyon). Original handwritten minutes are available for viewing at the Town Office.

Present: Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Jim Webber, Carl Haynes, Gary Kupferer, Bill Reed, Jennifer Munyak.

1. Call to Order – 7:02
2. Employee Issues: Summary of situation by Chris. 9/13/12 Motion passed to have highway dept employees use and sign time cards. 10/25/12 Letter read from Bill Reed rebutting the 9/13/12 motion.

Comments by Shirley explaining why she refuses to sign board orders.

Bill Reed – comments applauding his own performance as best the town has ever seen and accusing all problems on being personal.

Gary K – inaccurate time clock is a problem.

(7:16 Mike arrives) Several options – 1) continue using time clock noting that it is inaccurate and require signature. 2) fix time clock & sign. 3) bag time clock and have employees sign a statement to the effect that hours submitted are true & accurate.

Bill Reed – no problem punching time clock if allowed to state that the time clock is inaccurate and verifying handwritten hours.

Gary K – if town has approved a policy then a signature is legally required despite accuracy of time clock.

If time clock is not functioning accurately there ought to be a backup policy.

Carl – time clock bought 3 years ago following prior clocks that have been in place for over 20 years.

Bill – old time clock functioned properly. Admits to losing temper. Admits to writing apology letters. Accuses board of mak-

ing this a personal issue.

Mike – if time clock is not working Bill must have a way to report malfunction to get it repaired.

Gary – agrees with Mike and feels a policy (service contract) should be in place.

Chris – replace time clock with one that works “I certify that the hours reported are correct”

Motion: We replace time clock and that the following be included on all “I certify that my handwritten hours are correct” Our policy that our non-elected town employee sign and date their time cards. Discussion.

Carl – what about election officials.

Amended Motion: “highway and transfer station town employees” replace non-elected town employees. Favor 5 Opposed 0

Move to go into executive session to include Gary Kupferer. Favor 4 Opposed 1 (Mike)

8:10 Exec Session – verbal discussion – no notes taken

Present: 5 board members, Gary K. 8:50 adjourn Exec Session

Motion by Carl second by Chris to hold a Special Meeting on Wed. 7/24 at 6pm – personnel & highway issues to be discussed at special meeting. Pass 5 – 0

3. Safe Routes to School – Carl – reports alligating on School House Rd. and Beldon suggestion to remove blacktop for \$6,000 leaving more exposure to curb thus requiring gravel and more paving.

Bill – discussion of technical aspects of project/changes.

Chris – what decisions are needed?

Bill – Don’t know at this time...possibly only paving part of the project.

4. Highway Project – no new business

5. Adjourn – 9:12



Middletown Springs Building Committee

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

All meetings are open to the public.

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Select Board Minutes Special Meeting- July 24, 2013 Approved



CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed

OSHA Investigation: An OSHA investigator from the state met with C. Larson who wanted to inspect the Town Garage. This was based on an anonymous complaint. The OSHA investigator inspected the garage and Town Office/met with Laura.

2 violations were noted: lack of wash stations and restroom at the Town Garage. Possible violation for eye-wash station. Other suggestions were made.

Solution per inspector could be stand alone porta-potty with wash station located behind Town Garage. This would need to be separate from Transfer Station porta-potty. Access to wash facility could also be at Town Office or Fire Dept and written policy that a reflective vest and employee look both ways before crossing street.

There may already be a policy to allow employees to use the Firehouse facilities. Chris will follow up.

Upgrade safety gear – reflective shirts/steel toe boots

Employee Issues: Carl inquires about pothole on West Street which was filled today however has not been repaired to date. Bill responds that today was his first opportunity while making other related repairs. Carl feels that the pothole was there too long and Bill did not address the problem. Bill replies that he was not aware of the problem

Chris inquires if a message were to be left at the garage, would Bill fill out a Service Request Form and take care of the issue. Chris feels that people should be able to leave a message at the town garage. Discussion of adding a voicemail greeting at the garage providing emergency number.

