

Calendar

May

BINGO!	Mon. 21	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 22	7:30 pm	Fire House
Playgroup	Thurs. 24	9:30-11am	School
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 24	7 pm	Town Office
Men's Breakfast	Sat. 26	8 am	School
5k Race/Walk	Sun. 27	1 pm	Town Green
PARADE	Sun. 27	3pm	Town Green
BINGO!	Mon. 28	7 pm	Fire House
e-VT Wrap-Up	Wed. 30	9-10am	Library
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 30	11 am	Poultney Center
Playgroup	Thurs. 31	9:30-11am	School
Book Group	Thurs. 31	7 pm	Library

June

Magnet Deadline	Fri. 1		
BINGO!	Mon. 4	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Commission	Mon. 4	7 pm	Town Office
Library Trustees	Wed. 6	9 am	Library
Playgroup	Thurs. 7	9:30-11am	School
Historical Society Meeting	Thurs. 7	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 11	7 pm	Fire House
Playgroup	Thurs. 14	9:30-11am	School
School Board Meeting	Thurs. 14	6 pm	School
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 14	7 pm	Town Office
Sixth Grade Awards Night	Thurs. 14	7:15pm	School
PROPERTY TAX DUE	Fri. 15		
Grievance Deadline	Mon. 18		Town Office
Last Day of School	Tues. 19		School



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Open Studio Weekend

Local Artisans await Open Studio



On Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 from 10am to 5pm, The Vermont Crafts Council presents the 20th Annual Open Studio Weekend. This year Middletown Springs has five local artisans participating in three different locations around town.

Make sure to visit the hill top studio and gallery of Vermont artist **Peter Huntoon**. He will be showing his latest paintings featuring the glorious beauty of Vermont and beyond. Join him in the studio for a tour of his artistic process, from initial idea to the framing of the final work. Peter will be offering watercolor demonstrations throughout the day. An extensive collection of limited edition prints will also be available.

Potters **Diane Rosenmiller** and **Nick Seidner** will be featuring pots from their recent spring firings at Rising Meadow Pottery. Visit the gallery, shop for seconds and tour the variety of kilns at the pottery.

New this year on the map is **Sissy's Kitchen**. Sissy's will be a hub site hosting both **David Munyak** and **Nance Dean**. Stop by to see David's latest wood turnings and treenware, as well as Nance's newest jewelry collections and then get some lunch!

Enjoy the local Middletown Springs tour! 2012 Open Studio maps will be available at these participating studios or download and get more information about this event from the Vermont Craft Council, www.vermontcrafts.com.

Property Tax DUE
June 15, 2012 Details on page 3

Spring Has Sprung



Spring bulbs flowering in front of Dietra Davis' house on South Street. photo by Emmett Francois



Reminder:

Think ahead for summer announcements & events. *The Magnet* is not published in July. The June issue covers events through August 15.

Annual Library Book Sale

Rain or Shine
June 2 & 3, 2012
Sat 8am -- 3pm
Sun 10am -- 2pm

Wide Selection & Great Bargains
Stock up on Summer Reading
All proceeds benefit the Library





Town Plan Available

--From the Planning Commission

At Town Meeting on March 6, 2012 the voters of Middletown Springs approved the **new Town Plan**. At its meeting on February 21, 2012 the Rutland Regional Planning Commission had approved not only the Plan but also the process followed by the Town in adopting the Plan.

- To reduce expenses, the Town Plan will not be mailed to Town residents this year.
- Copies of the newly adopted Plan may be obtained from the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
- Informational copies may also be viewed at the Post Office and the Library.



Lister's Corner

--Notice from the Board of Listers

It is the responsibility of the Board of Listers to "determine the assessment each person should pay taxes upon." The **Change of Appraisal Notices** for 2012 are scheduled to be mailed on June 4, 2012. A notice will also be sent to each property owner enrolled in **Current Use**.

If you decide to grieve the assessment of your property, you must send a grievance request in writing to the Board of Listers by June 18, 2012. (These can be delivered to the Town Office or mailed to Town of Middletown Springs PO Box 1232 for receipt on or before June 18.)

Grievance Hearings will be held June 18, 19, and 20, 2012 from 6pm to 8pm. There will be notices of these times posted at the Town Office, and other locations in town.

You can also contact the Board of Listers at any time to discuss questions you have about the assessment of your property. You can leave us a message by calling the Town Office at 235-2220.

RSVP Bone Builders at the Community Church

Monday & Wednesday at 8:30am



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e-Vermont Celebration & ReCap

Wednesday, May 30

9am-10am

- How did e-Vermont make a difference in your life?
- Are you using Front Porch Forum?
- Did you attend one of the workshops?
- Does your child use a laptop in school?
- Have you checked out the new computers at the library?
- Are looking forward to the town website?

Join us as we wrap up our e-Vermont year, assess what we've accomplished, and discuss the future continuation of these efforts. Refreshments will be served.

Kimberly Mathewson & MTS
e-Vermont Steering Committee



Fountain of Youth

Join Middletown and Ira seniors
for a delicious meal.

The Young At Heart Senior Center menu for **May 30** is Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce, Italian Bread and Fruit Salad. The Poultney site opens at 11am after which homemade soup and coffee are served. Dinner is at 12 noon. Meals are cooked in their kitchen and are served family style. Donation price is \$3.25 for seniors 60 and older.

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The Results Are In.

