



The *Middletown Magnet*

"News that sticks in Middletown Springs"



Strawberry Festival Highlights Local Crafts

Local artists, craftsmakers and musicians will join Historical Society volunteers to present the 38th Annual Middletown Springs Strawberry Festival.

Strawberry lovers are invited on **Sunday, June 16** from **2 to 4 pm** to the Historical Society on the Green. The festival features delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh Dutton's 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.



Strawberry Festival 2009

Crafters include David Muniyak, Chris and Nancy Edmunds, Solange Martineau and others. Paul Morgan and Friends will provide acoustic music throughout the afternoon. Kids' activities, including the raffle of a doll contributed by Dietra Davis, will enliven the Festival. Raffle tickets are on sale at Grant's store.

The Historical Society Museum will be open all afternoon, as well as on Sunday afternoons through October. Admission is free. 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 1950s, as well as an exhibit on the Montvert Hotel and Mineral Springs.

For more information, contact Linda Hurcomb at 235-9299 or David Wright at 235-2376.

Garden Tour

Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library

July 13, 2013

10:00 – 2:00 pm

Complementary Tea served at the library

11:00-3:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00

purchase at Library,

Grant's Store and Sissy's Kitchen

Gwen Wilder Receives Gold Cane



photo by Emmett Francois



MSVFD Open House

Come and kick off the summer at the MSVFD Open House on Saturday, June 22nd at 2:00pm. The MSVFD will be on hand to recruit new members, train existing members, and educate the public on fire safety with live demonstrations which will include a roll over simulator, proper use and handling of fire extinguishers, live vehicle extrication, firefighter safety and survival, and more.

The MSVFD's ladder truck, which is the fire department's newly acquired aerial apparatus, will be used at

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the event to demonstrate how accessibility and time can be a major factor in emergency situations. Fire trucks and equipment will be on display. The live demonstrations will educate the young, the old, and everyone in between on fire safety.

During the open house the Middletown Springs Firefighter Association will be holding their annual basket raffle, along with a 50/50 raffle, and silent auction. Printed t-shirts will be available for the event. There will be a bouncy house and ice cream for the young and young at heart.

Some of the items that you could win during the event are NASCAR Sprint Cup tickets to New Hampshire Motor Speedway on July 14th, table lamps from Hubbardton Forge, a cord of fire wood, golf for four at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club, a charcoal grill, a load of top soil, and variety of valuable baskets with fun themes.

With something for everyone, this fun and educational community event that will raise fire safety awareness and remind people that the fire department does more than fight fires.

Hope to see you there....

Reminder from the Town Clerk



If you have not yet registered your dog, please stop in the Town Office and do so.

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Friday 1-4pm
Sat 9am-Noon

Seeking Ad Coordinator

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A Note from the Town Treasurer

Coming Soon! - **Property Tax Bills for the new fiscal year 2013/2014.**

Calculations for our New Property Taxes are in process. Our Listers are currently at work on completing the Grand List of the home values of our properties, upon which the tax rate is based.

Once completed, the tax rate for 2013/2014 will be calculated based on the Grand List and the Town & Highway Budgets that we approved on Town Meeting Day March 2013. Once the tax rate is calculated, the SelectBoard will discuss and approve it.

The rate will then be applied to the value of your property to produce your share of taxes due. Concurrently, the state will provide us with a tax rate for the School Taxes and that rate will also be applied to the value of your property to produce your share of school taxes due. The two figures will appear on your new Property Tax Bill. As you can see, this is a process and will take several weeks to complete.

We expect the new property tax bills for 2013/2014 to be mailed early to mid August 2013. **Your first payment for the new year will be due on September 16** (September 15 is a Sunday).

Mark your calendars now!

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 29, at 8 am
Middletown Springs School

*Come join us if you are able
for this informal monthly event*

*Come and kick off
the summer*

at the
MIDDLETOWN
SPRINGS

Volunteer Fire Department's OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 22nd at 2:00pm
8 Firehouse Lane, Middletown Springs, VT

DON'T MISS A CHANCE TO WIN.
Here are just a few of the items that could be yours!

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Tickets to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway on July 14th!!!
- Hubbardton Forge Lighting
- Amish Furniture
- A Cord of Fire Wood

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5K Thank You!!

Race Coordinators, Justin and Kristal Hier, would like to send a big **Thank You** out to everyone who came out to support the Fire Department Equipment Fund on Sat May 25th. Nineteen people braved the cold and wet weather to run and walk in our second annual 5K Fun Run/Walk. We had folks of all ages from here in town, surrounding towns, NY, RI and MD!!

Special thanks to all members of the MTSVFD for providing a fire truck detail for the start, as well as ensuring traffic control along the course. Mark McManus and Patty Kenyon were instrumental with coordination and advertising. Thanks to MTS First Response member, Kevin Eaton, who added time keepers' assistant to his duties at the Finish line. Also thanks to Poultney Rescue member Daryl Haynes for volunteering to attend to medical needs.

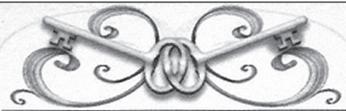
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Fountain of Youth

Take a June afternoon off and enjoy lunch with fellow seniors at the Poultney Young At Heart Senior Center. **June 26** is the day to feast on BBQ Pork Chops, Oven Potatoes, California Mix Vegetables and Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

The Center opens at **11 am** and homemade soup and coffee is available at 11:15. Dinner is served at 12 noon with suggested price of \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mary Thomas at 287-9200.

