

| June | | | |
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| Celebration of Success | Tues. 19 | 10 am | School |
| Fire Dept. Drill | Tues. 19 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| Book Group | Thurs. 21 | 6:30 pm | Library |
| Building Committee | Thurs. 21 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Strawberry Festival | Sun. 24 | 2-4 pm | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| Fire Dept. Meeting | Tues. 26 | 7:30 pm | Fire House |
| Fountain of Youth | Wed. 27 | 11 am | Poultney Center |
| Select Board Meeting | Thurs. 28 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Men's Breakfast | Sat. 30 | 8 am | School |
| July | | | |
| Planning Commission | Mon. 2 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Building Committee | TBA | 7 pm | Town Office |
| First Response | Thurs. 5 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| Historical Soc. Meeting | Thurs. 5 | 7:30 pm | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| Conservation Com. | Tues. 10 | 7 pm | Library |
| School Board Meeting | Thurs. 12 | 6 pm | School |
| Select Board Meeting | Thurs. 12 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Fire Dept. Drill | Tues. 17 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| Building Committee | Thurs. 19 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| SolarFest | Fri-Sun 20-22 | | Tinmouth |
| Fountain of Youth | Wed. 25 | 11 am | Poultney Center |
| Select Board Meeting | Thurs. 26 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Men's Breakfast | Sat. 28 | 8 am | School |
| Fire Dept. Meeting | Tues. 31 | 7:30 pm | Fire House |
| August | | | |
| Library Trustees | Wed. 1 | 9 am | Library |
| Historical Soc. Meeting | Thurs. 2 | 7:30 pm | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |
| First Response | Thurs. 2 | 6:30 pm | Fire House |
| Planning Commission | Mon. 6 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| School Board Meeting | Thurs. 9 | 6 pm | School |
| Select Board Meeting | Thurs. 9 | 7 pm | Town Office |
| Conservation Com. | Tues. 14 | 7 pm | Library |
| Ongoing Activities | | | |
| BINGO | every Mon | 7 pm | Fire Hall |
| Family Movie Nights | Fridays | 7 pm | schedule p. 3 |
| Story Hour | Wednesdays | 10 am | schedule p. 3 |
| Swim Lessons | begin July 9 | | see p. 4 |
| Town Museum | Sundays | 2-4 pm | Hist. Soc. Bldg. |

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The Middletown Magnet
"News that sticks in Middletown Springs"

Cannons Restored
by Patricia Hemenway

In earlier years the two cannons sat proudly on the green and the town fathers fired them on the 4th of July. We all drive by the green and looking carefully one could have easily seen the peeling paint and relative neglect of the cannons. Thanks to Emmett Francois, who took the lead, and many others in the community they look respectable once again.

Restoring them was a daunting task. It required pressure washing and in the process it back sprayed mud and stones onto Emmett who luckily had the foresight to wear safety glasses. Water in the cannons meant they had to be tilted, which was no easy task and required three people with lots of strength to drain the water. Grass was growing out of a hole in the mount thus requiring hydraulic cement for patching which was also used to repair cracks. Fortunately, Emmett was able to match the original Navy gray paint that was applied in two coats after sanding. The final touch was fitting the barrels with plugs to prevent them being used for "storage".

Children and possibly adults have been using the barrels as a wastebasket of sorts. Marbles, golf ball, tennis balls, stones, plastic water bottles, a length of rusty



Photo by Emmett Francois

Strawberry Festival
Sunday June 24 2-4pm



Local artist, craftsmakers and musicians join Historical Society volunteers at 37th Annual Historical Society Strawberry Festival.

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metal pipe, broken glass, a brass bearing, a Pico Soda bottle shard and lots of rust are some of the items found in the barrels. The company making Pico Soda went out of business well over 50 years ago, indicating that some items have been "stored" in the barrels for a very long time!

Research by Emmett, Lieutenant Commander (Ret.) U.S. Navy, shows that cannon number 109 was on the USS Pinola, a two-masted schooner that also had a steam engine. It saw action in the Civil War as a Union gunboat and she was involved in the blockade of Vicksburg and Mobile Bay and in the Gulf of Mexico off Texas.

Cannon number 125 served on the USS Chocura, a two-masted schooner. Her first patrol was on the York River as part of the blockade of Yorktown, VA. While off Wilmington, NC it saw action in capturing two ships and assisting in taking a third. Later she sailed to New Orleans and became part of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron where she successfully saw a great deal of action.

The person responsible for securing the Parrott Rifles in 1899 was Brainard Avery (father of Kay Avery) who was formerly Secretary to Senator Redfield Proctor. He put in a request to Senator Proctor who had served as Secretary of War.

A big thanks to Emmett and those that assisted him, Jackie, Frank and Norm Parker, Carl Haynes, the Select Board, Bill, Reed, David Wright, Joe Teer, Nan Gilmore and the Community Church, Pastor Jared Wilson, David Munyak, Jim Platteter and David Carr.

Once again the cannons look respectable and in mute testimony to those Americans who fought 150 years ago.

Storm Damage Repaired

news & photos from Hilary Solomon

Students from MSES plant native shrubs along North Brook to help stabilize the banks at the school's sewer main crossing. The stream banks sustained erosion after Tropical Storm Irene and the school was awarded a Vermont Community Foundation Special and Urgent Needs grant to repair the damage.



Students in Grades 3/4 carried mulch.