The Magnet Survey

Thank you everyone who took the time to respond to the survey. We received 20 responses.

How important is The Magnet to you?

- 16 Very Important
- 4 Somewhat Important
- 0 Occasionally Important
- 0 Not Important

Preferred format in which to receive The Magnet:

- 19 Printed newsletter mailed to your home
- 1 On-line option

Do you have access to the Internet?

- 10 Yes 5 No 5 No Reply

What parts of The Magnet do you most value?

- 16 News
- 14 Selectboard Minutes
- 10 Calendar
- 7 School News / Minutes
- 4 Milestones
- 3 Photos
- 3 Ads
- 2 "I like it all!"

Are you willing to volunteer?

Six people volunteered to get involved! in coordinating mailing, expediting production, doing layout & design, coordinating the ads and bookkeeping.

An **informational meeting** for new and returning volunteers is schedule for **Monday, June 4, 7-8pm**, at the library. Curious, but not ready-to-commit people are welcome too.



"BINGO"

Every Monday Night

7:00 p.m.

at the Firehouse

Proceeds to support the
Middletown Springs Fire Department



Legislative News

The last weeks of the legislative session is a lot like the end of a NASCAR race. There are times of hecticness and there

are times of slowness like during caution laps. There is times when everyone is bunched up and trying for their last chance at advantage where small misjudgements can have consequences for their bills and some will succeed to the finish line and some will not. At the end of a session there are a lot of bills to be considered and many opinions about how they should end up.

The last days will require the Senate and House to come to consensus on many big bills like the state budget bill, the state revenue and fees bills, the roads and bridges bill, and the buildings and corrections bill. Other bills of interest include the childhood vaccination bill, the working lands bill, the renewable energy and net metering bills, the solid waste management bill and the health care reform bill. It appears the Secretary of Agriculture already has the authority to discuss maple syrup grading changes with producers and processors as that discussion continues and there is legislation that will give the Secretary authority to initiate a voluntary certification program for maple producers who sell to large retailers that may require a paper trail for their food sources. The Legislature has also spent much time discussing whether intervention is appropriate into the VT Public Service Board's review of the proposed merger of CVPS and GMP private electric utilities.

I am pleased to report the final redistricting map for the next ten years has this legislative district intact with Middletown Springs in still with Pawlet, Rupert, Wells and with the addition of the western 3/4 of Tinmouth. The district will represent 4545 people and will be one of largest population districts in the state where the average district has 4172 people.

Please contact me with your ideas, concerns and questions at JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us, 325-3424 (home) and 800 322-5616 (leave a message at State House), and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761.

Thank You!

Rep. John Malcolm



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3) New Correspondence: Received: a letter from the Vermont Dept. of Conservation dated January 13, 201 granting a permit to a new 2 bedroom residence in town; a memo from Rutland Regional Transportation Council asking for information regarding Middletown's bike and pedestrian projects. Meredith completed the necessary information on the bike project.

4) Report from RRPC: No quorum as the ice kept people away-thus, no official meeting. They did have the meeting on our proposed Town Plan but the plan was not officially approved. It will be presented for approval as the next meeting, Feb. 21st.

5) Old Business: The Select Board is still pursuing Norm Parker's property. We need to reinstate a timely communication between the Select Board and ourselves. We do not have a date when the Select Board public meeting on the plan will be held. Town Planning Commission members will attend.

6) Member Terms: Meredith's term is completed. She will not accept another term. John has submitted a petition for a three-year term. Unless we receive a write-in vote we will be down one member.

7) New Business: None.

8) Next Meeting: April 2, 2012.

Adjourn: 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary



Library News

Summer program planning is underway... Get ready for the **town-wide reading challenge**. How many will we read this year?? Last year's goal was 800 and as a town we read over 1,000 books. This summer's story hour theme is "Night".

Since the delivery from e-Vermont of the new computers and iPad in February, we have seen a significant increase in patrons (young & old) coming into the library. Since the building is at times full to bursting, this seems a good time to reprint some **library rules**.

- Show mutual respect for everyone in the library.
- Allow others to use the library in peace.
- Loud, boisterous behavior is not acceptable.
- Treat library materials and property with care.
- No animals allowed, (except service animals).

Children in the Library:

- Parents or legal guardians are always responsible for the well-being and safety of their children.
- Children under eight years of age shall, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible person while in the Library.
- Children aged eight and older may use the library unattended, subject to other rules and regulations of the Library.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for children of any age left unattended at the library. Parents or legal guardians assume all liability for the actions of their children to the library facility.

Internet Access Policy

- The Library does not monitor, and has no control over,

information accessed through the internet and cannot be responsible for its content.

- As with all other library materials, children's access to the internet is the sole responsibility of the children's parent or guardian.
- There is one computer, two laptops, a netbook, and an iPad available for patron use when the library is open.
- Wireless (Wi-fi) is available within (and just beyond the walls of) the library.

The Library is open:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — 2pm-7pm

Friday — 10am-2pm

Saturday — 10am-Noon.

Food For Thought

Love your enemies. It makes them so damned mad.
~P.D. East

Without geography, you're nowhere.
~Author Unknown

You can't have everything... where would you put it?
~Steven Wright

All generalizations are bad.
~R.H. Grenier

**Middletown Springs Memorial Day
5K Race &
Fun Run/Walk**

**Sunday, May 27
Race Starts at 1 pm
Registration @ Noon on the
Town Green**

Entry Fee \$10
Proceeds to benefit
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire
Department Equipment Fund

**Prizes for top 3 Places in
2 Categories (Men/Women)**

Free refreshments provided after the race.

