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## February 2012

### TOWN MEETING 2012

#### TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS WARNING Town Meeting – March 6, 2012

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Firehouse Hall, in said Town, on Monday March 5, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday March 6, 2012. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 6, 2012 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 6, 2012, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$200,664 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$147,664 to be raised by taxes on the 2012 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013?
4. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$381,963 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$319,963 to be raised by taxes on the 2012 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013?
5. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs approve the revised town plan prepared by the planning commission?
6. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to borrow an amount not to exceed \$77,300 to be financed over a period not to exceed three years for the purchase of the Parker property at the corner of South Street and East Street (purchase price of \$57,300 plus \$20,000 underground storage tank removal/site cleanup)?
7. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to exempt for a period of five years the property which is located on Firehouse Lane, and which is owned by the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. and is used for the purposes of such organization?

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#### MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING Annual School District Meeting - March 6, 2012

The legal voters of the Town School District of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Firehouse Hall in said Town, on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 6, 2012. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 6, 2012, at which time business of voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted upon the following articles:

- Article 1:** To elect school district officers as provided by law.
- Article 2:** To elect a school district clerk for a one (1) year term.
- Article 3:** To elect a school district treasurer for a one (1) year term.
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$1,934,623.00 which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2012-2013 fiscal year?
- Article 5:** Are the voters of Middletown Springs Town School District interested in investigating the benefits of consolidation as considered under Act 153?
- Article 6:** If Article 5 is approved; shall the voters of the Middletown Springs School District agree to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 for said study?
- Article 7:** Shall the voters of Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the appropriation of up to \$10,000.00 necessary to add a .2 FTE teacher to conduct a foreign language program at the Middletown Springs Elementary School beginning 2012-2013?
- Article 8:** To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 6, 2012.

*Kimberly Mathewson, Chair  
Steven Letendre, Vice Chair  
Clarence Haynes, Clerk  
Matthew Peschl, Member  
Kendra Larson, Member*

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8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to produce wood and wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation and educational purposes?
9. Resolved, that the voters of Middletown Springs and their town government urge the governments of the United States and the State of Vermont to adopt taxation and spending policies that reduce the growing disparity of wealth, make the richest people in the US, the top 1%, as well as the largest corporations, pay a fair share and equitable portion of their income in taxes, and strengthen the social and economic security of the vast majority, the 99%, of the people of the United States.
10. In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town of Middletown Springs vote on 3/6/12 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?
11. Sections of the recently passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) allow for the indefinite military detention without trial of any person, including US citizens. The indefinite military detention of US citizens without trial violates the 5th and 6th amendments of the Constitution of the United States, Article III of the Constitution of the United States, and the Posse Comitatus Act. These portions of the NDAA thus corrode the ideals of presumed innocence and right to a fair trial on which our nation was founded, and which generations of military servicemen and women have fought to preserve. The FBI Director, the Defense Secretary, the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Defense, and many of our nation's generals, admirals, and servicemen and women have opposed the NDAA's detention provisions.

Will the citizens of Middletown Springs vote at the March 6, 2012 Town Meeting to 1) formally affirm the inviolability of rights guaranteed to all US Citizens under the 5th and 6th amendments to the US Constitution; 2) formally repudiate Sections 1021 and 1022 of the NDAA by insisting that both the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the General Assembly of the State of Vermont

openly oppose enforcement of the Sections and initiate or join efforts to formally overturn these Sections in such manner as to guarantee the inviolability of the US Constitution; and 3) send copies of the resolution to Vermont State and Federal Legislative Representatives within 30 days of passage?

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$58,000 for the support of the MS Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Rutland Mental Health determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter determining that the program serves residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape assistance?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the BROC determining that the program serves the resident of the town with fuel assistance, USDA commodities, emergency food and financial assistance?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the ARC -Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services to citizens with development disabilities and their families?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of

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- the America Red Cross of Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency services?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$412 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$600 for the support of the Rutland County Parent Child Center determining that the program serves residents of the town with child visitation services?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the Poultney Community League determining that the program serves residents of the town with youth sports programs?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
30. Shall the voters of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$2,500 for the support of Middletown Springs First Response determining that the program serves residents of the town with emergency life support and medical services?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,300 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (formerly George D. Aiken RC&D Council) determining that the program serves residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
33. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

*Chris Larson, Chair*      *Carl Haynes*  
*Shirley Moyer*            *James Webber*  
*Mike Lamson, Clerk*

