



## Middletown Springs Neighborhood Forum

### Building Committee News!

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#### USDA Rural Development Workshop

Now that the busy holiday season is past us, I hope to begin catching up on Building Committee news.

On December 5 three Building Committee members traveled to Rutland to attend a workshop sponsored by the USDA Rural Development office. The workshop, presented by Area Director Jon Michael Muise, was geared towards educating the attendees about various grants and loans offered by his office.

The goal of USDA Rural Development is helping rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain financial and technical assistance to address their needs. Their financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, health clinics, emergency service facilities, etc. They have been involved in funding town office and other municipal projects in this area including ones in Ira, Poultney and Pawlet, just to name a few.

The Building Committee group came home with good information and made a few contacts in the process.

The Building Committee meets on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.