Race starts and ends at the Town Green
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Avenue and South Street.

For more information contact
Race Coordinators
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kristalhaynes@hotmail.com

Annual Memorial Day Parade begins at 3 pm



Fire Department News

by Mark McManus, Assistant Chief

Memorial Day 5K Race / Fun Run-Walk

A new addition to the Town's Memorial Day Celebration and Parade will be the **first annual Middletown Springs 5K race and fun run-walk**; sponsored by the MSVFD. The race will start and finish at the four corners; traversing West St., a little bit of Coy Hill Rd., Buxton Ave., and returning to the center of town via South St. **Start time for the runners and walkers will be 1pm. Registration will begin at noon** on the town green. Entry fee is \$10, and there will be prizes for the top three men and women finishers.

All proceeds will go the MSVFD Equipment Fund. For further information please contact Justin and Kristal Hier at 802-235-1297; or email at justinheir@hotmail.com or kristalhaynes@hotmail.com.

Come to this pre-parade event and cheer on the runners.

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Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, May 26, at 8 am
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--Jenny Talke Munyak,
Town and School Treasurer

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Current Year Property Taxes: questions? please call Town Treasurer, Jenny Talke Munyak, at 235-3256.

Delinquent (NON- current year) Taxes: questions? please contact the Delinquent Tax Collector, Laura Castle, at 235-2220.

REMINDER: PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The final payment of property taxes for the Current Year (2011/2012) is due **NO LATER THAN June 15, 2012.**

Please plan to submit your taxes BY June 15. The town office will be open from 1 - 4 pm on June 15 to accept taxes. Or, mail payment to Town Office, PO Box 1232, Middletown Springs, VT 05757.

Mailed checks with a legible 6/15 postmark will be accepted. Illegible postmarks, no postmarks, or postmarks dated 6/16 or later are considered late.

Taxes are received after June 15 will be assessed an 8% penalty. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Thank you for your cooperation! *Jenny*

Milestones

Births

Thomas Earl Whittemore April 14, 2012

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Father: Thomas Michael Bennett

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Mother: Tammara Carrara Stewart

Father: Douglas Andrew Stewart

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Middletown Springs School News

The Rutland County Parent Child Center **Playgroup** at Middletown Springs Elementary School will be starting up again on Thursday, May 17. The school would like to welcome Lynn Gould as

our new playgroup teacher. The playgroup will meet in the Middletown Springs Elementary School library from 9:30 - 11:00 on Thursday mornings. Playgroup is free and open to all local families with children from birth up to 3 years of age and their siblings. The RCPCC playgroup is intended to be a fun, relaxed, developmentally appropriate socialization opportunity for young children and their families. This playgroup will be literacy based with lots of fun, hands-on, sensory activities. Please come, bring a friend, and play and learn with us. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school.

With all the rain from **Hurricane Irene**, the banks of the North Brook were heavily eroded where the sewer pipe for the school crossed. The school was fortunate to receive grant money to cover the repairs. To help stabilize the banks, the school has purchased bushes to be planted this spring. All students will have a hands-on learning opportunity by being involved with the soil preparation and planting of the bushes while learning the importance of stream bank vegetation.

We are proud to announce the **Honor Roll** for the third marking period. Students in grades four through six earn High Honors when they achieve all A's on their report cards and Honors when they earn all A's and B's. Congratulations!

HIGH HONORS:

Grade 4: Daniel Graves

Grade 5: Emery Letendre & Macy Wilson

Grade 6: John Graves & Sionann Harrington

HONORS:

Grade 4: Oisin Harrington, Esther Mackenzie, Zoe Muzzy & Evelyn Seidner

Grade 5: Michael Barrett, Olivia Kelly Hinterberger & Emmett Morgan

Grade 6: Acadia Harding, Leland Peschl & Ronika Thornton



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left from the Hurricane Irene Grant funds received for stream bank stabilization. These were used to purchase trees, shrubs, and planting supplies. In May, students will help with planting the trees and shrubs to reduce future erosion. Kendra Larson asked that Mr. Beal share AIMS Web data at the next meeting; Mr. Beal will do so.

d. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Milazzo was not present, but sent a copy of a Letter of Understanding for approval regarding lawn care for the coming year. Clarence Haynes moved to authorize the renewal of the lawn care contract with Joe Castle for the coming year, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried.

3. Approve Warrants: Kendra Larson moved to approve Warrant #127 in the amount of \$4,615.14 dated 3/9/12 and Warrant #128 in the amount of \$222,185.26 dated 3/23/12, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried.

4. General Public Comments: James Doyle stated that he appreciates all the efforts of the teachers and the board members. A lot of people are very supportive and aware of what this school means to the community. They know that we have a very hard working teaching staff and board members. The same sentiments were also conveyed by Mr. Doyle on behalf of Mrs. Iris Worland.

5. New Business:

a. Approve Lawn Care Contract: (See 2d above: Business Manager's Report)

6. Old Business: Kendra Larson noted that at the last board meeting, the board spoke about Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and how the board could recognize the teachers. Mr. Haynes agrees that these have been challenging times and it is important to recognize the teachers. Kendra Larson would like to offer a forum to have teachers and board members come together for open communication. Mr. Haynes states that this would be possible.