J. Webber moves to enter into executive session to discuss employee issues and invite Bill Reed. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Move into executive session 7:04.

C. Haynes moves to exit executive session. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Move out of executive session 7:36. No action taken.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting - July 25 2013 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

BOARD PRESENT: Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, C. Haynes

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Steve Letendre, David Munyak, John Colvin

Approval of Minutes of July 11, July 17, and July 24 - Tabled until next meeting.

Public Comments: John Colvin attends to discuss washing on either side of Daisy Hollow Road near his properties. John would like to see the ditching completed towards the top of the hill as discussed last year and a slight swale on each side of the road towards Route 133 (below driveway and garage) with grass mat planted to slow the water and control erosion. M. Lamson met with John and agrees with this approach. C. Haynes is concerned with putting a ditch on the south side.

M. Lamson moves to instruct Bill to implement the service request form to repair Daisy Hollow Road as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

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

Safe Routes to School: Steve Letendre – update on project. Belden plan to set granite curb next week and pour sidewalk following week. Drainage issue – expected catch basin did not exist. Change order was approved last meeting for \$18,000. Actual cost estimated to date will be around \$9,000. Met with state, they recognize the drainage system is essential to project – looks good that \$9K cost will be absorbed by grant. Topcoating of Schoolhouse Road would not be durable surface long-term due to alligator cracking. Idea to shift grant funding and remove asphalt add 2” base and 1” topcoat. Rough estimate of \$50,000 or \$70,000 if grant will not allow moving of fund. Carl spoke with engineer and would prefer to see the remaining asphalt ground up and used for the base as opposed to bringing in fill. Steve will discuss with the engineer.

Per Bill there may also be savings by reducing the road to 24’

Parker Property: Update from Dave Munyak – received signed Agency of Commerce grant agreement with the board signed.

Brownfield cleanup – SWRPC grant of approx. \$35K to remove tanks expires Aug 31. SWRPC tank removal bids are due 7/26 winner announced 7/31. Work must be complete by 8/31.

Dave Munyak requests the board hold a Special Meeting 7/30 to approve SWRPC tank removal bid. C. Haynes moves to hold a special meeting 7/30 @ 7:00PM for tax rate and Parker Property Brownfields grant. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

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Dave has not been able to get the Agency of Commerce to respond to requests for overlapping work for the remediation of contaminated soil with leftover funds



Library has held a few meetings working toward strategic plan/future goals to determine their interest in joining
Auditors Report: Jim Georg – Auditors held a warned meeting 7/25 - discussed Graham and Graham CPA audit report to see where we were towards meeting accounting recommendations. Discussed standardized format for various trust funds for congruous reporting.

West Street/Route 140 Project: Payment financing for the Route 140 project - rate of 2.1% for 3 years \$200,000. Will be added to Special Meeting agenda.

Bill has been prepping for the project – ditching and using the material for shoulders, cleanup around guardrails.

Road Commissioner Report: Review and order time clock
Review new time sheet

Bill presents 7 projects to work on

1. Prep and pave Route 140
2. Pave Schoolhouse Road
3. Riprap headwalls/wingwalls on bridge by Parker's Water Wells
4. Road reconstruction on Coy Hill west – White Road to Robert Johnson (ditching both sides/4 new culverts, dig out road base 18", fabric, backfill with gravel, possible underdrain, topcoat 8" process gravel)
5. Mountain Road – Mahar's to Meadow Lane
6. Coy Hill east – above Pepperman's to Mountain Road
7. Put up sand for winter

Flushing culverts, chipping brush, fill potholes, building and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance (OSHA recommendations – preventative maintenance, etc.), service equipment logs, 6 hoses on backhoe, 2 dumptruck windshields. Grader to Windmill Aug. 2. Bill will get a quote to be discussed at special meeting.