## Who's Running for Town & School Offices

Moderator (1 year): *Blank*  
Town Clerk (3 years): *Laura Ann Castle*  
Town Treasurer (3 years): *Jennifer Talke Munyak*  
Town Agent (1 year): *Blank*  
Tax Collector (1 year): *Laura Ann Castle*  
Selectman (2 years): *Shirley Moyer*  
Selectman (2 years of 3-year term): *James Webber*  
Selectman (3 years):  
*Carl P. Haynes*  
*William (Bill) Reed*  
Road Commissioner (3 years):  
*Carl P. Haynes*  
*William (Bill) Reed*  
Listers (3 years): *Sally Achey*  
Auditor (1 year of 3-year term): *Blank*  
Auditor (3 years): *Blank*  
Library Trustee (3 years) — Vote for 2:  
*Lois Dansereau*  
*Kristal Hier*  
*Maureen McCormick*  
*Alida Tarbell*  
Town Grand Juror (1 year): *Blank*  
Trustee Copeland Church Fund (1 year): *Nanette Gilmour*  
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund (1 year): *Nanette Gilmour*  
Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies (3 years):  
*Lois Dansereau*  
*Carl P. Haynes*  
Planning Commission (3 years): *John Arsenault*  
Planning Commission (4 years): *Blank*  
School Moderator (1 year): *Blank*  
School Director (3 years): *Karen Mach*  
School Director (2 years): *Blank*  
School Treasurer (1 year): *Blank*  
School District Clerk (1 year): *Blank*



## PROPERTY TAXES DUE

**Town of Middletown Springs  
3rd Quarter Property Tax Due  
Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Payments can be made at the Town Office  
Thursday, March 15th  
1 pm to 4 pm  
or mail to:**

**Town Treasurer  
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## Maple Festival

The Middletown Springs Historical Society will hold it's annual Maple Festival on Sunday, March 18, 2012. NEW this year will be a fund raiser featuring maple sap buckets painted by well known local artists! Old favorites like sugar-on-snow, spun gold, maple treats, syrup for sale, a raffle, silent auction, presentations on sugaring, and more will keep you entertained. Mark your calendars. More details to come!

### Fundraiser for Restoring Horsepower

An A.W. Gray horse-power treadmill, damaged in the collapse of the shed where it was stored, awaits repair in a local barn. The Historical Society will be raising funds for this project at the Maple Festival on Sunday, March 18. A raffle with many prizes including cash and a silent auction will raise funds for the cause. Mark your calendar for this afternoon of fun, food, music and maple information!



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### Fountain of Youth

Celebrate Leap Year with fellow seniors at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney on February 29. Sweet and Sour Pork with Pineapple, Green Peppers and Carrots, Whole Grain Bread and Peach Cobbler will be served at noon. Homemade soup and coffee is served after 11 am. Make your reservation by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200. Do you ask how much this costs? Only \$3.25 for a homemade meal served family style. Hope to see you there.



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## New Technology Tools for Library



Join us at the library to celebrate the delivery of new computers, laptops, e-reader and an ipad!! At 3pm on Wednesday, February 29, State Librarian, Martha Reid from the Department of Libraries will deliver new computer hardware and other tools for the community of Middletown Springs, received as part of the e-Vermont Community Broadband Project Grant. Library patrons have patiently waited for this day. Come see our new equipment. Refreshments and fanfare for all.

The e-Vermont project is led by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The Department of Libraries is a grant partner. The Grant is part of a federal program to help rural communities take full advantage of the internet whether for education, economic development or community engagement. Middletown Springs is one of 24 Vermont communities to receive equipment and other services as a result of a competitive application process. Join us at the library to welcome this wonderful addition to our community!

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## Library News — Pie for Breakfast!

Looking for a Cure for the Wintertime Blues? The trustees at the Middletown Springs Public Library have discovered a sure cure for the Wintertime Blues: Pie for Breakfast. On Saturday, March 3, 2012, from 8 – 10 am, they will be serving up All You Can Eat PIE For Breakfast with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many flavors. Pies are both sweet (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate...) and savory (such as quiche, spinach, ham...).

\$6 for adults; \$4 for children 4-12, under 4 FREE. All proceeds benefits the Library. The library is located at 39 West Street, in Middletown Springs.

For more information contact the library at 802-235-2435 or kbm@vermontel.net.