Grades 1/2 & 5/6 teamed up to finish up planting at the end of the day. The students, all classes together, planted, mulched, and watered almost 200 shrubs



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Strawberry Festival

Strawberry lovers are invited on **Sunday, June 24 from 2 to 4 pm** to the Historical Society. The festival features delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh Vermont strawberries, homemade biscuits by **Best Moon Catering**, vanilla ice cream and whipped cream. A generous serving, including iced tea, lemonade or coffee will be available for \$6.00. Quarts of strawberries will also be sold. Admission to the event is free and handicap accessible.

Among the crafters and artists participating, **Peter Huntoon** will demonstrate his skill at water color painting during the afternoon. Painters **Marilyn Parker, Mareva Millarc, Barbara Carr** and **Chris Edmunds** will show their works and **Nancy Edmunds** brings her hand-crafted bears. **David Munyak** will display his hardwood treen ware. **Emmett Francois** and **Solange Martineau** will show their photographs. **Ellen Moyer** displays hand-braided rugs while **Kerry Furlani** demonstrates bas relief carving in slate and **Deb Squires** fashions whimsical garden sculpture.

The Clock Doctor, **Alan Grace**, will bring a selection of antique mechanical time pieces. **Paul Morgan and Friends** will provide acoustic music throughout the afternoon.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, as well as on Sunday afternoons through October. On view in the Museum is a series of exhibits, created by Jon Mathewson for Vermont History Expo, focusing on Middletown from 1784 through the 1940's, as well as an exhibit on the Montvert Hotel and Mineral Springs.



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to parents in attendance. Thanks to Karen Mach for her efforts in bringing the VINS Presentation to MSES on May 24. The Rutland County Parent Child Center playgroup will resume on May 17 with new playground leader, Lynn Gould. Fear Factory Fridays have kids tasting different foods. So far, they have sampled kale with maple syrup and tortillas with refried beans. A monthly small prize drawing is being held monthly for those students who participated in all the taste tests. Mr. Beal and Mrs. O'Bara will be attending the VT DOE Child Nutrition Program training in Rutland. Mr. Beal appreciates all Mrs. O'Bara has done to roll out our new combined breakfast/snack program which is going well. Many more students are now eating more nutritious foods during the morning. Melissa Theis, our Guidance Counselor, will not be returning next year; an ad has been placed for the position. She has done a wonderful job with the students and will be missed. Mr. Beal would like to have an estimate done on the roof of the new building to check on areas that may be in need of repair. The Board agreed that Mr. Beal should gather estimates to be reviewed at the next meeting. Discussion ensued about budgeting for these repairs. Regarding the water system, the control panel needs to be replaced; however Mr. Haynes believes that only one pump is required due to previous alterations in the permit. MSES students, working with Hillary Solomon, have begun planting shrubs at the North Brook. The FFE Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunch is taking place as well as the Walking School Bus which is part of the "Way to Go" statewide challenge. Four different "stops" will be manned by FFE and students will walk with them to school. Mr. Beal is asking for input on the selection process for testing for student entry into the Young Scholars Program. Discussion ensued about the best ways of offering challenging curriculum to high-achieving students. The Supt. advocates reviewing the criteria and drafting written procedures so that the process is concrete and transparent.

d. Business Manager's Report: Financial analysis reports were included in the board packets. MSES is currently anticipating an approximately \$25,000 surplus. This may change by year's end. Steven Letendre moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

4. Approve Warrants: Clarence Haynes moved to approve



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Warrant #129 in the amount of \$57,607.29 dated 4/6/12 and Warrant #130 in the amount of \$21,594.69 dated 4/20/2012, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0.

5. General Public Comments None.

6. New Business: Reminder to Board Chair to send out letter to graduating seniors along with application regarding the Henderson Fund. Supt. Paustian has a letter to be sent to graduating high school seniors with information on the Henderson Fund. Mr. Haynes will sign the letters, Susan Rosso will send student information to Jan Dente, and Jan Dente will mail the letters.

7. Old Business:

a. Review building use practices/procedures

Building use procedures were reviewed. The Board would like to review past Building Use Committee meeting minutes.

b. Sidewalk Project

An adjacent property owner is very concerned about the potential impact of the sidewalk installation at the school on trees on the road leading up to the school. The property owner will have an opportunity to meet with the project engineer.

8. Policies: None.

9. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) :

a. 1 VSA § 313 (1) (a) (b) –Grievance

b. 1 VSA § 313 (1) (a) (b) – Contractual issue

Clarence Haynes moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 7:??PM, ?? seconded; motion carried.

10. Action on Personnel Contract

Resignations: Melissa Theis, Guidance Counselor. Mr. Haynes moved to accept Melissa Theis' resignation, Mr. Letendre seconded; motion carried 4-0.

11. Other Lawful Business None.

12. Set Next Board Meeting: Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 6:00pm at MSES.

13. Adjournment ?? moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:??PM, ?? seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosso



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B) Other BC actions: Dave M. asked members about other investigations done by this committee that he could add to his narrative.

V) Subgroup Tasks:

A) List of questions and tasks for subgroup work. All Members: Carl asked questions about the septic at Parkers. In answer David W. read from an email from Frank Parent of Long Trail Engineering to Mike Beattie detailing septic and well options. Dave M. asked members to look at his graphic of tasks that included Mike Beattie's tasks. He asked if members had additional questions or tasks to share from their homework list. Tom asked if this graph was meant to organize how we are to work on these tasks. Tom has condensed the tasks to four points: Parker site work/funding, community information, building design and funding. Patty Kenyon stated we should identify tasks that maybe done simultaneously as all of us don't have to be involved in every phase. There was agreement on this.