The board requests a cost estimate for project 4 for approval
M. Lamson will further research new time clock options

S. Moyer moves that the revised weekly time report sheet presented by Jenne Talke Munyai is satisfactory. M. Lamson 2nd. Bill approves of the new timesheet. [all in favor, motion carried]

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster: Conditional permit necessary for West Street large dumpster day? M. Lamson will check.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue: Bill spoke with Jim Pease, Agency of Natural Resource, who mapped the village for runoff. Spoke with Mark McManus who thought money may be available other options including rain gardens. Will be speaking with Church and Fire Dept about options.

Financials/Board Orders: M. Lamson moves to approve the financial board orders as presented. S. Moyer. 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye: motion carried]

Correspondence: VLCT – request for nominee of municipal employee service award candidates

Vermont Dept of Health – emergency medical services and injury prevention advisory committee

Dan McKeen – requesting appointment to vacancy

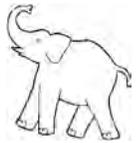
Walter Pepperman – copy of Use Value Appraisal Program lawsuit filed and requesting Selectboard chairman to signature VLCT -

Other Business: Bill Reed – regarding current budget – 2% increase to highway employee salary.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

Republican Town Caucus



All Republican voters of the town of Middletown Springs, County of Rutland are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A 2303, to meet in caucus on **Thursday, September 19, 2013** at the Middletown Springs Town Office at 7 p.m.

The Agenda for this Caucus is as follows:

- I. Election of Town Committee
- II. Election of Officers by the Town Committee
- III. Election of County Committee Members
- IV. New Business



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Planning Commission Minutes August 5, 2013



Members present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Call to order: 7:08PM

Agenda Approval: 1) **Approval of July Minutes:** Tom moved and John seconded. All in favor.

2) **Correspondence:** Received: A 2013 Town Fair brochure from the VT League of Cities and Towns.

3) **Rutland Regional Planning Report:** The RRPC has scheduled a trip for the commissioners to visit the wind farm at Lowell VT on Aug 31.

4) **Building Committee Report:** Tom reported that Dave Munyak said he would have a walk through with the contractors on the site today. The tank removal date is set for August 12th to 13th. Removal should take only one day. On the 27th a summary report with any lab reports will be completed and submitted to the state and EPA. This week's meeting of BC will be at the Friends of Adoption as that building is going up for sale. The selectboard will also tour the building as a possible site for the new town office.

5) **Old Business: A. Village Center Designation:** We reviewed the newly received map of our proposed village center from Jaime Lee, the RRPC consultant. She has asked us to determine vantage point for some streetscape pictures. We agreed that four photos from the four entryways to the village center as well as at the four corners should be taken. A few map corrections were noted and these will be sent to her.

A motion was made by John and duly seconded by Tom that the Planning Commission recommend to the Selectboard that the town pursue a village center designation for the purpose of:

- 1) obtaining eligibility for a state income tax credit for effected commercial owners;
- 2) obtaining eligibility for federal tax credit for commer-

cial historic rehabilitation;

3) obtaining eligibility for state tax credit for certified commercial historic buildings; and

4) obtaining priority consideration for municipal and federal grants.

All in favor.

B. Economic Development: The Rutland Regional Planning Commission has put town economic development on its next year's agenda

6) New Business: Tom has drawn up a draft of what the commission is doing and would like to do. He hopes getting this word out might generate interested for future membership on the planning commission. We will take this up next month.

Next meeting date: September 2, 2013: Labor Day.

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary



Democratic Town Caucus

It is Democratic Party Caucus time again. We have reserved the Historical Society meeting room for **Sept. 19th** at 7 p.m (all of the state's caucuses are meeting on 9/19). If you are interested in joining the Caucus, please let Nora know at 235-2093 or just come to the meeting.