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## Smart Grid Coming to Middletown Springs



The Middletown Springs Energy Committee is hosting Central Vermont Public Service representatives for a presentation on the **CVPS Smart Grid initiative, Wednesday February 22, 7 PM at the at the Historical Society Building**, on the Green. A technical expert and customer service representative will be on hand to discuss this new technology and answer questions. All are welcome.

Smart grid is part of a nationwide initiative that is taking advantage of federal funding to bring the current electric grid up to date with “smarter”, more reliable technologies. It involves installing digital control devices and communication technology throughout the electric grid, which will continuously relay information to utilities about equipment performance, potential or existing outages, electric demand, and usage. Middletown Springs is among the first group of CVPS serviced towns scheduled for SmartPower implementation.

Supporters say it's a big leap forward for energy conservation in Vermont that will save money, both for customers and the power companies, and will help cut down on pollution and reduce power outages.

But, as installation is set to begin across the state, some people are questioning whether the new meters have enough safeguards to protect consumer's privacy. Some also fear the possible adverse health effects they say could result from widespread use of the wireless meters.

For more information on CVPS Smart Power and the implementation schedule go to the website, [www.cvps.com/ProgramsServices/smartpower/ImplementationPlan/ImplementationMap/index.asp](http://www.cvps.com/ProgramsServices/smartpower/ImplementationPlan/ImplementationMap/index.asp).

The website [www.stopsmeters.org](http://www.stopsmeters.org) addresses potential privacy and health issues.

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# Select Board Minutes Special Meeting December 22, 2011 Approved



**Call to Order:** C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

**Public Present:** Bill Reed, Dot Reed, Sally Achey

**Approval of Minutes of 12/8, 12/15:** J. Webber moves to accept the December 15 minutes as presented and the December 8 minutes as amended. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

**Comments:** S. Achey- Presents the updated CLA figures from the state (CLA 91.2, COD – 10.10). The town has 30 days to review the sales included in the CLA.

## Highway Dept. Storage Plan/Reed property

- Discussion of how the town has historically informally used Dot Reed's property for equipment storage, snow disposal from the transfer station area, whether snow will be placed there this year, and whether a more formal agreement should be in place as well as compensation for the current use of the property. Dot has allowed the town to use the property with no agreement/cost to date. Discussion of drafting/signing a short term lease.
- C. Haynes moves to draft a short term lease in the amount of \$200/month to use a portion of Dot Reeds property for equipment storage and disposal of snow from the adjacent town property beginning Jan. 1, 2012 through the winter months. M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]* C. Larson will draft a lease agreement, present to Dot Reed and will have available for the board at the next meeting.
- Bill measured the old salt shed 60' x 100'

## Town Office Replacement Plan/Parker property

- Long Trail Engineering conducted the perc tests on the Parker property.
- C. Haynes moves to post the intent to sell the West Street property. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion of the process to sell. Discussion of future use of the West St property and whether or not a flood plain determination can be made to allow alternative use (i.e. sand/salt storage, transfer station, etc.). *[C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Larson – nay, S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – nay]*

## Route 140 Repairs (change orders)

- Grant agreement between the state and the town which needs to be signed. According to Tom Roberts with VTRANS the costs of the project can be covered 100% if completed within 180 days under emergency repair.
- 3 change orders to the repair of Route 140 plan were presented from Stantec as discussed with the contractor and Bill Reed.
- C. Larson moves to approve the standard grant agreement with the state of VT for Route 140 and that he is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the board. C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- M. Lamson moves to approve the 3 change orders as presented by Stantec for inclusion in the Route 140 repairs. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[C. Haynes – nay, J. Webber – aye, C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye]*

- M. Lamson moves to allow C. Larson to sign the 3 change orders on behalf of the board.
- C. Haynes received Gilman easement. *[C. Haynes – nay, J. Webber – aye, C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye]*

**North Brook stabilization:** Update from Hillary Solomon – is planning to submit letter of intent for FEMA HMGP funding.

**Firehouse Lane/Fort Dumpster/SWAC Issues/Employee issues:** J Webber spoke with Pam Clapp about the state solid waste plan. Pam feels Middletown recycles a lot of paper. SWAC dues \$818.04 biannually.

## Road Commissioner Report

- The bed chain in the one ton broke and was replaced.
- The 7600 required repair on the brakes (slack adjuster) and wipers.

**Equipment Replacement Plan:** C. Haynes inquires when the new one-ton will be delivered. Bill thinks 8-12 weeks was the original quote.