B) Dave M. focus for the next month should be: 1) Brownfield permitting and application, 2) funding applications for both Brownfield and other funding, and 3) planning the information meeting. Fred asked if the building had to be removed before purchase. Patty asked how far out is our information meeting? David Wright suggested that the information meeting be around the actual purchase of the property to celebrate the milestone. Tom doesn't think we will be ready for an information meeting till the fall. Carl added we have two voting times coming up, August and November, in case we should need some voting. Robin stated that the elections are an opportunity to disseminate information- polling and information could be done.

VI) Subgroup assignments: None at this time.

VII) Information Meeting: Not for several months-most likely when the property is purchased.

VIII) Other Business: David W. was pleased to see the "Evaluate Historic Content" in the flow chart that Dave M. prepared for this meeting. Our town green has been identified as one of the special greens of Vermont. It is important to relate the Town Office project to the other buildings around the park and possible even reference structures on the south that were lost in the fire of 1920-just as a community might do in rebuilding after a fire or disaster that happened more recently. Further, there is grant money to deal with this kind of planning. David W. has verified this with Ann Cousins of Preservation Trust of Vermont, who says we would qualify for a grant for a preliminary study. The committee agreed to have David W. explore this further. We would like to hear from the neighbors to the Parker Property-to hear their concerns. Carl will make a call for this purpose.

Our next meeting will be on **Wed. June 6, 2012.**

Adjourn: 9:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Clerk

Middletown Springs Building Committee

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

All meetings are open to the public.



School Directors (Regular) Meeting

May 10, 2012

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Steven Letendre (Clerk), Karen Mach (Member). Meredith Morgan (Member) arrived at 6:10PM. Also Present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary).

Public Present: None.

Call to Order: Mr. Haynes called meeting to order at 6:05pm.
AIMSWeb Presentation: Mr. Beal distributed handouts regarding AIMSWeb, a universal screening tool capable of performing student progress monitoring. The specific task was a reading comprehension one. Mr. Beal explained how to read the graph and interpret the scores. The example showed fall, winter, and spring scores. In this instance, the student made good progress; moving from not achieving the standard to fully meeting the standard. If the standard is not met, we can use progress monitoring for a set achievable goal (done weekly or biweekly). Mr. Beal likes that you can share this information with the older students and with parents. Mr. Beal believes it is a very useful assessment tool.

Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2012 (Regular), April 23, 2012 (Special), June 3, 2011 (Special) (Still Pending), June 6, 2011 (Special) (Still Pending). Minutes of April 12 were reviewed. Minutes of April 23, June 3, and June 6 were not available. Karen Mach moved to accept the minutes of April 12, Steven Letendre seconded; motion carried 3-0.

b. Superintendent's Report: Supt. Paustian stated that the Technology Survey for Parents may be taken online or via paper (sent home with school newsletters). All students and staff will also take the survey. Herb Shulte and Jason LaMora will be at schools to assist students in taking the survey online. She reported that the State Secretary of Education will now be an appointed position; there will no longer be a Commissioner of Education. Act 753 passed which expands school mergers and different governance structures, offering more options. S95 and 137 (the even-pay provision) did not pass so the district is not required to pay people who do not work year-round in 26 equal installments, but will need to set up a post-tax savings method/account for those employees desiring to contribute to one. Supt. Paustian presented the Ira pre-school contract for approval which is the same as last year. After review, Steven Letendre moved to adopt the Ira contract, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried 4-0. Supt. Paustian distributed a draft of the MSES school year calendar for 2012-2013, noting that the calendar needs to be created around the Technical Center calendar. Our calendar will be finalized within the next week or two. SU has been notified that we need to complete the Spring Student Census Survey and Course & Transcript Data Collection as a result of receiving ARRA funds. It is an extensive survey requiring many work hours.

c. Principal's Report: Mr. Beal reported that four staff members attended "Foundations" reading program training in Wiliston; all were very excited about the program. Literacy Night was a success; a good job was done by Lorraine Wilkins and Rommy Fuller presenting; the classroom teachers were also there to share examples of student learning, and books were distributed

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June 19 - September 3

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3. **Return** your completed logbook to the library by September 5.

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Celebration of Reading: Library Open House Celebrate all the reading done in 1 Summer by 1 Town Thursday, September 13, from 3-6pm Prize winners and summer program achievement awards announced.

Dream Big...Read Story Hours

Wednesday mornings at 10am Stories, songs, activities, and snack. While geared for children 3-6 years old, younger children may attend with a responsible companion.

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| June 27 | Stars & Wishes |
| July 11 | Dreams |
| July 18 | Shadows |
| July 25 | Who's Awake... |
| August 1 | Moonbear |
| August 8 | Good Night |

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

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| August 14 | Tuesday, 2-7pm, Drop Off |
| August 15 | Wednesday, 2-7pm "Pick-up" |

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| July 13 | Ratatouille |
| July 27 | Hoot |
| August 10 | Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit |
| August 17 | Bedtime Stories |

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News from the School

by Principal Rick Beal

MSES will be offering a four-week **summer program** that will be a wonderful opportunity for students to sustain and improve academic and social success. The program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:15am to 3:00pm. The morning will be devoted to reading, math, and academic games with the afternoon offering enrichment opportunities. The program will begin on Tuesday, July 10 and end on Thursday, August 2. If you have any questions about the program, please call the school for more information (235-2365).