July's luncheon will be July 31.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Middletown Springs Community Church

Fellowship Hall 8:00 am

Saturday, June 29, 2013

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SWIMMING SUMMER OF 2013

July 1 – July 12 Monday – Friday

10:30 – 11:00 Level 6 Fitness Swim and Personal Water Safety Long distance swimming and instruction in basic rescue techniques. Take turns in the kayak on distance swims and spend opening of class reviewing good swimming technique. Encourage good swimmers to partake in this class as fitness swimming, self rescue and learning to dive. Recommendation : ability to swim a minimum of 75 yards in deep water and progressing to increase stamina and self confidence with distance and deep water swimming. July 9, 10th and 11th, class will meet at Gail's dock for deep water swimming and diving. Basic swim rescues also. 10:00-10:30. Class a half hour earlier to allow me time to get 4 groups in and get back to the beach for 12:30.

11:00 -11:30 Level 4 and 5: Stroke perfection and endurance: front crawl 25/50 yds. breaststroke 15/25 yds, butterfly 15/25 yds.. Back crawl 15/25 yds. Elementary bkstroke 25/50. yds Safety skills and diving. July 9, 10 & 11, this class will meet at Gail's dock for diving, deep water swim and distance swimming from 10:30- 11:00.

11:30- 12:00: Level 4: Stroke enhancement, endurance and performance of the breaststroke, front and back crawl and butterfly as well as adding strength to the scissors kick in the side stroke. On July 10 & 11 this class will meet at Gail's dock from 11:00-11:30 for deep water work, this is a half hour earlier but gives me time to get to the beach for the remaining classes.

12:00 – 12:30 Level 3: Introduction of the breast and side strokes in parts and beginning to learn the strokes as a whole, also introduction of the dolphin kick. Front crawl in parts then whole as well as the elementary backstroke. We begin some distance swimming and jumping off the dock and leveling off into a stroke. Diving Day at McGann dock front on July 10th and 11th from 11:30-12:00. This is a half hour earlier than the other classes but allows me time to get to the beach for the 12:30 class.

12:30 – 1:00 Adult with Child Level 1 and 2 (preschool) Parent/Adult class with preschool children working on water exploration, floating, submerging, games and water adjustment. (the class was placed at this time as it was recommended to work around nap time) Also a class for an older child with fear of the water and needs the support of a parent/adult in the class.

1:00 – 1:30 Level 2 Introduction of the whip kick and developing the arm and leg action for the front crawl as well as a good finning action with the flutter kick on a back glide as well as Safety and use of a PFD. Begin jumping in to chest deep water.

1:30 – 2:00 Level 1-2 This class is for the student who has good swim action on their prone (front) side but weak in the area of swimming on their backs.

2:00 – 2:30 Level 1: This class is designed for the school aged child with very little swimming skills. They must be independent of an adult. This class is designed for the student who is not afraid of the water and willing to get his/her face wet and submerge. They may have some paddling skills and begin to learn how to glide and swim about 2-3 body lengths.

3:30- 4:00: Level 1 or non swimming class. For the working parent and students who are not yet swimming or just starting to float or go under water. Need to have 4-5 students to run this class

4:00-4:30: This is a multi-level class, basically a higher level 2, level 3 and early level 4. This class is for the child who can swim on their front and back and is ready to work harder on the front and back crawl and begin learning the breaststroke, elementary backstroke and scissors kick. Designed for the working parent. Need 4-5 students to run this class.

There will be classes on July 4. I will have the Safety Classes on that day and will combine several classes together so people will be free to have the day. If you have plans, you do not have to attend.

FOURTH OF JULY SCHEDULE:

Fitness Swim and Levels 4 and 5 will meet @ 10:00 AM
Level 2 and 3 will meet @ 10:45
Level 1 and Parent and child @ 11:30-12:00.

Please try to get the registrations in early so if needed I can add a class if enrollment is high.

Note: This is a public beach and the beach rules as well as the class safety rules are in affect. The beach is not environmentally controlled so wind and rainy conditions may be factors. If the child is very cold, I will allow them to warm up and hopefully, soon after they will return to class. Since weather changes very quickly, it is best to come. Thunderstorms come and go sometimes very quickly. We must come out of the water for thunder as well as lightning and will return when the weather has cleared.

Any concerns about the Level of your child etc. please feel free to call Sue Reed Langdon: 273-3627



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Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Child/Class enrolled: _____

Child/Class enrolled: _____

Child/Class enrolled: _____

Child/Class enrolled: _____

Permission Form must be signed and returned to Sue (Reed) Langdon, prior to start of first lesson.

LESSONS ARE FREE FOR MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS CHILDREN.

Out of town children are welcome for a fee of \$20.00/ swimmer for the 2 week session.

****CLASS TIMES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON CLASS SIZE, FINAL DETERMINATION FIRST DAY OF CLASS****

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Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting April 25, 2013

Approved

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Art Castle, Martha Heitkamp, Juanita Burch Clay, David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Bill Reed, Jackie Parker

Approval of Minutes of April 11 and April 17

- J. Webber moves to approve the 4/17 special meeting as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [J. Webber -aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, S. Moyer - aye, motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to approve the 4/11 regular meeting as amended. C. Larson 2nd. [J. Webber -aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson - aye, S. Moyer - abstain, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- Martha Heitkamp attends on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and voices their unanimous support in favor of Lois Danserault (who had run for the position and lost by only 4 votes). Jenny Talke Munyak agrees and supports the appointment. There was no interest in the advertised position. M. Lamson moves to appoint Lois Danserault to the open Library Trustee position until March of next year. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Juanita Burch Clay attends as Town Auditor. Auditors are meeting monthly. Alternating work session with public meeting month to month. Met today and discussed coverage for the library (building and land owned and insured by town however no coverage for trustees or worker compensation). Why the town is providing insurance for Pleasant View Cemetery which is not owned by the town. Copeland Milk Fund, reviewing accounts and original documents to clarify and review investments. Looking for return of all documents which may be stored in private homes to the town office.
- Art Castle - presents proposed plan from engineer completed for catch basin behind church to drain into an existing catch basin on East Street. Next steps per Mark McManis would be to survey the area. Part of the area around the proposed catch basin would be paved and may be covered under Park and Ride Grant. As proposed the basin would drain into Jackie Parker's lawn which would not be acceptable. Bill suggests speaking with

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a state engineer to tie 2 culverts together. Bill will check with Tom Roberts concerning possible permitting issues. C. Larson suggests a joint meeting with the Church and Fire Department to discuss. Bill suggests mapping any septic systems in the area.