The agenda is as follows:

- Election of town committee officers
- Elect 2 Delegates to the County Committee
- Conduct New Business including registering new voters and developing issues forums

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Board of School Directors Meeting August 22, 2013 UNOFFICIAL MINUTES



Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Meredith Morgan (Vice-Chair), Christopher Smid (Member). Also present: Joan Paustian (Supt.), Rick Beal (Principal) and Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Karen Mach (Clerk) arrived at 7:10PM. Public Present: None

1. Call to Order: Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

2. Presentation: None

3. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes - July 9, 2013 (Regular) and July 12, 2013 (Special)

Clarence Haynes moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2013 as presented the minutes of July 12, 2013, with the addition of the Board's decision to eliminate the brick detail between the sidewalk and the concrete, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent's Report (verbal this month) - Supt. Paustian reported that, per Louis Milazzo, there is \$47,000 surplus for the 2012-2013 school year. She reported that all administrators, except for Louis Milazzo, attended the Summer Leadership Conference. The conference was well attended and provided valuable networking opportunities. A number of positions in the RSWSU became open just recently; attempts are being made to fill these as soon as possible (a number of them have already been filled).

Principal's Report - Principal Beal reported that he attended the VPA conference. He spoke to a principal from the state of Georgia whose school has nearly 100% of students qualify for free/reduced price meals. Mr. Beal had a great discussion with him about ways to help these children meet the standards. The Cook at Tinmouth has resigned and they have been unable to fill the position. Discussion ensued about the possibility of sharing the MSES Cook's services between the two schools. The question is "How would this benefit MSES?" One potential benefit would be obtaining lower food prices by ordering in

larger quantities. A new law provides that students who qualify for free or reduced price meals will receive all their meals for free this year. MSES has been awarded a Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Grant. We will serve the free fruits and vegetable as snacks two days per week. We will be using a PIN pad at mealtime whereby students will enter their personal four digit code when receiving meals/beverages. This will move the line along more quickly and save employee data entry time. We had a very successful summer program. All of the teachers worked together well to provide a beneficial and enriching program. Mr. Beal is working with Principal Houk of Tinmouth on student collaboration in science and engineering this school year. Two MSES students will be attending the Young Scholars Program in Granville this year. Instructional Assistants Netta Austin and Tara Cancio-Bello have resigned and will not be returning this year. The results of the town vote on the water system upgrades were sent to the State Drinking Water Fund to facilitate loan forgiveness. A representative from VSBIT came to MSES for a building safety review. He informed us that special window blinds are available that will all lower at once by pressing a button. He reminded us to maintain an adequate depth of wood chips on the playground for cushioning. He recommended floor cleaning equipment that we could buy used from another elementary school at a cost of about \$800. He also recommended a chemical free cleaner which uses ozone to kill germs. FFE is pulling together the details for our annual First Day Community Breakfast on August 28.

Business Manager's Report - Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the August 2013 Financial Statements. They looked at areas in which the 2012-2013 budget was over-spent or under-spent.

Karen Mach moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 4-0.

4. Approve Warrants:

- a. Warrant #162 in the amount of \$35,602.56 dated 6/28/13
- b. Warrant #163 in the amount of \$44,530.26 dated 7/3/13

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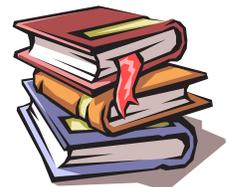
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c. Warrant #164 in the amount of \$11,452.70 dated 7/17/13

d. Warrant #165 in the amount of \$29,868.01 dated 7/31/13

Meredith Morgan moved to approve Warrant #162 in the amount of \$35,602.56 dated 6/28/13, Warrant #163 in the amount of \$44,530.26 dated 7/3/13, Warrant #164 in the amount of \$11,452.70 dated 7/17/13, and Warrant #165 in the amount of \$29,868.01 dated 7/31/13, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

5. General Public Comments: None

6. Old Business:

a. Support Staff Negotiations: Both of the August Support Staff Negotiations Meetings were cancelled by Sean Leach of the VT NEA due to his unavailability. He told Supt. Paustian that he would be sending new dates as soon as possible to reschedule.

b. Sidewalk Project: Discussion took place about the project. The sidewalk looks great; we are still awaiting delivery of two bike racks. The driveway will be re-paved soon. Winter maintenance was discussed. The agreement made before the project was signed off on was that the town would plow the driveway using the wing and the school would clear off the sidewalk. The school will also be responsible for deicing the sidewalk with a non-salt product. The final walk-through on the project will take place on Friday, August 30 at 9:00AM. A warning will need to be posted; anticipating that there may be three or more school board members present.