Recently, our **fifth and sixth graders** went on a camping trip to the Montpelier area. They had quite a busy agenda which included visiting the Vermont Historical Society, State Capitol Building, and the Supreme Court. They also went hiking, and visited Ben and Jerry's and the Cabot Cheese Company. They performed community service at the Little River State Park located on the Long Trail. This year's **6th Grade Awards Night** will take place on Thursday, June 14 at 7:15pm, for those of you interested in attending.

I would like to invite community members to our **Celebration of Success Ceremony on Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00am** in the school multipurpose room. Come join us as we recognize the work and efforts of our students over the past school year. Your attendance would be much appreciated by the staff and students.



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Monday-Wednesday August 13,14,15 9-9:30 am

Ages 5-7: Tuition \$33 (limit 10)

Monday-Wednesday August 13,14,15 9:30-10:30 am

"Pottery Camp", five fun filled days of play on the pottery wheel. Learn all the basic skills to transform a lump of clay into a functional piece of ceramics.

Ages 8-12: Tuition \$145 (limit 8)

session 1 Monday-Friday July 23-27 2:30-5:00PM

session 2 Monday-Friday August 13-17 2:30-5:00PM

"Mixed Level Pottery Wheel Class for Adults" This six week long session will include instruction revolving around the pottery making process. Wedging, centering, throwing, trimming and glazing will be the focus. Beginners and those with more experience are welcomed.

Tuition \$180: Price includes 25# of clay, glaze, and firing fees, plus six hours of open studio practice time per week. Wednesday evenings, July 11 - August 15: 6:30- 8:30 PM (6 classes)

Private and group lessons and birthday parties can be arranged. Please call for more details. (802)235-9429



Swimming Lessons

This year's American Red Cross swim lessons will take place at Crystal Beach in Castleton from **July 9-13 and July 16-20**. Lessons are offered **free of charge** to Middletown Springs' resident children and cost \$20 per swimmer for out of town children. An information sheet with swimming ability levels and the required permission slip are available at Grant's Village Store. If you have any questions, please call Sue Reed (235-2060).

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Building Committee

May 17, 2012

Approved Minutes

Public Present: None.

Committee Members Present: D.Munyak, D. Wright, P. Kenyon, P. McWilliams, T. Hurcomb, F. Bradley, M. McCormack, R. Chesnut-Tangerman, and C. Haynes.

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

I) Approval of 5/3/12 Minutes: Robin moved and Fred seconded the approval of the minutes as revised. All in favor.

II) Communication: Ron Masleh has withdrawn as a member. Resignation accepted with regret. Dave will ask the Select Board to maintain the posting for new members for another 2 months.

III) Reports on Action Items:

A) Tom Hurcomb reported on the Brownfield status and funding for purchase and/or cleanup.

1) The site is considered a Brownfield site. Tom talked with John Diego from Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc.; Trish Coppolino, the Brownfields Program Coordinator from the Vermont Dept of Environmental Conservation, (VTDEC); Matt Becker, Environmental Analyst from VTDEC, and Ed Bove from RRPC, a key player in this process. Tom has been in touch with him by email as he has been out of the country. Tom asked each consultant a series of questions. Some of their answers were encouraging; yet, there are timelines to be on top of.

2) Matt Becker answered that there is no cleanup required. However, "there is contamination at depth" at the former hydraulic lift site. "It may remain in place and noticed in the land record through filing of the Certificate of Completion. If to be disturbed, it needs to be handled appropriately (capped on-site or disposed of off-site) with VTDEC notice and approval."

3) Trish Coppolino wrote what she saw as the next steps to be taken before purchasing the property. In the next 4-6 weeks we must: a) have a new Phase I completed in accordance with ASTM 1527-05 BEFORE purchasing the property and giving us Federal Government liability protection and access to cleanup funds. Tom inquired why we needed a new Phase I since we had secured one. It appears the Phase I has a shelf-life of 180 days and it is well past that now. So this Phase I must be rewritten in order for the town to be considered a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser before purchase of the property. b) apply for a state protection program, BRELLA, ASAP. She gave the necessary information for application. c) obtain assistance from RRPC on funding, if we are eligible (there is an application fee of \$500) and remove the tanks. d) coordinate the site redevelopment plan and corrective action. e) apply for cleanup funds from several locations. Request for proposals will be out this summer. She will help with funding applications and keep us up-to-date.

4) Tom stated that John Diego wrote that a CAP addressed by Becker might not be needed-this to be resolved.

5) Ed Bove told Tom that RRPC can fund the updated Phase I and removal of tank and they can assist with the clean up application. Tom stated that we have some action items that need to get done at the next Select Board meeting. Since we don't own the property Ed Bove will communicate with Norm Parker.

Discussion: David W. asked about the Select Board's sales agreement with Norm. The property must close by April 2013.