He asked that Kendra Larson investigate dates/times and that this be discussed at the upcoming special meeting so it can be done sooner rather than later. This will be placed on the agenda.

7. Policies:

None.

8. Action on Personnel Contracts: Kendra Larson moved to approve the hiring of Netta Austin as .20 Teacher, and Jody Dickerson as .20 Instructional Assistant and to increase the hours of Leslie Klami, Music Lessons Instructor, to up to 4.0 hours per week, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

9. Other Lawful Business:

None.

10. Set Next Board Meeting (Regular): The next Board Meeting will take place at MSES on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 6:00PM.

11. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b): Clarence Haynes moved that the Board enter Executive Session at 6:35PM for personnel matters, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried. Karen Mach moved that the Board exit Executive Session at 7:17PM, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried. No Action Taken.

12. Adjournment: Kendra Larson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24PM, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosso, Recording Secretary



School Directors (Special) Meeting

April 23, 2012 Official Minutes

Place: Tinmouth Elementary School

Present: Board Members Steven Letendre, Clarence Haynes, Kendra Larson, Karen Mach, Meredith Morgan.

1. Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (3)(a)(b): Ratify Negotiated Agreement

Kendra Larson moved to go into executive session for purposes of contract negotiations at 6:40 pm. Meredith Morgan seconded the motion; the motion carried. Kendra Larson moved to go out of executive session at 7:02 pm. Karen Mach seconded the motion; the motion carried. Kendra Larson moved to ratify the agreement that was reached with the Association representing the Middletown Springs Teachers and the Board. Meredith Morgan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Old Business:

Review Building Use Policy and Procedures: Deferred to our regular May meeting.

4. Other Lawful Business:

Teacher Appreciation: The Board agreed to find a mutually agreeable time to meet with the teachers informally during their regularly scheduled faculty meeting to express our deep appreciation for their efforts and to discuss any issues of interest. At this time, the teachers will be invited to have someone join the Board during our regularly schedule meetings to provide insights and share the teachers' perspective during the regular conduct of Board business. Kendra Larson agreed to contact Principal Beal to find an agreeable date to meet with the teachers.

5. Adjournment: Kendra Larson moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Steven Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steven Letendre, Board Clerk



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Planning Commission Minutes

February 6, 2012

APPROVED

Public Present: None.

Planning Commission Members Present: Mark McManus, Vicki Arsenault, John Arsenault, Meredith Morgan and Maureen McCormack

Call to Order: 7:18 PM

1) Approval of the Agenda: John moved and Vicki seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor.

2) Approval of January Minutes: Vicki moved and John seconded the approval of the Planning Commission's Public Hearing Minutes. All approved. John moved and Vicki seconded the approval of the January Minutes. All in Favor.



School Directors (Regular) Meeting April 12, 2012 Official Minutes

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Kendra Larson (Vice-Chair), Karen Mach (Member), Meredith Morgan (Member). Also present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), and Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Public Present: Sherry Lantman (Kindergarten Teacher), Tracey Tinsley (PE Teacher), Julia Chamberlain (Pre-K/Math Teacher), Joy Ray (Grade 1 Teacher) and Iris Worland (Parent). Parents Shirr Harrington and James Doyle arrived at 6:25PM.

1. **Call to Order:** Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 8 and March 29, 2012 were presented. Kendra Larson moved to approve the minutes of March 8 and March 29 as presented, Karen Mach seconded; motion carried.

b. Superintendent's Report: Supt. Paustian reported that contracts were due to teachers and support staff by April 15. They have been sent via certified mail. The ESEA waiver looks like it may not be approved; this is a waiver that would allow different standards for special education students taking standardized testing. We are facing a possible cut of 9% in CFG funds, which pays for Title 1 and some professional development. The Legislature will be voting next week on appointing a Secretary of Education as opposed to the current model of Commissioner of Education. The next SU meeting will be held in combination with individual school board meetings at Timmouth to ratify the teacher's contract. Each individual school board must ratify the contract. The Supt. confirmed with the board members that Karen Mach is holding a three year board seat, and Meredith Morgan, a two year seat.

c. Principal's Report: Mr. Beal informed the Board that four staff members will be attending "Foundations I" reading training sponsored by The Stern Center. During the in-service days in March, a great afternoon of team building for the entire staff took place. These days also presented the opportunity to have deep conversations about teaching methods, Mathematics and the Common Core, and Technology. Time was also spent with Rommy Fuller; concentrating on Reading. A Literacy Night for Parents will take place at MSES on April 24 from 6:30-7:30PM. There were CFG funds available to pay for age-appropriate books for kids to take home. VINS (Vermont Institute for Natural Sciences) will visit the school on May 24 for presentations on owls and raptors. The .20 shift in staffing has been a great help in covering the growing SPED workload caused by increased eligibility. MSES has received the rebate check from Efficiency Vermont which will make the first payment on the lighting improvements. The last significant building project for this year will be the replacement of the water system control panel. We have been approved for loan forgiveness for this project. The Woodworking Club and students were featured recently in the Rutland Herald. Mr. Beal met with members of the Historical Society. The decision was made to plan a Living History event for the coming year. Mr. Beal stated that is great to have the Historical Society as a resource for our community and school. There was some money



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Select Board (Regular) Meeting March 22, 2012 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Larry Moyer, Nancy Edmunds, Ron Maslek, Allan Riedinger, John Thrasher, Salley Achey, Rich Ventrella, David Muyak, Jenny Talke Munyaik, Robert Tepper, Don Smith, Bill Reed, Lynne Fowler, Steve Fowler, Robert Sekerak, Jerry Hansen, Rita Hansen

Approval of Minutes of 3/8

- J. Webber moves to approve the 3/8 minutes as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer - aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes - aye]

Garron Road Extension

- D. Munyaik - was his understanding/wanted to clarify that the Garron Rd was to be extended from the current end to the beginning of the Riedinger property and not a through road to Wells. J. Thrasher replies the road is not intended to be a through road and the sole purpose is for the Riedingers to have access to their property from the Middletown Springs side (other side in Wells).