7. New Business:

a. Review/approve Paid Lunch Price - Discussion took place about school meals pricing. The VT Child Nutrition Program has set required minimum prices for students and adults. Mr. Milazzo included this information in the meeting packet. Clarence Haynes moved to set prices for paid lunch at \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults. Motion carried 4-0.

b. New VEHI Agreement - The Board discussed the new agreement from VEHI (Vermont Education Health Initiative) our carrier for health and liability insurance. Clarence Haynes moved to sign the new agreement, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

c. Shared Food Service Program possibilities - The Board discussed the possibility of sharing food service employees and their salaries with Tinmouth School earlier under New Business. It is worth considering as it could potentially decrease costs and/or increase revenues.

8. Policies:

a. F-46 Tuition Payment (revised) for input only

b. D-12 Employee Harassment (revised) for input only

Board members reviewed Policy F-46 (Tuition Payment) and Policy D-12 (Employee Harassment). Board members are encouraged to contact a Policy Committee member with comments or questions. Clarence Haynes asked about the status of the Kindergarten Entrance Age Policy. The committee is still gathering data.

9. Action on Personnel Contract:

a. Resignation/Release from Contract:

i. Tara Cancio-Bello – Instructional Assistant

ii. Netta Austin - .20 Teacher/.80 Instructional Assistant

To be covered during Executive Session.

b. Recall - To be covered during Executive Session.

10. Set Next Board Meeting & Agenda Building: By consensus

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sus, the next School Board meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 at 6:00PM at MSES.

11. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) - Clarence Haynes moved to have the Board enter Executive Session for personnel, legal, and student issues at 9:06PM, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried.

Action Taken: Karen Mach moved to accept the resignations of Netta Austin and Tara Cancio-Bello; collecting any advertising fees if applicable per contract, and to recall Shirl Harrington to fill the position vacated by Tara Cancio-Bello, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Clarence Haynes to move the board out of Executive Session at 9:37PM, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried.

12. Other Lawful Business:

a. VSBA Conference: October 24 and 25 are the dates for the VSBA Convention at Lake Fairlee. A copy of the book "Reign of Terror" by Diana Rabner, PhD, will be provided to board members who attend the conference.

b. Foreign Language Program: Meredith Morgan asked about offering a foreign language program at MSES; citing how research has shown that learning a foreign language aids in early brain development. Board members agree that having children learn a second language at a young age shows great benefits, however it is difficult to fit any other subjects into the school day when there is such pressure to achieve certain standards. We need to work on finding a way to fit foreign language into our children's education.

c. Meeting AYP: Rick and the other small schools in the SU did a great job.

13. Adjournment: Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38PM, Chris Smid seconded; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosso, Recording Secretary



Community Service Opportunity



Howdy Folks!!! There are a great number of people in town that like to do community service who also like to go camping...so, come join my family and me at Emerald Lake State Park for camping and (I believe as of this writing) the pulling of invasive plants. The campground will give you one free night for your community service. The invasive plant pulling will be on Saturday, September 28, 2013 starting at approximately 10 am and ending at approximately 4PM. You of course do not have to spend the night. Please contact me ASAP if you plan to attend. Let me know if you are going to spend the night Friday or Saturday or both. I will also need to know what type of a campsite you would like (Tent/lean-to/camper).

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Community Church News

Summer vacation coasted to a fun and enjoyable finale with local folks coming together for the Church's third annual Block Party and Free Indeed Lawn Sale on the Green. The weather was beautiful! Lots of kids and adults downed hot dogs and slurpees, played games, and took home bags of clothes and toys for the approaching fall and winter seasons. Thanks for coming to the party! And remember that Free Indeed – the no-money store - will be back again in time for Christmas. Both the Block Party and the semi-annual Free Indeed events are our way of sharing Jesus' love with our neighbors.