The survey has yet to be completed. Tom said he and Dave M. had set up a some dates to get the consultants together to talk out what must be done, in what order and by when. We can talk by phone with Trish on Tuesday and Ed Bove and Matt on Thursday. Tom held up a Gantt chart, an example of an engineering calendar that organizes tasks, showing who is doing what, and by when. Tom read from Coppolino's letter in answer to Robin's question on what is covered in the Brownfield cleanup. Dave M. asked the committee to authorize him to communicate action items to the Select Board as a result of the phone meetings with the consultants next week. All members agreed. Tom spoke with Jonas Rosenthal, Poultney Town Manager. about the funding sources used in renovation of the Stonebridge Inn. They used multiple grants in their request for money. Jonas suggested we have the Town Clerk of Poultney speak at our information meeting.

B) Fred Bradley and contact with Tara Kelly: F. Bradley said that when he called the names Tara gave him he found Tom had already talked to them. Tara is more than willing to help. According to Tara the group that did the Parker site testing is seen as very competent by state authorities.

C) Contact with Jonas Rosenthal: P. McWilliams contacted Jonas and referred him to Tom.

D) Narrative and List of Town Office Uses: Dave M. stated what he had done in researching the town office uses, and how he compiled his list. He put the responses on a chart that he passed around to the committee.

IV) BC Narrative/History: The narrative was distributed by email with an addendum about the conceptual design.

A) Actions prior to BC formation: The first question is what to do about actions taken before this committee commenced and Dave M. reviewed some of these. Should these things be included in this report? Patty McWilliams suggested we have a separate listing perhaps, said, Robin, as an appendix. Robin volunteered to try and put these earlier site investigations into a list designating what body did the investigation and for what purpose.

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sites in Vermont that had received funding to bring back into use an area of a town that was considered a "blight" on the town. The Vermont Dept. of Natural Resources had provided funds for a Brattleboro and St. Albans project. He also found what appeared to be state funding for Brownfield projects. He noted that the Preservation Trust of Vermont made many references to town offices some located in Rutland County. Tom felt certain we should identify our tasks and proceed with sub-group work on them. Dave thanked Tom for taking the initiative on this funding research. Shirley expressed a concern that the Town Office project should not infringe on the present store parking or the Farmers Market. Chris Larson expressed a concern that a) we have a time frame for purchase of the property; b) there is a need to inquire if there are Brownfield funds that could help purchase the property, if so we need to discover this soon. A discussion followed about seeking Brownfield money to help with construction.

F) Information Meeting: It was agreed that we try to identify questions that could structure our sub-group work prior to holding the public information meeting. Patty McWilliams wanted to know why the information meeting was set up so early. Robin explained it was because we need to get the public engaged and to feel involved as soon as possible. Dave stated that sub-groups should remember that we don't make any commitments. We can make phone calls as representatives of the Building Committee and speak to others who can help in our search.

Action Items:

- Fred will contact Tara Kelly to learn how to proceed on the Brownfield issue.
- Tom will contact John Diego on this same issue and begin research on possible Brownfield money that may be available.
- Patty McWilliams will speak with Jonas Rosenthal, the Poultney Town Manager, regarding funding references.
- Dave will continue to work on his narrative and completing his

list of Town Office uses. Dave read what he had compiled on the uses of the Town Office. Members added uses and Dave asked all if they knew of more uses to email him.

G) Other Business or Concerns: Maureen stated that the Library Board asked if there is a size on the limit for any building at Parker's Corner. Both Dave and Mike Beattie spoke to this. It appears there is no limit by statute, and until we research the septic issues there may be none. Dave said there are 3 options on the septic:

- 1) Install on site. A preliminary design for a system that would accommodate 24 employees has been prepared.
- 2) Utilize a septic holding tank system that would be pumped out periodically as the Pawlet Library is doing.
- 3) Tie into the existing school leach field that would require a modified permit, negotiation with the school and Carl Haynes who owns the land that the leach field is on, and that could be problematic if the school were to cease operation in the future. Until we know these answers we should not think negatively of what might be. Patty Kenyon said we should have a meeting with the Library Board at some point and have a regular contact person with them. Maureen volunteered to be the regular contact. Homework for all members; Come up with questions and tasks for sub-group work. Each member is to come with a list. Meeting days will be the first Wednesday and the third Thursday each month at 7 PM.

The next meeting day will be Thursday, May 17.

Move to **adjourn** at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Clerk

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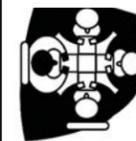
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Select Board (Regular) Meeting April 26, 2012 Approved

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed, Sally Achey, Meredith Morgan, Jim Dudley, Jenny Talke Munyak, Tom Hurcomb
Approval of Minutes of 4/12 and 4/19

- J. Webber moves to approve the 4/12 and 4/19 minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes – aye]

Public Comments

- Sally Achey, Town Lister – presents Form 4155 which closes out the Grand List for 2011. C. Larson moves to sign the Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending Form 4155. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Meredith Morgan – Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – requests special meeting to be scheduled with Gail Henderson (project engineer). Inquires whether the school road will be repaved and if the paving costs should be included in the bid process. Consensus that the project engineer should make some determination as to how drainage and sidewalk will integrate and what will be required. C. Haynes will contact Mike Mullen for a quote. Meredith will schedule a meeting for 5/15 or 5/16

- Jim Dudley – Inquires about large dumpster day 5/5 and how many dumpsters will be required. Jim will order 4 dumpsters from Hubbards. Jim had employees clean up around the transfer station for things that had blown out of the area

- Tom Hurcomb – new member of the Planning Commission/ Building Committee attends to introduce himself.
- D. Munyak – first Building Committee meeting on the April 17. Will be meeting again May 3rd to plan an informational meeting for the public.

