

Middletown Springs Neighborhood Forum

Building Committee News!

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Update on the Historic Study of the Town Green.....

In Issue 214 of the Middletown Springs Front Porch Forum, I explained that the Preservation Trust of VT awarded the town a \$500 matching grant. As a result, historic preservation architect Thomas Keefe of Middlebury conducted a site visit on Tuesday, July 3 at which time he inspected numerous photos from the Historical Society's collection and received digital copies of those photos for his reference. He discussed the project with members of the Historical Society and Building Committee, viewed the town green and Parker's Service Station site, and took photos and notes to assist him in the project.

Mr. Keefe will analyze these documents and others and provide a written report and recommendations to the town. The report will then be used by the project architects during the design process to assist them in creating a building that blends harmoniously with the others on the green.

It should be noted that Mr. Keefe's proposal lists the cost for these services at \$1,900. You'll be happy to know that he has generously agreed to cap his fees at \$1,000 which is the combined total of the Preservation Trust of VT grant and the matching funds provided by the Middletown Springs Historical Society. He is donating the \$900 balance of his fees to our town. Through the generosity of Mr. Keefe, the Preservation Trust, and private donors, the town is receiving nearly \$2,000 worth of architectural services at no cost to Middletown Springs taxpayers.

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

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