- Catherine Verdon – inquires about the property behind her house being used by the town to store equipment. Specifically about the tire pile and mosquitos. Not happy about seeing town equipment and trash (mattresses, etc.) from her property. Per Bill, the trash has been removed as of today. George Mahoney is tasked with contracting removal of tires. Catherine inquires about the town installing a privacy fence. C. Larson doesn't think the town would pay for a privacy fence. Catherine inquires who is liable if there is any injury. Bill feels it is still private property which the town leases.

Library Trustee Appointment

- Discussed in Public Comments.
- Other appointments. Planning Commission – vacancy. Chris will check with Meredith. Conservation Commission – Mike will speak with Hillary. Openings will be reposted. J. Dickerson cannot accept constable position due to work conflict.
- C. Haynes moves to appoint Tim Poole to serve as Animal Control Officer. C. Larson 2nd. C. Larson asks if the Tim returned constable equipment. Laura confirms he did. Bill inquires if a resident can be Animal Control Officer if not Constable. C. Larson reviews Handbook for Town Officers which does not specify. [J. Webber – nay, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – nay, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried]. Carl will contact Tim Poole to see if he accepts.

Auditors Report

- Discussed in Public Comments.

Parker Property

- David Munyak – Grant Application SWRPC. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) approved by all. Time to schedule public meetings and comment period. Public meetings may be coordinated with Selectboard meeting. David will coordinate the date and with the board to post the meeting.
- Building Committee/Library Trustee Meeting – Meeting was held to discuss possibility of moving the library to the corner property (as a multiuse site/property). There was a productive conversation and the Library Trustees will continue to discuss and work towards creating a strategic plan determining their future needs.
- J. Siemens will be chipping the brush on the corner.
- Next public meeting in June to solicit feedback about scope and direction.



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Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Per Bill the transfer station gate is sagging. M. Lamson/C. Haynes will research options.

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill has been grading and has many roads to complete. Ditches need cleaning in many areas.
- Windmill has ordered the parts to repair the grader. Grader will be repaired after first round of grading.
- Has been completing preventative maintenance.
- Bill inquires about repairing draw lift bars (\$2,476.24) and throttle on grader if there is leftover budget after repairing rear end. The board will view the grader and make a decision next meeting.
- Tree Removal program- VT Local Roads recommends contributing each year to allow tree removal of dangerous trees and annual review program.
- Discussion of tree removal on Daisy Hollow. Terry Redfield (Tree Warden) is supposed to meet and view the trees. Options for removal include Doane Tree, Jim Siemens. Bill will check with Jim Siemens.
- Inquires about purchasing hand held GPS to complete things such as culvert mapping, etc. as a reference tool. Bill believes cost is \$300 - \$500 and will research
- Bill inquires about coding/tracking software
- Route 140 repairs will include wing walls to bridge by Parker Water Wells. Will need quarry rock and excavation. Will apply for structures grant.
- Spoke with Tyler Manning about some part time summer help. He has filed an application.
- Flagger training. Bill will setup training.
- Recommends use of Service Request Forms.
- Highway Department Position will be advertised in the Rutland Herald and Free Press for 2 weeks. C. Haynes moves to post highway position in the Rutland Herald and Free Press for 2 weeks. C. Larson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

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Garron Road/Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

- New mediation date is being discussed. Surveyor is still conducting work which is delaying mediation.

Financials/Board Orders

- J. Webber moves to approve the board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- ROW work application – Marie Luca – prior application approved now revised to add culvert near Route 140. Subject to road crew schedule/availability. J. Webber moves to approve the application for the amended Route 140 culvert. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- ROW work application – Marie Luca - Norton Road – will require 15” x 30’ culvert, brush cutting. J. Webber moves to approve the application for the Norton Road culvert. M. Lamson 2nd. C. Haynes inquires about timeframe. Subject to road crew schedule/availability. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Jaron Borg VT Dept of Environ Conservation – info on flood plain/map revision
- VT Local Roads thanking Bill for hosting Chainsaw Training Course
- AOT – High Risk Rural Roads thank you letter for partici-

pating.

- Municipal Highway Association annual meeting
- General Liability Accident Report
- Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Mutual aid agreement
- Single vehicle access weight permit request with \$5 fee and proof of insurance. Steve Newton. C. Haynes moves to approve single vehicle access weight permit request. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Alan and Sharon Parker – 273 North St, requesting address of 273 Spring Hill Drive. S. Moyer believes there are rules and regulations per 911 addressing. S. Moyer will research with Laura Castle.