Town Office Phone System

- None.

Graham Report

- Jenny is working to comply with the recommendations from the Graham & Graham recommendations

Appoint Town Officers

- Carl contacted Terry Redfield - 3 years, Rodney Tarbell - 2 years, Byron Moyer - 1 year, all accepted for **Trustees of the Copeland Milk Fund**

- C. Larson moves to appoint Terry Redfield - 3 years, Rodney Tarbell - 2 years, Byron Moyer - 1 year to the Copeland Milk Fund as trustees. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- C. Larson moves to sign the **Town Service Officer** appointment for 2012. S. Moyer 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

- C. Larson moves to appoint D. Munyak as **Grand Juror**. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- C. Larson moves to appoint Terry Redfield and Paul Morgan as **Fence Viewers** pending acceptance. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- C. Larson moves to appoint Tara Kelly as **Emergency Management Director** pending acceptance. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- J. Webber volunteers for **SWAC representative**. C. Larson

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moves to appoint J. Webber as SWAC rep and M. Lamson and J. Dudley as alternate. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• M. Lamson moves to appoint Ed Updike as **Tree Warden** pending acceptance. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• S. Moyer moves to appoint John Arsenaault and Tom Hurcomb as **representatives to the Regional Planning Commission**. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• M. Lamson moves to appoint Carl Haynes as **representative to the Rutland Region Transportation Council**. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• S. Moyer will contact the **Conservation Commission** to see if there are any interested parties.

Highway Equipment Purchases and Sales

• Bid Documents to sell old equipment
o M. Lamson posted the single axle and storage trailers for bid on Craigslist

o Aldermans looked at the one ton – estimate of \$1,450 to repair the brakes. C. Larson moves to have Frank and Joes repair the brakes with the minimum parts required to make them functional. J. Webber 2nd. Frank and Joes are hoping to have the calipers replaced on warranty. [all in favor, motion carried]

• Status of new one ton and used dumptruck
o Jenny will mail the check to Bristol for the remaining balance due.

o Bill picked up the new one-ton today.

o Bill inquires on the status of the grader. Grader is at Turunen's for repair.

Salt Shed Replacement

• Discussion of the replacement of the salt shed

West Street Property Disposition

• S. Moyer will contact Bob Johnson to potentially attend a 5/24 meeting.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

• Move to single stream – update

• J. Webber got quotes for the removal of old recyclables shed, site excavation, pouring of pad. 1. CPI - \$2,700 (sitework quote not yet received) 2. Sheldon Concrete - \$1,500 with wire mesh, \$1,000 for excavating (site work) 3. Ellis Concrete - \$3,200 wire mesh or \$3,600 with rebar, site work of \$2000 - \$2,500 4. Ashley Waite – everything for \$2,500

• J. Webber will contact an electrician. Bill suggests Jarred Bartlett. J. Webber will contact the contractors to complete a 40' slab by the week of June 29

• M. Lamson moves to offer Hubbard Brother's \$7,000 for the reconditioned 2 yard compaction unit. C. Larson 2nd. Carl inquires whether the cost will be taken from the reserve fund for

recycling, which it will. [all in favor, motion carried]

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- Revision to road policy – requests we adopt sooner than later and that the board review prior to next meeting
- Work in right of way application from Neil Russell. Bill recommends including text stating that no restrictions shall be placed as to cause pooling. C. Larson moves to sign the right of way work application with Bill's recommendation. [all in favor, motion carried]
- M. Lamson inquires when the grader will be completed. Grader is expected to be completed tomorrow.

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- Bob Zorn letter
- Poultney Metowee Conservation District – purchased hydro-seeder which can be used free of charge
- VLCT News
- Fleet permit with liability form and check for \$10. S. Moyer moves to approve the fleet request. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Fleet permit from Quirk Brothers with liability form and check for \$10. Fleet permit from Frank Parker with liability form and check for \$5. J. Webber moves to approve the fleet requests. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Check from Casella \$38.94
- Invoice from Gary Kupferer for \$1,834.10 for services rendered Feb. – Apr.

Other Business

- None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 11:23 pm.

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**Select Board (Special) Meeting
 May 15, 2012 Approved**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Gary Kupferer, John Thrasher, Allan Riedinger

Garron Road (Meeting with Attorney)

- John Thrasher details his request to have the town conduct the survey
- M. Lamson moves to enter into executive session and invite Gary Kupferer to discuss legal issues concerning Garron Road. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Move into executive session 6:12
 Move out of executive session 7:17

- C. Larson requests the Riedinger's resubmit the permit request and the board will consider the permit with conditions. The board will present the list of conditions and vote on it at the next meeting.
- G. Kupferer details potential conditions including verification of the location of the road (satisfactory to the board), any and all permitting whether those be state or local, town approval of who will complete work (bonded contractor, etc.)
- Evidence of where the road is located – J. Thrasher believes there are surveys in place – and if that is not satisfactory inquires what will they need to provide.
- Copies of agenda's and minutes to J. Thrasher per request. J. Thrasher raises the conflict of interest issue again.
- Safe Routes to School (meeting with School Board)
- The Selectboard moves to the school to meet with the School Board and engineer for the Safe Routes to School.
- Gail Henderson King presents the sidewalk plans to the Selectboard which need approval to be submitted to VTrans.
- C. Larson moves to approve the plans presented by Lamoureux and Dickenson. M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