- D. Munyaik inquires whether there is anything which would prevent the road from becoming a through road in the future. J. Thrasher replies the town of Wells has no records of throwing up the road.

- Jerry Hansen - inquires who would pay for the road extension. J. Thrasher replies the Riedingers will pay for the extension.

- Lynne Fowler - inquires whether the board received her letter. She opposes the road extension due to safety, impact on property values

- Rich Ventrella - points out the tax map shows the road extends past his property incorrectly.

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- B. Reed points out the road would remain a pent road if extended to the Riedinger property and would not be upgraded to a Class III or Class IV road.

- Don Smith - points out that when the road was extended to the Ventrella property the town did not pay for any improvements
- Steve Fowler inquires what would be required to throw up the road. J. Thrasher inquires why the town would throw up the road as it is an asset to the town.

- Larry Moyer presents petition signed by residents on Garron Road opposed to the road extension

- Rich Ventrella inquires whether there is a survey showing the original roadway.

- D. Munyaik suggests allowing the Riedinger extension and then throwing up any road beyond which would curtail any future through road to Wells.

- C. Larson moves to deny the motion to work in the right of way. J. Webber 2nd. C. Larson feels that after walking the road, the amount of work and expense is beyond reasonable and considering the overwhelming request to deny by current residents. J. Webber feels that the road should be discontinued and that there is no evidence the road could not be extended to Wells. [S. Moyer - no vote, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - aye, C. Haynes - nay, Motion carried]

- J. Thrasher inquires whether the motion to deny work in the right of way presumes that the area beyond the current end of Garron Road is a public right of way. The wording of the motion was not intended to presuppose the area in question as a public right of way. The Selectboard would like the opportunity to speak with the town attorney regarding options moving forward. J. Thrasher inquires whether the town would be willing to sign an agreement extending the legal time to appeal to the board of transportation regarding the decision not to grant the permit to work in the right of way to allow the board to meet with Gary Kupferer.

- C. Larson moves to rescind the previous motion and decision of the board regarding the Riedinger permit request. M. Lamson 2nd. [S. Moyer - abstain, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, J. Webber - nay, C. Haynes - aye, Motion carried]

- The Selectboard will contact Gary Kupferer, town attorney, to discuss options regarding the permit request. C. Larson will contact.

- Don Smith inquires whether it is known how far it is from the end of the current road to the end of town and whether the cost to extend the road is know.

Public Comments:

- Ron Maslek - inquires whether there is any direction for the building committee

- C. Larson contacted N. Vreeland to conduct the closing who requested a motion to proceed with the purchase and a motion to hire him to complete the work

- Consensus that the board and building committee will meet with the environmental consultant to discuss an action plan moving forward. C. Larson would like to see a brainstorming session including any parties with interest. S. Moyer inquires whether a survey should be conducted on the property.

Highway Equipment Purchases and Sales

- C. Larson presents the corrected purchase agreement from Aldermans including warranty in the amount of \$35,741. C. Larson will contact Aldermans to discuss the purchase agreement/ additional costs/paperwork.

West Street Property Disposition

- S. Moyer tried to contact Johnson who was not available.

Town Office Phone System

- J. Webber researched costs. Jenny spoke with Town of Pawlet about their system and researched costs (\$1,700 - \$1,800).
- D. Munyak suggests researching a second line.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Discussion of the implementation of single stream recycling and the changes necessary at the transfer station. C. Haynes will research the availability/cost of compacting dumpsters.

- C. Haynes would like to install a single stream non compacting dumpster. M. lamson will inquire space needed for non compacting dumpster/speak with Jim about feasibility.

Parker Property Purchase/Town Office Replacement Plan

- C. Larson moves to hire N. Vreeland to represent the town in the purchase of the Parker Property. J Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

- Mark Courcelle, Long Trail Engineering, Stannard – M. Lamson will contact for cost/avail

- C. Haynes feels that the building on the property is a safety hazard and should be planned for removal

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill has been using stone leftover from the processed sand to fill muddy roads which has been working well.
- Grader is down and may need a new alternator
- Bill will continue to address problem areas as necessary
- 3 roads have been submitted for payment to FEMA. 3-6 additional roads will be submitted tomorrow.

