

# Middletown Springs Neighborhood Forum

## Building Committee News!

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In issue #234 of Front Porch Forum, I mentioned that donations of time, money, or materials will help to reduce the overall cost of a new town office building.

Here's a prime example:

Middletown Springs is fortunate to have two outstanding licensed architects living and working in town. Michael Beattie and Mark McManus have both had extensive experience designing buildings in Vermont and in our local area. Individually, they have worked with the Building Committee since its inception, providing valuable insights and ideas. Both have also served the town in other capacities over the years, demonstrating their dedication and willingness to step forward when they were needed.

Recently, Michael and Mark made an extremely generous offer to the Town of Middletown Springs. They have agreed to join forces and work as a team to prepare the design and construction documents for the new building, and to do so at no cost to the town!! This offer represents a donation of thousands of dollars in professional fees that would otherwise have to be paid. In addition, because Michael and Mark are local and know the site and town so well, they bring an insiders perspective and a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be invaluable as we work toward the successful completion of the project. The Building Committee recommended, and the Selectboard accepted Michael and Mark's benevolent offer.

Aside from the cost savings, having these professionals involved right at the outset will streamline the design process and eliminate a gap in the communication chain that would occur if the design team were not so intimately involved in the process.

Middletown Springs is fortunate to have two such dedicated and selfless individuals in town and their altruism sets an example that we should all aspire to.

Be sure to thank them!!