Other Business

- S. Moyer would like to discuss May 26 presentation of Golden Cane Award

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 10:02 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting May 9, 2013

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Munyak, Dan Potter, David Wright, Fred Bradley, Jackie Parker, Earl Parker, Jenny Talke Munyak, Thomas Hurcomb, Nora Rubenstein, Bill Reed, Meredith Morgan (arrives 8:12)

Parker Property – CAP Meeting

- Public meeting regarding Corrective Action Plan (CAP) called to order. Dan Potter attends as representative from the SWRPC.
- A 30 day public comment period and public hearing required.
- Discussion of community relations plan - how public will be kept informed of project – EPA requirement. Town office will be repository for project information.
- No public comments.
- CAP will address PCBs detected in the soil from hydraulic lift cylinder. Excavation of soil. Removal of underground storage tanks. Asbestos abatement, lead based paint. Soil management

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plan.

- SWRPC Funds need to be expended by end of August
- Dan Potter will forward Community Relations Plan SRTS Meeting
- Bids were due by 1:00 PM today. Bids will be reviewed for accuracy and awarded to lowest qualified bidder.
- 6 bids received. Potential winning bid pending approval is Belden at \$148,445

Approval of Minutes of April 25

- J. Webber moves to approve the 4/25 regular meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Larson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, motion carried]

Public Comments

- David Wright – attends to discuss maintenance to headstones and monument in the Cemetery. David contacted VT Old Cemeteries Association (Charlie Marchant). VT Youth Conservation Corps could be hired by the town to do the work. C. Marchant would supervise and be paid. Could not schedule for this year however next year is a possibility. C. Marchant also recommended dept of corrections former prisoners who would be heavily supervised.
- C. Marchant recommended process to align leaning monument. David will contact memorial companies for quote.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- Earl Parker inquires if the town is seeking transfer station locations to relocate. The town has been searching for a replacement site outside of the town center however has not located any alternative.

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill Reed arrives 7:50.
- Jackie Parker inquires about pothole on West Street. C. Larson fills out Service Request Form to repair.
- Roadside mowing – Bruce Orchitt – interested in roadside mowing. Will discuss and initiate bid process next meeting.
- M. Lamson will contact Terry Redfield to schedule Special Meeting to discuss tree removal on Daisy Hollow.
- Grading, ditching, equipment maintenance, Grant administration. Will be ordering 3,000 gallon calcium.
- Lift arms and throttle on grader repair parts have been ordered.
- Paving bid process should be initiated soon as pavement costs are stable. Bill will prepare bid packets.
- Tom Roberts provided “Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways” for signature (raising at least \$300/mile)
- M. Lamson moves to sign the Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways. J. Webber 2nd. [S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion carried]
- Bill will meet with state engineer regarding culvert/drainage as discussed in the Firehouse Lane water issue
- Paving grant for Route 140 was denied.
- Applied for structures grant for bridge work near Parker Water Wells. Tom Roberts feels the funding may be available.

Firehouse Lane Water Issue

- C. Larson spoke with Mark McManus – survey will need to be completed to determine property lines.

Garron Road/Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

- Mediation date is scheduled for June 5.

Gold Headed Cane Award

- Shirley – need to designate new recipient. Qualifying is determined as “oldest person of Middletown Springs” – Gwendolyn Wilder of South Street, who is willing to accept. Memorial Day Parade 5/26 is suggested as a possible date to present.

E911 and Private Road Requests

- Regarding request from Alan and Sharon Parker – 273 North St, requesting address of 273 Spring Hill Drive.
- S. Moyer researched rules and regulations per 911 addressing.
- Based on research conducted, Shirley recommends declining the request because it is a private road with only 1 resident.
- Bill believes there are private roads with only 1 resident (Apple Mountain Lane). Shirley states that at the time there were other properties/lots subdivided and septic plans laid out for development on Apple Mountain Lane.
- S. Moyer moves to decline the request from Alan and Sharon Parker to change 911 address from 273 North Street. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Financials/Board Orders

- J. Webber moves to approve the highway salary board orders as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [S. Moyer – nay, M. Lamson – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, motion carried]
- J. Webber moves to approve the balance on the board orders as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Correspondence

- Letter from Terry Redfield – Byron Moyer will not be continuing as Trustee of the Copeland Milk Fund. Terry expresses gratitude for his service. Terry suggests Larry Moyer as candidate to the Copeland Milk Fund. Shirley Moyer will post for interest on Front Porch Forum.

- BCBS – rates have been set
- Gary Kupferer invoice
- Loss report from VLCT

Other Business

- Library insurance issue as pointed out by Town Auditors. VLCT states that the library building, contents to \$50,000 and liability are insured however no workers compensation coverage currently exists. Chris inquired if the town could cover worker comp under our policy which VLCT confirmed we could. Chris will get quotes to add this coverage. J. Webber inquires why the town would provide coverage if the library employee is not hired by the town. C. Larson points out that the town appoints the Library Trustees who then hire the library.
- Tim Poole not interested in animal control position.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:06 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



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**Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting
May 16, 2013** **Approved**

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Colvin, Terry Redfield

Roadside Mowing

- Discussion of getting bids to complete roadside mowing. Bruce Orchitt has expressed interest, Chris will contact for quote.

Roadside Tree Trimming/Removal

- Terry Redfield, Tree Warden, presents list of trees for removal on Daisy Hollow Road between Ray Reed and John Colvin property. Terry estimates 2-3 days and roughly \$3,000 to complete the removal.

- C. Larson moves to authorize Terry Redfield to contract and manage the removal of the identified hazard trees on Daisy Hollow for up to \$3,500. C. Haynes 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Terry will review other roads for immediate/threatening hazards for tree trimming.

Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit

- Mediation has been set for June 5 in Middlebury.
 - Meeting scheduled @5PM next Thursday to discuss mediation with attorneys Gary Kupferer and Brian Monagen.
- Adjourn Meeting adjourned 7:49 pm.
Mike Lamson, Clerk

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- Fee for lost pass: \$40.00

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Board of School Directors Special Meeting April 29, 2013

Official Minutes

Present: Kendra Larson, Karen Mach, Chris Smid, Meredith Morgan (Board Members). Also Present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (School Principal), Louis Milazzo.

The meeting was **called to order** By Kendra Larson, Vice Chair at 6:34pm. The motion was made to appoint Kendra Larson, Vice Chair, as a Pro-temp Moderator to serve as Moderator in the absence of the town Moderator.

- Meeting was Roberts Rules but with an informal discussion. Rick Beal, Middletown Elementary School Principal, presented an academic presentation and spoke about the current After School Program, Pre-K Program, and the Student Measured Progress Assessments. A question and answer session followed the presentation.
 - Louis Milazzo presented the revised budget of the Middletown Springs Elementary School and the shared Supervisory Union. A question and answer session followed the presentation.
 - Joan Paustian, RSWSU Superintendent of Schools, presented on the Tinmouth request to switch supervisory unions. A question and answer session followed the presentation.
 - The Middletown Springs Elementary School Board answered questions from the community present.
- Meredith Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Karen Mach seconded; motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted, Karen M. Mach

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**Board of School Directors
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2013**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Kendra Larson (Vice-Chair), Meredith Morgan & Christopher Smid (Members). Also Present: Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Rick Beal (Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary). Public Present: Lorraine Wilkins (Title I Teacher)

1. **Call to Order** (Action)

Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

2. **Presentation** (if applicable)

Mrs. Wilkins gave a Smart Board presentation on the Fast Forward and Reading Assistant literacy software programs used at MSES. These programs are scientifically based. Research has shown they help strengthen brain processing efficiency. Students are selected for the programs using AimsWeb, Fontas & Pinnell, and NECAP assessments, as well as classroom observation and performance. Most programs run for 12 weeks. To date, all students who have participated have made progress at varying rates. Many have come from reading below grade level to reading at or above grade level. The Board thanked Mrs. Wilkins for her presentation.

3. **Consent Agenda:** (Action)

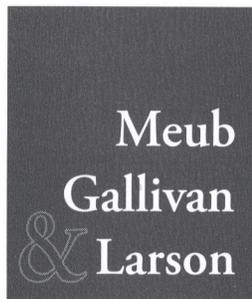
a. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2013 (regular)

Kendra Larson moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2013, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 4-0.

b. Superintendent's Report (Written): Supt. Paustian reported there are Title I funds remaining and the SU can only carry over 15% to next year. Therefore, grant funding for the salaries of the Title I Teacher will be increased from 45% to 60% for the current year for MSES, Tinmouth, and Wells. Leslie Klami is not returning next year and interviews for the Music Teacher position

will take place next week. Due to a reduction in staff, Instructional Assistant Shirl Harrington's contract was not renewed for next year. Laura Brayton-Illinski is not returning next year so a new School Counselor will be hired at the SU level to work at MSES and Tinmouth. Those interviews have been completed. At the legislative level, Bill #H538 is under consideration. It seeks to set specific staff-to-student ratios for teachers, instructional assistants, and administrators at both the school and SU levels. There would be incentives for meeting the specified levels and penalties for not meeting them. As of this writing, the bill had not passed.

c. Principal's Report: Three staff members attended OGAP (On-Going Assessment Program) training in Math; focusing on formative assessments in multiplicative reasoning and proportions. Mr. Beal shared some student math work and is excited about the students' approaches to problem solving. This week, 5th/6th graders went to the Ecology Expo and the Montshire Museum. They also worked with Pat Hemenway of the Historical Society on a Civil War Project. They will learn about real-life citizens of Middletown Springs and what happened to them during the Civil War. Science NECAPs will be administered to fourth graders next week. Mr. Beal and Ms. Brzezinski are registered for the Science Leadership Program; a free two-year graduate program which will serve to improve our science curriculum and teaching. We have joined a food buying cooperative to reduce meal costs. Mr. Beal and Ms. Charalabopoulos will meet with an outside food service contractor, Fitz Vogt, to investigate all options. Because our student poverty level is 41%, we can (and will) apply for the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant. We were awarded a \$2,000 grant from the "Whole Kids" Program for the garden. The slate roof repairs contract has been signed and Mr. Beal attended the grant presentation this week in Montpelier to receive the \$20,000 check from the VT Dept. of Historic Preservation to help pay for the roof repairs. The security camera system is in and will be in operation beginning on May 13. The Student Council raised enough funds to send one child to school in Rwanda. Resi-



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dent Jaya Holliman gave a brief presentation about Rwanda to the entire school and a more detailed one to the 3rd & 4th graders. Ideas for next year include forming a relationship between MSES and a Rwandan school.

d. **Business Manager's Report (Written)**

Mr. Milazzo anticipates an \$11,000 surplus for the current school year; however, this could change when final expenses are tallied. This amount does not include the additional \$10,000 MSES will receive from the remaining Title I grant funds for the current year.

e. **Financial Statements:** included in above report.

Chris Smid moved to approve the reports of the Superintendent, Principal, and Business Manager, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 4-0.

4. **Approve Warrants: (Action)**

a. Warrant #155 in the amount of \$229,792.46 dated 4/10/13 b. Warrant #156 in the amount of \$24,671.79 dated 4/24/13 Kendra Larson moved to approve Warrant #155 in the amount of \$229,792.46 dated 4/10/13 and Warrant #156 in the amount of \$24,671.79 dated 4/24/13, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 4-0.