Financials/Board Orders

- C. Haynes moves to approve the general town orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

- C. Haynes moves to approve the highway town orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

Authorization for Select Board Orders

- C. Haynes moves to allow the chairman to sign the highway pay orders for those pay periods a meeting is not scheduled and the orders be presented for signature by the remaining board members at the next meeting. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Bob Zorn letter
- Check from Casella
- Contract amendment from State of VT regarding FEMA extending deadlines from March 1 to Sept. 1. M. Lamson moves to sign the Contract Amendment. J Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye,

M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

- Letter from Steven and Lynne Fowler re. Garron Road
- Letter from Nancy Edmunds re. Garron Road
- Application for employment for the transfer station
- Service request form 557 West Street. Forwarded to Bill.
- Service request form requesting Norton Rd upgrade from Class 4 to Class 3

- Fleet permit request from Belden with a check for \$10.
- Fleet permit request from United Natural Foods with a check for \$10.

- Fleet permit request from Carrol Concrete with no check.
- Fleet permit request from Cardinal Dedicated Delivery Logistics with a check for \$10.

- C. Haynes moves to approve those fleet permit requests submitted with payment. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 10:11 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Select Board (Regular) Meeting April 5, 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, Larry Moyer, Nancy Edmunds, Allan Riedinger, John Thrasher, Lynne Fowler, Steve Fowler, Robert Sekerak, Richard Ventrella, Robert Tepper, Gary Kupferer, George Bassler, James Pesler, Jerry Hansen

Garron Road Extension

- C. Larson asks if anyone in attendance would like to add anything to what has been discussed in previous meetings
- J. Thrasher –
 - o Presents statement from the Riedingers stressing that no through-road or subdivision is intended and the desire is only to extend the road far enough to access a private drive.
 - o Believes that any environmental/water concerns would be regulated by the state
 - o Does not feel there will be a traffic increase
 - o Riedingers not asking for any financial assistance from the town
 - o Points out that other land owners have gotten access by extending Garron Rd
- S. Moyer moves to enter into executive session and invite Gary Kupferer, attorney representing the town, to discuss the

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the State of Vermont said that LBG did not have to prepare a Corrective Action Plan because that level of cleanup was not required.

Public Information Committee:

Ron says the committee would be in charge of posting the warnings, arranging advertising, etc. Maureen agrees to head it up. Patty agrees to be on it.

Public Informational Meeting:

Discussion about holding an informational meeting to bring residents up to date and gather input. Ideas discussed:

1. Have an outline to give people.
2. Summary of work done and decisions made to date. (Reference the town plan, questionnaires, issues addressed such as using the school, the vote in March 2012, etc).
3. Have town plan available.
4. Prepare a recap on costs to date.
5. Outline estimated costs of things like tank removal, etc.
6. Laura should make a list of critical functions or needs.
7. Have an 'open house' so people can see the current office and associated problems. Explain where the treasurer, listers, visitors, etc. work, where records are kept, lack of privacy, etc.
8. Open house at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.
9. Explain the timeline for the next six to twelve months.
10. Answer questions about the project such as why we need a town office.
11. Ask the general public - what do you want to see in your town hall? What do you want to do? Do we need a meeting space?
12. Capture ideas generated.
13. Show examples of the Wells and Ira office plans to explain layouts and SF needs.
14. How should we contact people about the meeting? telephone? email? Carl notes the USPS has a bulk mail option without a permit for \$.15 each.

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15. Have large boards with maps and visual aids. One large board can be all the tasks that take place in the town clerks office.

16. Powerpoint presentation (may not be appropriate until later). School or library may have a digital projector.

17. Fred has a white board if needed.

Other Topics Discussed:

- Septic system is designed and can accommodate up to 24 employees.
- Water supply quality is not yet determined.
- When does the property change hands? The survey is contracted for and will be done within two weeks. To be completed before the property is transferred. Funding for purchase is available at 2.75% interest rate. Not necessary to wait until the new fiscal year to borrow the money. Lawyer is hired for closing.
- What will be in the building when we take ownership? Carl thinks most of the empty barrels are gone and someone took the used oil to use as furnace fuel.
- We should set a tentative completion date and work backwards to create a schedule as recommended by Mark McManus.
- We should put these minutes in the Magnet.
- For next meeting, have a draft of something for the informational meeting
- Carl notes that if the tank removal is more than \$10K then superfund may be able to cover the excess but this needs to be checked as it is based on Phil Grant's experience some years ago. Selectboard got a quote for \$11K for tank removal for budget purposes since they did not receive the LBG report until after town meeting.

• **Next meeting set for Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm.**
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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**Building Committee
Minutes Approved
April 17, 2012**

Call to Order: Chairman Ron Masleh called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Public Present: John Diego - Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc., Art Castle

Committee Present: Ron Masleh, Shirley Moyer, Fred Bradley, Maureen McCormick, Tom Hurcomb, Laura Castle, Robin Chesnut Tangerman, Patty Kenyon, David Munyak

Committee Absent: Patty McWilliams, Tony Lamberton, David Wright, Michael Beattie

Selectboard Present: Jim Webber, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

Update from Selectboard: Members of the Selectboard update those present on what has happened during the last 22 months which includes having the Rutland Regional Planning Commission contract with Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. (LBG) to assess the site and prepare a Management Plan. Shirley Moyer mentions some potential funding sources:

- Vt Agency of Transportation
- Vt League of Cities & Towns
- Historic Preservation Department
- Vt Community Development Program
- Municipal Bond Bank
- USDA Rural Development

Update from Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc: John Diego, Senior Associate at LBG, provides a recap and answers questions from those assembled.