**Street Lighting:** Discussion of LED lighting as possible replacement of our current streetlights. CVPS is working with Efficiency Vermont. The Energy Committee is also pursuing this opportunity.

**Audit:** Quote from Graham and Graham - \$3,500 to complete internal accounting control systems integrity, suggestions for reporting, improvements, etc. C. Larson will contact for a complete scope of work.

## Financials/Board Orders

- C. Larson moves to approve the Selectman's Orders for highway as presented. C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup> *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- C. Larson moves to approve the Selectman's Orders for general as presented. C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup> *[all in favor, motion carried]*

## Correspondence

- Insurance claim form C. Mahoney
- CVPS letter for LED lights
- Northern VT Resource Conservation and Development Council – request for funds
- VLCT – annual PACIF equipment grant guidelines
- Blind and Visually impaired – request for funds

**FY 2012/2013 Budget:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 10:10 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



**Select Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
December 29, 2011 Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

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

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

**FY 2012/2013 Budget:** The board worked on the 2012/2013 budget.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

*Mike Lamson, Clerk*

**Select Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
January 5, 2012 Approved**

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

**Board Present:** Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Mike Lamson, S. Moyer

**Public Present:** Laura Castle

**FY 2012/2013 Budget:** The board worked on the 2012/2013 budget.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 10:10 pm.

*Mike Lamson, Clerk*

**Select Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
January 12, 2012 Approved**

**Board Present:** Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes, S. Moyer

**Public Present:** Norm Parker

**Call to Order:** C. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

- S. Moyer moves to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate transaction (Parker property) and invite Norm Parker to attend. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

- Move into executive session 6:37
- Move out of executive session 6:59
- No action taken.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

*Mike Lamson, Clerk*



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**Select Board Minutes – Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2012 Approved**

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

**Public Present:** Kimberly Matthewson, Jenne Munyak, Lois Dansereau, Marilyn Parker, Bill Reed, Laura Castle

**Approval of Minutes of 12/22, 12/29, 1/5:** Tabled

**Public Comments**

- Library Committee members Kimberly Matthewson, Jenny Talke-Munyak, Lois Dansereau attend and present librarian's report.
- Marilyn Parker attends to present a letter appointing Jenny Talke-Munyak as Assistant Treasurer. Jenny Talke-Munyak has expressed interest in running for the treasurer position in the future.

**Highway Dept. Storage Plan/Reed property**

- C. Larson presents a proposed lease to rent a portion of Dot Reed's property for equipment storage and snow disposal from transfer station area/others. The lease was reviewed by the board.
- C. Haynes moves to secure the rental property as described in the lease for \$200/month and to allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the board. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. S. Moyer inquires how much snow will be placed on the site and will salt be an issue? B. Reed and Carl do not feel there will the impact is significant. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- M. Lamson presents estimate prepared by Don Smith Construction as requested for budgeting the replacement of the pole barn located adjacent to the transfer station.
- Discussion of adding a line item to the budget to allocate funds for the replacement of the salt shed/facilities

**Audit:**

- Jeff Graham calls in from Graham & Graham, P.C. accounting firm to discuss the potential compilation report audit as directed by the voters at last year's town meeting –
- Suggested scope of work: accounting control, reporting, document processing, authorization and review practices, accounting principle overview.
- Jeff feels the timeline by Town Meeting is achievable.
- M. Lamson inquires as to whether a compilation report will satisfy the objective of the voter request as it is not a full audit of town finances. A full financial audit would prove to be too costly and the compilation report will satisfy the request.
- C. Haynes moves to enter into agreement with Graham and Graham to complete the compilation report. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

**Town Office Replacement Plan/Parker property:**None (discussed in Special Meeting)

**Route 140 Repairs (change orders):** Route 140 repairs are well under way and are approaching the road level. M. Lamson inquires if the engineer has visited the site to observe progress and check the work. B. Reed says that he has.

**Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster:** M. Lamson will inquire if Casella's can attend next week's budget meeting to discuss single stream recycling.