5. **General Public Comments:** None

6. **Old Business:**

a. **Food Service Program:** Mr. Beal recommended the hours for the food service position be set at thirty hours per week. This is the minimum amount of time needed to prepare and serve healthier meals to our students. Mr. Haynes suggested that current MSES meal prices be reviewed. They may need to increase to meet Child Nutrition Program pricing guidelines, which could offset some of the labor expense. Meal prices will be covered at the next meeting. Kendra Larson moved to increase M s. Charal b op oulos' hours to 30 hours per week for this school year and to issue a contract to her for 30 hours per week for the upcoming

school year, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 4-0.

b. **Sidewalk Grant:** Bids were opened today; six bids were received and one was selected, subject to final approval. Discussion ensued about how the financial aspects will be handled; bills will be paid with school district funds and reimbursed to the school with town funds. Some in-kind work will be needed from community members and potentially MSES students as part of the grant agreement.

c. **Agenda for Meeting with Faculty:** Kendra Larson distributed a proposed agenda for the meeting between the board and the teachers on May 14. Topics include: board questions, teacher questions, school vision, and new Common Core standards. Clarence Haynes moved to approve the agenda, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 4-0.

7. **New Business:**

a. **Approve Copier Lease:** Mr. Milazzo recommends we continue to contract with Vermont Digital for our copier lease. Kendra Larson moved to approve the copier lease from Vermont Digital for 3 years, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 4-0.

b. **Potential Impact on Middletown Springs School District** if Tinmouth switches SU's A formal study will be conducted to assess the impact on both Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union as well as Rutland South Supervisory Union. Board members from all impacted school districts will be allowed to comment to the VT Agency of Education on how this move could impact their schools.

c. **Resignation of School Board Member:** Due to a new position that will prevent her from attending board meetings, Kendra Larson is, with regret, resigning her School Board position effective June 1. Mr. Haynes is sorry to see Mrs. Larson go. As a teacher, she offers a unique perspective to the board that is quite valuable. Mr. Haynes moved, with extreme regret and many thanks for her dedicated service, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Larson, Chris Smid seconded with regret; motion carried

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3-0. Kendra Larson abstained. It was agreed by consensus that an announcement will be included in the Friday Notices that a board member will be needed to serve the remainder of her term (until March).

d. Afterschool Program

Discussion took place about funding from the Child Development Div. to assist families who cannot afford to pay for the program on their own. State funds are paid directly to the school. Kendra Larson reported that some community members asked that the Board discuss the ASP at a board meeting that community members can attend. The Board will schedule a meeting, with the Afterschool Program on the agenda, in the coming months.

e. Federal Funds

Federal MAC (formerly EPSDT) funds can be used for nurses, counselors, etc., any health-related student issues/initiatives. Mr. Beal would like to use funds next year to continue the "Girls on the Run" program and increase the school counselor's time. Mr. Beal will provide more information at the next meeting.

8. Policies (for action):

a. F-104 Entrance age (revised) – to be tabled to June (this is a place holder only) Tabled by consensus until June meeting

9. Action on Personnel Contract/s: None

10. Set Next Board Meeting (Regular) & Agenda Building: (Anticipated June 13, 6PM) Next regular board meeting tentatively set for Thursday, June 13 at 6:00PM at MSES.

11. Executive Session 1 VSA § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) if warranted (Discussion & Possible Action). None

12. Other Lawful Business: Mr. Haynes distributed a pamphlet from the VSBA entitled "The Pocket Guide to Negotiations" and the accompanying letter. Mr. Haynes asked board members to send an e-mail to the Senate Finance Committee representatives urging them not to pass legislation that would negatively impact education such as setting budget caps and imposing minimum limits on class sizes. One proposal would allow budget increases of no more than 1% over the amount of inflation; this would defeat the purpose of town meeting; stripping towns of rights. A joint statement from the VSBA, VSA, and the NEA was issued to let the legislature know that these measures are not only unnecessary, but also harmful to the education of our children.

Supt. Paustian reported that the Ira School Board has given approval to allow Ira resident children ages 3 and 4 to attend the Pre-K program at MSES, for which Ira would pay tuition costs to MSES.

13. Adjournment (Action)

Chris Smid moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, Kendra Larson seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosso



Memorial Day

by Sue Langdon

Thank you to all the people who came out, braving the elements, for the **44th Annual Memorial Day Parade**. As is the tradition to show honor and respect our parade was led by Rutland County Sheriff, the West Rutland American Legion Color Guard then Veterans and active Military. We were especially impressed with the people who spent so much time planning and constructing floats they are such a great addition to the parade, even if you chose not to be judged. Those floats were built by: Anna Mathewson & friends, Macy Wilson, Oisin Harrington, Bruttomesso family, Hier family/Grange and Community Church. Our speaker this year was John Turner, Marine infantryman and Purple Heart recipient; Thank You John for being willing to share and remind us all that war is not pleasant and coming home is not easy for our veterans. During the memorial service Mill River School Band played the National Anthem and taps as the Girl Scouts placed the wreath on the monument, veterans lowered and raised the flag and the Color Guard presented the gun salute.

Special Thanks to: Pete & Cora Bolster for again providing the sound system; the Community Church for letting them set up there and the use of the front steps; Middletown Springs School for supporting the children's poster and writing projects; MTS Grange for donating the school project prize money; The Historical Society for once again being so willing to allow us to use the building for displaying the school projects, chairs for the park and letting the Maple Sugar House plug in to your electric; Stan Achey for being the master of ceremony; Bob Emerick for doing traffic control; MSFD for setting up your BBQ and the ladder truck flag; The Hoisington, Mahoney, Manning and Haynes families for setting up signs, decorations and overseeing parking and line up; and the Gilmore and Harrington Families for providing the "facilities" at line up!