Re: using topsoil as a cap: Petroleum is biodegradable over time. Contaminates are not leaching into the groundwater, so it can be capped with topsoil. Areas of concern for contamination are where existing building and old building

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Re: Soil charts in Table 2 of the Management Plan: Upper chart (ESMI) is heat treating the contaminated soil, while the lower chart refers to soil that can be reused in some way. The choice will depend on testing during construction. The higher of the cost estimate numbers was used in the estimate. The materials do not have to be removed. Ground water was pretty good. Some lead near one well where the burn pile was. Removing the debris pile is the best option there.

Re: future use: Green space is least intrusive. Gravel parking lot requires some excavation for a base. A building requires excavation. If a portion of the new structure is sited is over the older buildings, the old material needs to be removed to achieve adequate bearing capacity. Siting the building on native soil rather than on previous building locations will minimize disturbance. First priority is to locate the septic. Then try to find a place for the new building on native soil. Flowable fill may be able to be piped into the existing basement where there are voids rather than having to remove it all.

Re: contamination or lack thereof: In the 1970's there was a large release of gasoline. Cleanup, testing and monitoring was done. Ground water tested was not too bad. LBG expanded the parameters to include metals, chlorinated solvents, lead, asbestos (gaskets & brake pads), etc. Lots of that stuff on top of the ground, not much below ground. Ground water moving through the soils have dissipated the petroleum contamination. Oil in the old lift tested negative for PCB's. Minor PCB's in the soil, but so low it is not necessary to treat them as hazardous waste. It is OK to excavate on the site. There should be no problem if the footprints of the two existing buildings aren't disturbed. If excavation within the footprints of the existing buildings is necessary, what's removed needs to be evaluated, tested and dealt with properly. A 'Notice to Land Records' will follow this property and require that digging in certain areas must be monitored.

Clean up cost estimates:
Green space & use the existing building: \$15,541
Green space, use existing building & add parking: \$22,744
New building: \$122,018
John says these estimates are very generous and bids should be lower. There is not a lot of tank work happening right now so it's a good time to get a price.

Re: Clean up that could go along with tank removal? Pump island, fuel lines, concrete pad, larger debris. Concrete can be used as fill in an appropriate location. Interest free loans may be available for tank removal. In response to a question, John reported that Matt Becker, Brownfields Site Manager for

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issues related to Garron Road. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Point of order from J. Thrasher regarding S. Moyer/ conflict of interest. S. Moyer does not feel there is a conflict of interest and is not inclined to recuse.

- Move out of Executive Session 8:30.
- The Selectboard will revisit Garron Road during a scheduled/ properly warned site visit in an effort to determine whether an unidentified corridor as referenced in Vermont Statute applies to the area past the end of Garron Road. C. Larson moves to post/ notice a site visit in reference to the statute dealing with unidentified corridors on April 28, 2012. M. Lamson 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if we have a complete list of property owners which will be affected. [all in favor, motion carried] Gary Kupferer will work with Laura Castle to prepare the letters.
- Robert Tepper inquires whether the location of the proposed improvements and length of proposed road extension would be of use to the board
- Discussion of the site visit 4/28. A hearing will be scheduled for 5/10 to discuss the findings of the site visit.

Highway Equipment Purchases and Sales

- C. Larson spoke with Alderman's regarding the invoicing of the one ton. The invoice amount of \$33,757. Registration fee of \$254, \$1,500 warranty cost for a total of \$35,741.
- Invoices from Earls for sander: \$5,566. Setup cost of \$21,080.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Discussion about pay rate for new Fort Dumpster employee at \$10/hour
- M. Lamson will ask J. Dudley to order dumpsters for large dumpster day

Parker Property Purchase/Town Office Replacement Plan

- Neil Vreeland has the Phase 1 copy and is in contact with Frank Parent of Long Trail Engineering to conduct surveying prior to closing
- Building Committee is meeting April 17.
- C. Larson moves to pay the board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 9:24 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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**Select Board (Regular) Meeting
April 12, 2012 Approved**

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed, Jenny Talke Munyak, Rob Howland, David Munyak

Approval of Minutes of 3/8

- C. Larson moves to approve the 3/22 and 4/5 minutes as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, C. Haynes – aye]

Public Comments

- Rob Howland – representing Reunion Power (Manchester, VT) who are proposing the Grandpa's Knob Wind Power project in West Rutland – they expect to file for a permit to the Public Service Board later this year. Part of the project will require notification to surrounding towns and Rob wanted to let us know ahead of time, and to introduce options when the proposal is submitted to the PSB. Proposal for up to 20 wind turbines/50-60 megawatts electric generation (annual kilowatt hour output equal to what is used in half the homes in Rutland)

Highway Equipment Purchases and Sales

- The brakes on the one ton are failing in the rear and are in need of repair. The truck is not operable as is. Bill will bring the vehicle in for an estimate to repair.
- A compaction unit for single stream was located at Hubbard for \$9,000.
- J. Webber will research quotes for pouring the concrete pad.
- Grader is in need of repairs. 2 brackets on the blade and the circle gear/reverse have cracked/broken. Replacement parts are available however are expected to be expensive. Bill is researching options including welding repairs.

West Street Property Disposition

- S. Moyer will contact Bill Johnson to attend a meeting when he returns to town to discuss the LOMA application process.