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**Road Commissioner Report**

- Bill requested quotes for a new sander for the new one-ton. Arrowhead did not respond. Iroquois sent an incomplete quote. Quote from Earle's for painted sander: \$4,525 stainless steel sander: \$5,216, labor \$350. Iroquois stainless: \$4,969 (does not include installation).
- Bids were received for the old plows for steel salvage (which was posted by C. Haynes): 1. Ron Dufour: \$200 2. 558-0533 (no name): \$152.52.
- C. Haynes moves to award the plows to Ron Dufour for \$200. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [C. Haynes – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – abstain, motion Carried]
- C. Larson moves to order the stainless steel sander from Earle's. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. [C. Haynes – nay, S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion Carried]

**Street Lighting**

- From the Municipal Street Light Initiative: proposal from Efficiency Vermont/action plan to replace street lights with LED lights.
- M. Lamson will pass on to the Energy Committee

**Financials/Board Orders**

- C. Haynes moves to approve the general town orders as presented. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried]
- C. Haynes moves to approve the highway town orders as presented. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried]

**Correspondence**

- Letter from W. Pepperman pointing out that his offer to review the social service program articles for Town Meeting went unanswered.
- Health insurance claim form.
- Dept of Health – request to recommend someone to serve as town health officer. S. Moyer will contact Rita Hansen to see if she is interested.
- VLCT News
- Request from VT Trails and Greenways to renew membership
- Letter from Poultney Rescue Squad inquiring about town meeting and deadline for documentation for social service request
- Letter from Planning Commission – will be submitting town plan for approval at town meeting

**FY 2012/2013 Budget/Town Report:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 10:10 pm.

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**Select Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
January 19, 2012 Approved**

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

**Public Present:** Randy Dupresne

**Call to Order:** C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**FY 2012/2013 Budget:**

- Randy Dupresne from Casellas attends to discuss single stream (Zero Sort) recycling
- Casella's in Rutland began the zero sort facility in November. All #1-7 plastics, all fibre (all paper products), can be thrown into one container at the town level. This is then sorted at their facility and sold per commodity.
- Casella's uses an average commodity revenue (ACR) pricing structure. The ACR (average revenue they receive for varying recyclables after sorting) is applied to the tonnage recycled.
- The cost to the town is \$80/ton to sort. The ACR is applied to this number and any overage (profit) is split with Casellas. Conversely, if the ACR is less than the cost/ton to sort, the town pays this amount.
- Casella's can provide a 22' x 8' 30 yard container for the single stream recycling
- Alternately a compacting dumpster is a possibility to reduce the frequency of transporting recyclables to Rutland. A compacting dumpster costs roughly \$20,000 and Casella's would consider providing with a long term commitment (10 years suggested).
- Estimate of \$150 per 30 yard container to haul to Rutland

**Parker Property:**

- Potential purchase agreement for the Parker property was

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reviewed and discussed.

- Cost to remove the underground storage tanks on site and the possibility of grants will be will be researched
- FY 2012/2013 Budget:** The board worked on the 2012/2013 budget.

**Town Report:** Jim Webber moves to approve the social service descriptions and ballot items as written. C. Larson second. [M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes – aye, S. Moyer – nay, motion carried]

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 10:36 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk

## Select Board Minutes Special Meeting January 23, 2012 Approved

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

**Board Present:** Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Mike Lamson, S. Moyer, C. Haynes

**Public Present:** None

**FY 2012/2013 Budget**

- The board worked on the 2012/2013 budget.
- C. Larson moves to set the fiscal year 2013 general town budget at \$200,664 and the highway budget at \$381,963. J. Webber second. Discussion: Carl is concerned with the \$10,000 tree trimming line item in the budget. [C. Haynes – nay, M. Lamson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]
- S. Moyer moves to place the Middletown Springs First Response photo on the cover of the Town Report. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried]
- **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

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## A Note to the Community from Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson, chair Middletown Springs School District



As the Chair of the Middletown Springs School District Board, it is my pleasure to provide the community with an update on the Board's work, overseeing the education of all children residing in our town.

This year we are extremely pleased to welcomed Rick Beal as the new principal of the elementary school. Mr. Beal spent several years as a kindergarten classroom teacher, and he has held a number of administrative positions including serving as a principal. Prior to his career as an educator and administrator, Mr. Beal spent 20 years dairy farming in Maine. During his short tenure as our new principal, Mr. Beal has made many valuable contributions serving to enhance the educational experience for our students.

Families are free to choose where their students go after completing the sixth grade; our students currently attend five different secondary schools. We recognize that community members value the opportunity to choose the secondary school that their children attend. However, the School District Board has no ability to control the tuition that the secondary schools charge for accepting our students.

The school district budget covers the elementary school budget which increased by less than 1%, as well as the cost of secondary tuitions and special education expenses. These have risen in response to secondary student count as well as special education services as required by law. Also, in response to a community request, the voters will be asked if they would support foreign language instruction in the elementary school.