This day happens because of the many months of work behind the scenes, especially by Cheryl Mahoney & Alice Hoisington. So if anyone would like to get involved for next year's 45th annual parade, please let them know (Memorialparade05757@yahoo.com). Thank you.

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School Board of Directors Special Meeting June 14, 2013

Official Minutes

Board Members present - Kendra Larson, Chris Smid and Meredith Morgan

Public present - Middletown Springs Teachers: Sara Brzezinski, Joy Ray, Lea Pettis, Lorraine Wilkins, Julia Chamberlain, Sherry Lantman, Bob Bruttomesso and Principal Rick Beal

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order: 3:20 PM

School Budget:

- Involve teachers in budget
- Textbooks/resources supported by teachers...need to meet needs of grade configurations
- Need for math/science resources
- Open to a curriculum with input
- Need for a historian?
- Actions: Bring budget to staff meeting in Fall (October)
- Clarity of Special Ed. Budget (OT? PT?)

Current Issues/Concerns of Faculty:

- Inconsistency in "follow the contract" versus "Principal discretion." Previously "Principal discretion" issues have been turned over to the Superintendent. (Bereavement days)
- Evaluations of professional development from teachers...SU in-service days, end of the year
- Teacher input on in-service/grouping/differentiating/have teachers present?
- Moving of rooms compensation? (carpets/room improvements/shower/washer & dryer)
- Common Core/Community Awareness
- Spotlight on good things happening
- Magnet- Student council info, why are pieces not making it to the Magnet from school

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Chris Smid seconded by Kendra at 4:15 PM.

Respectively Submitted by Meredith Morgan



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Elementary School News

by Rick Beal, Principal

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In STEAM, the Arts have a special importance. Creativity is the foundation for advancement in all fields of science. When the arts such as writing, music, painting, dance, theater are paired with science, technology, engineering and math, a relationship is fostered between both sides of brain that supports the innovative potential of our students. For music at our school, we are very fortunate to have Mary Barron joining our school staff as our new music teacher. The students and staff are looking forward to the creativity that she will bring to our learning community.

As another school year comes to close, I would like to **recognize all the volunteers that gave time and effort towards making our school a great place for our students**. We were fortunate to have many adults that came in to work with students in the garden during recess, level books, prep and serve lunch, drove students to away games and much more. I would also like to recognize the parents of the FFE who supported the learning opportunities by having Circus Smirkus come to our school. Our school and community is a special place.

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June 28	Holes
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A Note from the Library Trustees

The Middletown Springs Library Board of Trustees is deeply saddened by the passing of our Board Chair and dear friend, **Nan Gilmour**.

Nan was an extremely dedicated proponent, supporter and leader of the Library. She took great pleasure in watching the library open its doors and draw in increasing numbers of people of all ages. She thought of the library as a wonderful resource in our community. Nan was integral in guiding the Trustees and the Librarian to accomplish this. She was a tireless and enthusiastic custodian of this precious community resource.

Nan will be profoundly missed in so many ways.

We will remember her through a generous donation she bestowed on the Library at her passing. The Library Trustees will obey Nan's wishes and use this donation as an endowment to the Library from which only interest on the principal will be drawn. This endowment will hereby be known as the Nan Gilmour Story Hour Endowment and will be used to support Story Hour at the Library.

Nan will be forever in our hearts and the memory of her accomplishments, unselfish service and graciousness will endure.

*Kristal Haynes Hier, Martha Heitkamp,
Jenny Talk Munyak, Lois Dansereau, Alida Tarbell*



Legislative Update

Rep John Malcolm

The Legislature has completed the first year of the two-year session ahead of schedule. In the House, there were 544 bills introduced and in the Senate 169 bills were introduced for a total of 713 bills. 98 bills passed both chambers with the rest were either incorporated into other bills, or duplicates, or are still in play for next year. Once a bill passes both the Senate and the House and is signed by the Governor it becomes an "Act" and is given a new number than it had as a bill. You can view all the bills introduced and their status through the Legislative website, leg.state.vt.us.

I was pleased several bills I was involved in passed. One bill I introduced, H.17, was included in a transportation bill, S.150, that increased the penalties for texting while driving. Another bill, H.131, pertained to forestry harvesting guidelines, and a third bill, H.405, defined better the focus of the Public Service Board's involvement in farm methane electrical generation systems.

Although the Legislature is not in session from now until January, there are many studies and hearings that will take place during this time to further investigate a variety of issues more in depth and to create reports and recommendations for the Legislature's information and use next year. Two of these studies I will be involved in are S.30 pertaining to the siting of electrical generation facilities in Vermont, and H.526 pertaining to shoreline development along lakes in Vermont.

Please contact me with your questions and ideas and concerns at JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us, 325-3424, and 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761. Thank You!



A KITCHEN CONCERT

The lovely back garden of **Sissy's Kitchen** will be the site of a unique concert and supper event on **Wednesday June 26 7-8:30 pm**.

The band, **Three Penny Acre**, is a threesome of songwriter/musicians that hails from Arkansas and is traveling through Middletown on an Eastern tour. Fans and critics have identified their unique, Ozark-inspired folk and roots sound as distinct, yet universally appealing. Listeners in all corners have come to appreciate their attention to lyrics, harmony, and carefully crafted acoustic arrangements on guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, percussion and upright base. Three Penny Acre is opening for Old Crow Medicine Show later this month in Arkansas. www.3pennyacre.com

The audience is invited to bring their own picnic suppers or order from Sissy's by 5:30 pm (235-2000) The concert will take place under the protection of a newly restored 1760s Pawlet barn frame, recently erected for viewing, by Green Mountain Timber Frames.