Town Office Phone System

- 3 lines – town clerk/garage/fax. Want 2 more lines, 1 for treasurer, 1 for lister. Option \$1700 for sophisticated system. 1 or 2 lines installed and new phone system to accommodate. Each line \$30-40/month plus installation –
- C. Larson moves to install an additional phone line and upgrade the phone system. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]

Graham Report

- Jenny reviewed points of interest in the Graham report
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Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

Parker Property Purchase/Town Office Replacement Plan

- Jenny presents finance options from Peoples United - 2.75% interest rate (Route 140 loan was 3.51%)
- C. Larson moves to retain Mark Courcelle Engineering to survey the Parker property based on his estimate of \$1,200 - \$1,500. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]

Road Commissioner Report

- Spoke with Fred Nicholson regarding roadside mowing. M. Lamson moves to hire Fred Nicholson to complete the roadside mowing at the contracted rate from last year. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]
- Bill inquires about overhead tree trimming. Bill spoke with Mike Tyminski who has a manlift and could possibly complete the work. The issue will be revisited towards the next budget year.
- Guardrails were included in the budget for either Fitzgerald Road (small section at top of hill) or Buxton Ave (area adjacent to river). Bill will research costs.
- Bill is planning to complete top-coating as needed.
- FEMA paperwork has been completed and submitted.
- Bill applied for a Class 2 road grant which the board needs to sign
- Received extension on the structures grant
- M. Lamson moves to sign the Town Road and Bridge Standards supplied by the state. C. Larson 2nd. Carl points out the part of the policy dealing with guardrails. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]
- Bill suggests a policy regarding buried cables, etc. to increase safeguards to roads
- C. Larson moves to sign the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves to sign the Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]

Financials/Board Orders

- C. Larson moves to approve the general town orders as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves to approve the highway town orders as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C.

Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Bob Zorn letters (4)
- Letter from Thomas Hurcomb requesting a position on the Planning Commission. C. Larson moves to appoint Thomas Hurcomb to the planning commission until Town Meeting 2013. C. Haynes 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]
- Gary Kupferer noticing Garron Road visit April 28.
- Copy of submitted Act 250 application from CVPS, application to extend an electrical line on North Road over 6,000'
- Jerry and Rita Hansen submit letter of opposition to extending Garron Road
- Fleet permit request from Camp Precast with \$10 application check. Fleet permit request from Carroll Concrete with \$10 application check. Fleet permit request from John Perry with \$5 application check however no proof of insurance.
- C. Larson moves to approve the fleet permit requests from Camp Precast and Carroll Concrete submitted with payment. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- C. Larson moves to approve the fleet permit requests from John Perry submitted with payment. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Other Business

- S. Moyer points out there are no active trustees of the Copeland Milk Fund. Trustees currently are appointed annually and . C. Haynes moves to approach the 3 existing trustees of the Copeland Milk Fund and appoint them at a 3 year, 2 year and 1 year term at their discretion and appoint a 3 year term every year following. [all in favor, motion carried]

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 10:20 pm.

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Select Board (Regular) Meeting
April 19, 2012 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Maureen McCormack

Public Comments

- Maureen McCormack (Secretary of Planning Commission) – tasked with distributing copies of the town plan. \$500 estimate to print the town plan which is not in the budget plus mailing costs. Secretary of State says it is not necessary to distribute but we are required to have it available. Maureen is inquiring whether the board would like it to be mailed to all residents. As the state indicates it is not necessary to send, a notice will be added to the Magnet noticing the report is available.

Grader Repairs

- Quote from Lyle Welding \$3,860 to weld the broken drive ring and replace the brackets. Quote to purchase used brackets is additional \$3,000.
- C. Haynes spoke with Turenen Repair who feels he can straighten the brackets and reuse them and weld the drive ring. Estimate of 1 day labor plus cost of miscellaneous specialty bolts. C. Larson is a little concerned with work completed by Turenen which came in way above budget for a previous grader repair.
- The board visited the grader to view the broken drive ring and bent brackets.
- C. Haynes moves to hire Turenens to repair the brackets at one day labor plus the replacement of the bolts. J. Webber 2nd. S. Moyer inquires whether the bolts will need to be replaced either way, it is assumed they will. M. Lamson feels straightening the brackets which already have been welded and reusing them is too risky. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion carried]

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- C. Haynes moves to hire Turenens to service the grader including fuel filters and oil while it is in for repair. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, C. Haynes – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion carried]

Financials/Board Orders

- Aldermans informed that we paid the wrong amount – due to clerical error on our part.
 - Discussion of using the line of credit to cover expense. Received approx. \$18,000 check from FEMA. Another check received for approx. \$8000. One other check is expected. C. Larson spoke with Whitcomb about final bill from Route 140 repair.
 - C. Larson suggests to speak with the treasurer with updated financial reports at next meeting. C. Larson will speak with Jenny Talke Munyak to prepare potential line of credit increase.
 - Quote from Frank and Joes to repair the rear brakes. The fix is indicated to be temporary and will not address a potential larger problem with the computer. Consensus to have the vehicle taken to Aldermans to diagnose the problem prior to next meeting.
- Dump Truck Purchase**
- The International dump truck purchased from the town of Bristol is available to be picked up. The remainder of the purchase price minus \$1,000 down payment is due (\$26,234)
 - J. Webber moves to approve the board orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Other:
- C. Larson moves to appoint Ellen Secord as Service Officer upon her acceptance. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
 - C. Haynes moves to sign the sub-grant application for Buxton Avenue for FEMA reimbursement. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.
 Mike Lamson, Clerk

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