In March, I was re-elected chair of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Board (SU). The SU board representatives from the individual towns come together to economize, streamline, and support the educational efforts of each district in very positive and constructive ways. While each town is unique, we all face similar fiscal and educational realities and together we are working to find ways to cooperate that can both save educational dollars and improve the quality of education for all of the children in these towns.

On the ballot in all five SU towns, there is an article asking voters if they would be interested in exploring the possible benefits of consolidation as outlined in Act 153, and if so, would they approve up to \$2,000 for this study. A preliminary study was conducted in 2006 and measures for more efficient educational and financial operations which did not require

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a change in governance (ie. consolidation) have been set in process, such as a unified set of policies and curriculum coordination. Further study may be pursued with voter approval.

In the last year, we leveraged several grant opportunities as well as utilized funds designated for the repair and maintenance of our historic school building. Energy efficient lighting fixtures have been installed in a number of classrooms and in the multi-purpose room, which will save approximately \$4,000 a year in reduced electric bills. The ceilings in three classrooms have been dropped which simplified the installation of the lighting, mitigated a potential lead paint issue, and significantly reduced classroom noise levels. The exterior of the historic portion of the building was repainted to better preserve our historic schoolhouse. This summer a new sidewalk will be installed along Schoolhouse Road with funds from a Vermont Agency of Transportation grant.

Board Members from all four School District Boards within the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth & Wells) have been negotiating with the NEA Teacher's Union that represents the teachers in all four of these Districts for over a year. All Supervisory Unions are now required by law to bargain SU-wide labor contracts. This is the first time we have had to bargain a joint contract. This adds a layer of complexity to the process; from merging contract language to the difficulty of scheduling meetings everyone can attend. When we did not reach settlement in the fall, both sides agreed to use a federal mediator, and then a neutral fact finder. Once the fact finder's non-binding recommendations were received, the Boards' Bargaining Committee met with the Union once again on January 18, 2012. During that meeting, the Boards presented the Union with two proposal options – a proposal for a one-year settlement and a proposal for a three-year settlement. The Union rejected both of these offers.

The Boards believe we have presented an offer to the

Union that attempts to strike a balance between our concern over the current economic realities and our respect for the dedication of our teaching staffs. It is our sincere hope that the Union will reconsider its position so that we will be able to reach a settlement that is fair to the taxpayers as well as the teachers. Further details about the contract negotiations can be found at [www.rswsu.org](http://www.rswsu.org) under Updates.

This school board is acutely aware of the current economic challenges many of us are facing, as well as the educational standards needed to prepare children for future success. The board will continue its conservative fiscal management of school funds and its insistence on a high quality education for the children of this community.

## Middletown Springs' Henderson Scholarship Fund Awarded

The Henderson Scholarship Selection Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of a \$500.00 Henderson Scholarship Fund Award for January 2012.

The Scholarship Fund is awarded to Middletown Springs' students who are beginning their college careers.

- **Leslie Bardin**, daughter of Lisa and Chris Fenton, is attending the University of New England where she is pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy.
- **Scott Hansen**, son of Gerald and Rita Hansen, is attending Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA. Mr. Hansen is pursuing a degree in Athletic Training.
- **Corinne Comeau**, daughter of Dave and Jodi Comeau, is attending the University of Vermont. Ms. Comeau is pursuing a degree in Psychology.

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## Lindsay and Emily Genier on Dean's List

Tony & Barb Genier, of Middletown Springs, proud parents of Lindsay and Emily Genier would like to announce that both daughters made the "Dean's list" for the fall 2011 academic term.

Lindsay is a 2008 graduate of Mill River Union High School and attends University of New England in Portland Maine where she is pursuing her degree in Dental Hygiene. She is also actively involved in the "Student association of dental hygienist of america."

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Emily is a 2010 graduate of Mill River Union High School and attends Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, where she is pursuing a double major of accounting and finance and a minor in psychology. The Bryant University curriculum is challenging, and less than one in three students earn recognition on the Dean's List each semester. Emily is also active in Bryant's Amnesty International, The Student Programming Board, Accounting Association, and a member of Delta Sigma Pi.

## Regular School Board Meeting January 12, 2012 – Unofficial Minutes

**Present:** Kimberly Mathewson (Chair), Steven Letendre (Vice Chair), Clarence Haynes (Clerk), Matt Peschl (Member), Kendra Larson (Member). Also present: Joan Paustian (Supt.), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary).