• M. Lamson moves to sign the VTrans Permit Application and allow C. Larson to sign on behalf of the board. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

• J. Webber moves to pave Schoolhouse Road including the circle with 2" blacktop. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Finances

- Payment to Whitcomb will be available in the town office 5/15

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**Select Board (Special) Meeting
 April 28, 2012 Approved
 9:00am Garron Road**

BOARD PRESENT: Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Larry Moyer, Nancy Edmunds, Allan Riedinger, Doris Riedinger, Linda Peavy, John Thrasher, Lynne Fowler, Steve Fowler, Rich Ventrella, Glenn Moyer

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Larson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

The Selectboard and members of the public met at the end of Garron Road to walk the area where the Riedinger's are requesting a permit to work in the right of way.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 am



**Select Board (Special) Meeting
 May 10, 2012 Approved**

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Frank Whitcomb, Nicholas D'agostino, David Munyak, Jenny T. Munyak, Chad Pierce, Tim Webber, Mike Bailey

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Larson called the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Route 140 Billing Issues

1. N. Dagastino discusses the quantity of rip rap used in the project and his calculations to convert the weight to cubic yards.
2. Mike Bailey – disagrees with the 10% air void material – performed a test by loading a dump trailer w/ type 2 limestone and weighed it at 20.67 tons – 19.33 cubic yards - 1.0693 cubic yards. Consolidated the load 16.19 cubic yards - 1.2767 - 1.173 cubic yards.
3. C. Larson suggests paying the portion of the invoice that is not contested and performing a test to determine how much rip rap was placed. \$213,976.70. N. D'Agostino approves the payment of this amount to Whitcomb
4. Whitcomb and Nick D'Agostino will meet to discuss the discrepancy

Web-site Committee

- Kimberly Mathewson models the newly designed Web-site.
- June 1 is targeted for beta; July 1 is launch
- Presents bill from developer for \$740 which will be reimbursed by eVermont

Set Meeting Date for Schoolhouse Road Project • None
Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM.

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**Select Board (Regular) Meeting
 May 10, 2012 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, Carl Haynes

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed, Jenny Talke Munyak, Dave Munyak, Larry Moyer, Nancy Edmunds, Allan Riedinger, John Thrasher, Lynne Fowler, Steve Fowler, Robert Sekerak, Richard Ventrella, George Bassler, James Pesler, Paul Greineder

Hearing on Garron Road

- C. Larson introduces the hearing and reviews the VT Statute detailing the identification of unidentified corridors and swears in anyone who may give testimony
- J. Thrasher presents "Why Garron Road is a Town Highway and not an Unidentified Corridor" 5/9/2012. John feels the town should not be focusing on the unidentified corridor part of VT Statute and that the area in question is a Class IV road. John feels that if the road was laid out formally and used and never discontinued, it is not an unidentified corridor. John feels that there is physical evidence/observable evidence of the use of the road.
- Paul Grenadier, Licensed Land Surveyor, details his process and perceptions of surveying a typical parcel and what characteristics of a parcel would be included on a survey. His impression of the section of Garron Road in question would be included in a survey as a possible travelway.
- Tinker and Hecki surveys show Garron Road as a travelway.
- Conclusion – Riedinger's request to include Garron Road as a Class IV Road on the next town highway map all the way to the Wells Town Line and approve the permit
- James Pessler – is concerned that a road which has not been used for 158 years and is concerned about the environmental impact
- J. Webber inquires if the portion of road in Wells has been discontinued. J. Thrasher states Wells does not know with any certainty
- J. Thrasher requests Shirley Moyer to step aside in reference the conflict of interest policy
- J. Webber – asks why Don Smith wasn't invited – he is not currently a property owner. J Webber spoke with Don Smith who indicated he thought the road was a logging road
- Larry Moyer states he has lived there since 1983 and has not seen a vehicle ever use the road.
- C. Larson – walked the area on 2 separate occasions – clear

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evidence of a roadway to the brook. From the brook there was erosion and a stream which did not appear as a roadway. Appeared as though the bank fades away from the stone wall. Above this point the area appeared less descript. Points out that it is clear the roadway was laid out however does not feel there is clear physical evidence of it's use.

- C. Haynes feels there is sufficient evidence in the deeds/surveys and previous precedent was set by extending the road and the permit should be approved
- C. Larson would like to move through specific elements of the statute by motion.
- C. Larson moves to find that the road in question from the Ventrella driveway to the Wells town line has been laid out as a highway by proper authority through the process provided by law at the time it was created or by dedication and acceptance. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves the board find that the road in question from the Ventrella driveway to the Wells town line did not as of July 1, 2010 appear on the town highway map prepared pursuant to section 305 of this title. M. Lamson 2nd. C. Haynes points out that there are prior maps which show the road. C. Larson agrees however the road did not appear as of July 1 2010. [C. Haynes – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – aye – Motion Carried]
- C. Larson moves that the board find that the road in question from the Wells side of the Brook beyond the Ventrella driveway to the Wells town line is not clearly observable by physical evidence of it's use as a highway or trail. J. Webber 2nd. C. Haynes feels there is evidence of the road. S. Moyer states she has walked the road in the past and does not feel there is evidence. She did not walk the road when the board met. [C. Larson – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – abstain, C Haynes –nay, S. Moyer – abstain (discussion of whether the motion would pass with 2 aye to 1 nay vote - C. Haynes challenges the vote and feels that the motion lost, C. Larson is not sure and will check Robert's Rules, M. Lamson believes Carl to be right. Request from the floor for a roll call vote. C. Larson takes roll call: M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – wishes to change his vote to Aye, C. Haynes – nay, S. Moyer – abstain, C. Larson – aye. C. Larson consults Robert's Rules. C. Larson cites Title 1 section 172 of the VT Handbook for Selectboards – indicating the original motion defeated with 2 votes. C. Larson states that his ruling is that with 3 votes the motion passed. C. Haynes challenges and feels the original motion lost and another be made if appropriate.
- M. Lamson cites Roberts Rules from "Rules Online" stating that a request to change a vote can be made after a vote is announced - if there are objections a motion can be made to grant