Church life slowed down during the summer, but the 10 am Sunday Worship Service and the bi-weekly Men's Group continued. Pastor Jared Wilson's current Sunday sermon series is on Relationships (September 1-29), focusing on marriage, parenting, singleness, and sexuality. The Men's Group meets first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm, and is delving into Eric Mason's book and video study "Manhood Restored – How the Gospel Makes Men Whole."

We are now looking forward to resuming other Church activities that did take a break. Children and Adult Sunday School, Small In-Home Study Groups, and Ladies' Bible Study will return towards the end of September.

Sunday Worship Service and all classes are open to everyone. All are ways for us to learn more about God, His son Jesus, the Holy Spirit and how He is leading us in our daily lives. Please contact the church for more information, or if you have any needs or concerns with which we might help - 235-2386, www.middleton-church.org

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CHAFFEE FALLS 6K RUN & WALK for HOSPICE on September 29th

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This will be the 2nd Annual Chaffee Falls Run/Walk and light refreshments will follow this 3 pm event. There will be prize drawings after the Run. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm for both runners and walkers at the North Chittenden Grange on Lower Middle Road where it intersects with Stony Hill Road. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact John Campbell, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at (802) 770-1683 for the registration form and additional details of the race and walk. The fee for the Run is \$25 and the walk is \$15. Proceeds benefit Hospice at RAVNAH.



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Thurs., 9/19, 10am at Maple Village in Rutland
Wed., 9/25, 12:30pm at the Godnick Ctr in Rutland
Thurs., 9/26, 12:30pm at the Community Ctr in N. Clarendon

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING - RAVNAH is offering a cholesterol screening including total lipid profile and blood glucose on Wednesday, September 18th, 8:30am-11am at the Dorset Nursing Office on Route 30 in Dorset. Call 362-1200 for an appointment. An 8 to 12 hour fast prior to the test is required to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.

News from PEGTV

Watch Castleton State College Football Live on PEGTV channel 20. PEGTV will be broadcasting all home games for the Castleton State College Spartan football team this fall. The Spartan's season kicks off at 1pm on Saturday, September 14, when the Spartans host the Gulls from Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

County News 802 Debuts on PEGTV Channel 21. The short segment will be hosted by Cristina Kumka, a veteran broadcast journalist and new member of the PEGTV team, and will air every Monday through Thursday at 6:30pm.

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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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BINGO!	Mon. 16	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 17	6:00 pm	Fire House
Library Friends	Tues. 17	7 pm	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 19	7 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Republican Town Caucus	Thurs. 19	7 pm	Town Office
Democatic Town Caucus	Thurs. 19	7 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Tinmouth Contra Dance	Fri. 20	8 pm	Tinmouth Center
Library Book Sale	Sat. 21	8 am - 3pm	Library
Library Book Sale	Sun. 22	10 am - 3pm	Library
Hist. Society Annual Mtg	Sun. 22	7 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 23	7 pm	Fire House
School Board Meeting	Tues. 24	6 pm	School
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 24	7 pm	Fire House
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 25	11 am	Poultney
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 26	7 pm	Town Office

October

Library Trustees	Wed. 2	10:30 am	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Wed. 2	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Thurs. 3	6:30 pm	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs. 3	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Oversize Trash Day	Sat. 5	6am - Noon	West Street
Open Studio Weekend	Sat. 5 & Sun 6	10 am - 5 pm	Hither & Yon
Hist. Soc. Open House	Sun. 6	2 - 4 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 7	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Commission	Mon. 7	7:30 pm	Town Office
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 10	7 pm	Town Office
Library Friends Yard Sale	Sat. 12	8 am - 4 pm	Library
Columbus Day	Mon. 14		
BINGO!	Mon. 14	7 pm	Fire House

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