**Public Present:** Bob Bruttomesso (Grade 5/6 Teacher).

**Call to Order:** Kimberly Mathewson called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

**Anticipated Executive Session:** Steven Letendre moved to have the board enter Executive Session at 6:09PM for student issues, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

Kimberly Mathewson moved to have the board exit Executive Session at 6:34PM, Matt Peschl seconded; motion carried. No action taken.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – Unofficial Minutes from:
  1. December 7, 2011 (Special) Pending
  2. December 15, 2011 (Regular)
  3. June 3, 2011 (Special) (Still Pending)
  4. June 6, 2011 (Special) (Still Pending): Kendra Larson moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2011, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried. Minutes of December



7, June 3, and June 6 are still pending.

**Superintendent's Report:** Supt. Paustian reported that the provisional Pre-K special education license was granted. The health insurance from VISBT will increase by 3.5% next year (1.5% less than anticipated). Supt. Paustian has budget information from Mr. Milazzo which she will distribute.

**Principal's Report (Written):** Staff met with Rommy Fuller in December for reading professional development. Ms. Fuller will continue to consult with teachers, attend a staff meeting once a month, and visit classrooms. Afterschool Spanish has ended for the year due to the instructor's unavailability. Mr. Beal is investigating opportunities to present another language experience this year. MSES received a "Farm to School" planning grant to bring fresh, local food into the school. We will need a coordinator for the grant. Great collaboration has been happening between MSES' 5/6 class and the 5/6 class at Tinmouth. Mr. Beal thanked Mr. Bruttomesso for his fine efforts in facilitating this. Mr. Beal is planning for winter activity day/s jointly with Tinmouth; he has met with Principal, Gail Curtis. MSES will participate in the Digital Wish "Game Development & Website Building" mentorship program, which teams high school students with elementary school students after school. Mr. Bruttomesso will be taking students to a two-day training shortly. This program will include funding from Microsoft and a free laptop and represents a great hands-on learning opportunity. Mr. Beal is still working on the water system project—a loan forgiveness program is available to fund the needed repairs. Mr. Beal met with representatives from the Historical Society to discuss this year's Living History program. The artist in residency program with storyteller David Coffin and the grandparent's luncheon will take place on Feb. 3.

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Financial Statements:** Supt. Paustian distributed the current financial statements, the FY13 budget, and the 3-year comparisons. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the consent agenda, Matt Peschl seconded; motion carried.

**Approve Warrants:** Warrant #121 in the amount of \$45,115.23, dated 12/16/11. Clarence Haynes moved to approve Warrant #121 in the amount of \$45,115.23, dated 12/16/11, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

**General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Meeting):** Mr. Bruttomesso read a statement reflecting the teachers' disappointment with the lack of a contract settlement. Although the MSES teachers have been without a contract for 18 months, they continue to focus on the important work of teaching our students. Mr. Bruttomesso also asked if there was data to support the need for two half-time RSWSU Technology Integration Specialists. Mrs. Mathewson read a statement from the RSWSU Board expressing their interest in reaching a settlement while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. Supt. Paustian stated that the reason for having the two integration specialists is to ensure that teachers are knowledgeable and equipped to help

their students achieve and maintain 21st century skills which are vital to their success.

**New Business:** (Receive Information/Possible Action):

**Review/Approve Warning** (anticipated action): The draft warning for Town Meeting was distributed and discussed. Mr. Haynes suggested that the articles be re-numbered so that each article is separate for clarity. Number 8 will be added and 5-7 re-numbered. The warning cannot be approved before January 21. A special meeting will be held to approve the warning and prepare for Town Meeting.

**Prepare for Town Meeting:** Tabled until special meeting. Mrs. Larson would like the board to consider various ways of getting the budget information out to the public; this will be explored at the special meeting.

**Old Business:** Mrs. Mathewson's and Mr. Peschl's board seats are up this year. Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain a nominating petition from the town office.

**Policies (For Adoption):**

- a. F-26 Use of Restraint and Seclusion (revisions as per law)
- b. H-200 Public Solicitations/Marketing/Advertising and Donations in the Schools
- c. G-11 Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & the Internet (revisions as per law). Steven Letendre moved to adopt the above-listed policies: F-26, H-200, and G-11, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

**Policies:** D-4 Educator Supervision and Evaluation: Probationary Teachers. Board members reviewed the above policy. There are no suggested changes at this time.