Please bring chairs. A donation of \$10 for the band is suggested. Questions: Dan McKeen 235-2340



Spoon Mountain Singers

Spoon Mountain Singers will perform, Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 7:30pm, at the Asche's Barn on Spruce Knob Road.

For 15 years, the Spoon Mountain Singers have been performing round about Rutland County. Rehearsing in the shadow of Spoon Mountain, the ridge that divides Tinmouth and Middletown Springs, the group draws on local talent, and on the rich a cappella music repertoire from Renaissance to the 21st century, including a healthy infusion of Barbershop.

The directors and organizers are Robert and Susan Lloyd of Tinmouth, but all ten participants contribute their musical ideas. Raucous discussion, we've found, can lead to the liveliest rendition of both old favorites and less familiar works.

DONATIONS are welcome to help defray costs. This is the same program as the one we presented in Rutland's Trinity Church earlier in June. Special thanks are due to Frank and Jan Asch for inviting us to share the performance space in their barn – an ideal setting for chamber music of all kinds.

SolarFest – July 12, 13 & 14! Annual Sustainable Living Festival

This year SolarFest celebrates its **19th Annual Sustainable Living Festival** on July 12 - 14 at Forget-Me-Not Farm in Tinmouth, Vermont. The only event of its kind in the

northeast – maybe even this side of the Rockies - where a traditional sustainable living fair blends harmoniously with a music and arts festival. The entire festival, including the main performance stage, which has incredible sound and light shows,



is powered entirely by renewable energy.

2013 is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Visit SolarFest on the web at www.solarfest.org for details and daily schedules for the performers, workshops, and more.

A weekend pass costs \$35 pre-sale and \$39 at the gate. Single day tickets are \$15. Children 14 and under are Free when accompanied by an adult. There is also on-site camping available.

Forget-Me-Not Farm is located at 12 McNamara Road in Tinmouth, VT. For more information about SolarFest, visit the website at solarfest.org.



Village Harmony Concert

Saturday, July 27 in Tinmouth at the Community Church. Local singers include Izzy Fontein and Ellie Hasenohr from Tinmouth, **Tara Beattie** and **Cameron Gilmour** from Middletown, Tikko Frelich from Pawlet and Ian Dansereau from Wallingford.

Village Harmony, the unique and lively youth world music singing ensemble, is led by Suzannah Park, Natalie Nowytski and Gideon Crevoshay. Concert starts

at 7:30pm; suggested admission at the door [\$10, \$5 for students and seniors].

For more information: 446-2928

<http://www.villageharmony.org>

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Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 9	6:00 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues. 9	7:15 pm	Library
Story Hour	Wed. 10	10 am	Library
School Board	Thurs. 11	6 pm	Fire House
Select Board	Thurs. 11	7 pm	Town Office
SolarFest	Fri. 12-Sun. 14		Tinmouth
Garden Tour	Sat. 13	10-2pm	Library
BINGO!	Mon. 14	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 16	6:00 pm	Fire House
Story Hour	Wed. 17	10 am	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 18	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri. 19	7 pm	Library
BINGO!	Mon. 22	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 23	7:00 pm	Fire House
Story Hour	Wed. 24	10 am	Library
Auditors Meeting	Thurs. 25	1 pm	Town Office
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 25	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri. 26	7 pm	Library
Village Harmony	Sat. 27	7:30 pm	Tinmouth
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 30	6:00 pm	Fire House
Story Hour	Wed. 31	10 am	Library
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 31	11 am	Poultney

August

Magnet Deadline	Thurs. 1		
First Response	Thurs. 1	6:30 pm	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs. 1	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 5	7 pm	Fire House
Planning Commission	Mon. 5	7:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 6	6:00 pm	Fire House
Library Trustee Meeting	Wed. 7	12:30 pm	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Wed. 7	7 pm	Town Office
School Board	Thurs. 8	6 pm	Fire House
Select Board	Thurs. 8	7 pm	Town Office
BINGO!	Mon. 12	7 pm	Fire House
Energy Committee	Mon. 12	7:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 13	6:00 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues. 13	7:15 pm	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 15	7 pm	Town Office

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June

Property Taxes Due	Sat. 15	9am- 4 pm	Town Office
Strawberry Festival	Sun. 16	2-4pm	Historical Society
BINGO!	Mon. 17	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 18	6:00 pm	Fire House
Spoon Mountain Singers	Wed. 19	7:30pm	Asch's Barn
Building Comm. Meeting	Thurs. 20	7 pm	Town Office
MSVFD Open House	Sat. 22	2 pm	Fire House
BINGO!	Mon. 24	7 pm	Fire House
Fire Dept. Meeting	Tues. 25	7:00 pm	Fire House
Story Hour	Wed. 26	10 am	Library
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 26	11 am	Poultney
Kitchen Concert	Wed. 26	7 pm	Sissy's
Select Board Meeting	Thurs. 27	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri. 28	7 pm	Library
Women's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 29	8 am	Church
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 29	8 am	School

July

Swim Lessons begin	Mon. 1		Crystal Beach
BINGO!	Mon. 1	7 pm	Firehouse
Planning Commission	Mon. 1	7:30 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 2	6:00 pm	Fire House
Story Hour	Wed. 3	10 am	Library
Building Comm. Meeting	Wed. 3	7 pm	Town Office
FOURTH OF JULY	Thurs. 4		
First Response	Thurs.	TBA	Fire House
Historical Soc. Trustees	Thurs.	TBA	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
BINGO!	Mon. 8	7 pm	Fire House
Energy Committee	Mon. 8	7:30 pm	Town Office

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