permission, of which the result in not debateable

- C. Larson feels that he was incorrect in stating it passed and there was not a majority of the board and therefore motion defeated. C. Larson states that for correcting mistakes/motion to reconsider (p. 58) – motion to consider can only be made by a member on the winning side – No motion, defeated.
- C. Larson moves that the board find that the road in question from Ventrellas driveway to the Wells town line is not a legal trail. J. Webber 2nd. C. Haynes inquires what evidence we need to base this decision on. [C. Haynes – nay, M. Lamson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion carried]
- C. Larson interprets that the highway is not an unidentified corridor. And that it was laid out and is currently a Class IV or Pent Road
- C. Larson feels the decision based on the findings of the hearing is that the road is not an unidentified corridor and is therefore a Class IV or Pent Road.
- C. Haynes moves that the request to work in the highway right of way be approved and that work not commence prior to July 1 to allow adjoining property owners the right to appeal if they wish. C. Larson 2nd. C. Larson is hesitant to grant the permit without an extensive scope of work, list of contractors, proof of insured. D. Munyai indicates permission to work in right of way does not give carte blanche to work in the right of way. S. Moyer refers to the Town Plan, which is voted upon, of 2007 and 2011 indicating residents do not want to see change unless it benefits the town. J. Thrasher feels there is no proposal to change the rural characteristics of the town. C. Larson feels we have determined it is a road and is not sure who's responsibility it is to pay for it and would like to seek legal advice prior to granting the permit. [M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – nay, C Haynes – aye, S.

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Moyer – nay, J. Webber – nay, motion defeated]

- J. Webber moves to discontinue the portion of road from the end of the currently maintained Garron Road to the Wells town line. C. Larson 2nd. Chris feels there is a very specific procedure to throw up the road and more information is needed. C. Haynes believes that you cannot discontinue a part of the road and that the entire road would need to be discontinued. [M. Lamson – nay, C. Larson – nay, C Haynes – nay, S. Moyer – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion defeated]
- C. Larson would like to speak with Gary Kupferer to determine whose responsibility it is to pay for the survey.
- C. Haynes inquires whether we can have the attorney attend next week's meeting.
- R. Ventrella inquires how one goes about an appeal. Also, whether a survey from the time the road was originally laid out is required.

Other Public Comments

- None

VTel Work in Highways

- Raymond Jewett – Utility Consultant, Bill Hinkley – Vtel, Geoff Pagnota – Finley Engineering. Will be replacing all copper cable with fibre optics – the entire town will be covered and new drops will be run to each house. Bill Reed is concerned with the filter fabric which has been installed since the copper cable was first buried and his concern that burying new cable will destroy the fabric. VTel feels that if problem areas are identified the cable can be rerouted to ditches or within the right of way. D. Munyai inquires whether burying the cable will disturb trees near the path of the cable and if the cable could be rerouted when necessary. VTel replies if any problem areas are identified the cable can be rerouted. Vtel will present a demonstration of the machine used.

Approval of Minutes of 4/26 and 4/28

- J. Webber moves to approve the 4/26 and 4/28 minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C.

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Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes – abstain]

Parker Property Purchase/Town Office Replacement Plan

- Survey Update – Mark Courcelle is waiting for the Teer Survey to be completed to reference for his survey. C. Larson will speak with Mark and ask him not to rely on the survey and to complete.
- Building Committee is researching funding options prior to taking ownership
- Building Committee Report, Appoint Committee Members**
- C. Larson moves that the board appoint the members identified by the building committee and anyone in the future interested in joining the committee seek appointment from the Selectboard. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Building committee will meet first Wednesday third Thursday
- Energy Committee Report** • None
- Salt Shed Replacement** • None
- West Street Property Disposition** • None
- Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster** - JW
- J. Webber – spoke with Don Smith who would remove the existing structure for \$250, complete site work for \$880 and pour slab \$2,250.

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill presents data/specs for underground buried cable policy
- FEMA Municipal Aid Agreement
- Guardrails – estimate to repair by Coy Hill Bridge - \$1,173, Fitzgerald Road - \$2,997 – total \$4,233. Coy Hill Bridge repair would be reimbursed. M. Lamson moves to sign the proposal for Lafayette to install guardrails to repair Coy Hill Bridge and on Fitzgerald Road. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – nay, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]
- Presents registration, title, and bill of sale for Bristol truck. M. Lamson moves to sign the registration, title, and bill of sale for Bristol truck. [all in favor, motion carried]

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