**Action on Personnel Contract:**

- i. New Hires: None
- ii. Resignations: None
- iii. Terminations: None
- iv. Other: (Renewals): None

**Executive Session** 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1-9)(a)(b) (if warranted): Clarence Haynes moved that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:08PM for legal and personnel issues, Kimberly Mathewson seconded; motion carried.

Kimberly Mathewson moved that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:14PM, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried. No action taken.

**Other Lawful Business:** None.

**Set Next Regular Board Meeting & Agenda Building** (Anticipated February 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m.): Next meeting of the MSD Board set for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at 6:00PM at MSES.

**Adjournment:** Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM, Matt Peschl seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Rosso  
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## School Board Special Meeting

Jan. 26, 2012

### Unofficial Minutes

**Present:** Board Members – Clarence Haynes, Kimberly Mathewson, Steve Letendre, Kendra Larson and Superintendent Joan Paustian.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:06PM by Chairperson Kimberly Mathewson.

**Review/Approve Warning:** The warning was reviewed by the board. Motion made by Kimberly Mathewson, seconded by Steve Letendre to adopt the warning as presented. Motion carried.

**Prepare for Town Meeting:** Discussion occurred regarding preparation for Town Meeting.

- Information will be placed in the Middletown Magnet – specific to Act 153 Articles
- Kimberly Mathewson and Principal Beal will work on power point presentation
- Steve Letendre, Kendra Larson and Louis Milazzo will prepare charts and grafts for the power point presentation
- Louis Milazzo will prepare budget (for pre-informational meeting) as it appears in the town report (to be ready for board's review by the regular February meeting)

The Pre-Informational Meeting will be scheduled either February 28, 2012 or February 29, 2012; the date will be determined in order not to conflict with any other (SU) school's meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Kendra Larson, seconded by Steve Letendre to adjourn the meeting at 6:12PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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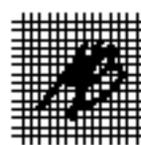
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**Legislative Update**

The Legislature is nearing the completion of the first third of this year's session. Nearly 900 bills have been introduced so far with many complicated and difficult issues taking center stage. One issue is the design of a mental health care system for the state that includes facilities to replace the flooded state hospital in Waterbury and maximizes not only appropriate care at all levels but Federal reimbursement, too and is geographically accessible across the state. There are facilities proposed at Rutland Hospital and the Rutland area. Another issue is the very partisan and difficult reapportionment of legislative districts in response to recent census population changes across the state. In light of increasing population in Chittenden county and declining population in adjacent districts in Rutland and Bennington counties, I have been busy advocating for Middletown Springs' and Rupert's expressed interests to remain in the same present district with Pawlet and Wells.

I have a new committee assignment to fill a vacancy on the House Natural Resources and Energy committee. Our discussions and testimony have revolved around bills concerning the net metering of renewable energy installations, the potential of a state renewable energy portfolio standard and solid waste and resource management. Due to Irene, the state's 2 lined landfills have filled faster than forecasted and also local and global demand for recyclables has increased. I will also continue to be active in agriculture and forestry issues to preserve and enhance our working landscape and to create good jobs in those industries.

Please keep informed of the Legislature's activities through its website at [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us) and contact me with your concerns and questions at [JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us), 325-3424(home) 800 322-5616(State House) and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761. Thank You!

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### February

President's Day	Mon. 20		
BINGO!	Mon. 20	7 pm	Fire House
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 23	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 27	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 28	7:30 pm	Fire House
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 29	11 am	Poultney Center
New Computers Celebration	Wed. 29	3 pm	Library

### March

Magnet Deadline	Thurs. 1		
Historical Society Meeting	Thurs. 1	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Building
Pie for Breakfast	Sat. 3	8 - 10 am	Library
Knitting Group	Mon. 5	7 pm	Library
Town Meeting Info Mtg	Mon. 5	7:30 pm	Fire House
Town Meeting Polls Open	Tues. 6	7 am to 7 pm	Fire House
Vermont Presidential Primary	Tues. 6	7 am to 7 pm	Fire House
Library Board Meeting	Wed. 7	9 am	Library
Talent Show Auditions	Wed. 7	4:30 pm	Mill River HS
School Board Meeting	Thurs. 8	6 pm	School
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 8	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 12	7 pm	Fire House
Property Taxes Due	Thurs. 15		Town Office



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