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TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS WARNING

Town Meeting - March 4, 2014

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES) Multipurpose Room, in said Town, on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 4, 2014 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Firehouse Hall.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 4, 2014,
FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$247,072 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$184,372 to be raised by taxes on the 2014 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015?
4. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$334,017 for the care and maintenance of highways, the

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Town Meeting Food Sale!

Come to the Building Committee's 2nd Annual Town Meeting Food Sale

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Historical Society Dining Room
All Day



Bread!

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting - March 3, 2014

The legal voters of the Town School District of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School in said Town, on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 4, 2014, to the Middletown Springs Firehouse Hall, at which time business of voting by Australian ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted upon the following articles:

Article 1: To elect school district officers as provided by law:
School Director for a 2-Year Term
School Director for a 3-Year Term
Moderator (1-Year)
School District Clerk (1-Year)
School District Treasurer (1-Year)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize changing the term of the school district clerk from a one (1) year term to a three (3) year term, effective March 2015?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$2,299,728.34 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2014-2015 fiscal year?

Article 4: To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 4, 2014.
Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont January 30, 2014

Clarence Haynes, Chair
Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair
Karen Wilder, Clerk
Christopher Smid, Member
Sarah Haley, Member

A true copy Attested and duly recorded as required by law.
Laura Castle, Town Clerk

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sum of \$269,517 to be raised by taxes on the 2014 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015?

5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the Town Office?

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year General Fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

7. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to restrict the position of Road Commissioner from also being held by the Road Foreman or a member of the Road Crew?

8. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to allow the Selectboard to appoint one or two road commissioners as per VSA title 17 sec 2651 effective at the annual Town Meeting in March 2015?

9. Shall the town of Middletown Springs vote to raise, deem necessary and appropriate, and expend the sum of \$50,000 for the Middletown Springs Fire Department to be used for replacement of the roof and heating plant of the existing firehouse, determining that these improvements benefit the town with fire protection services?

10. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$70,000 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

11. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for an outside financial audit to be completed at least once every five years and to raise \$5,000 to be placed in said restricted fund?

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate 400 for the support of the Neighbor-Works of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?

13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?

14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Rutland Mental Health determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?

15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape assistance?

17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the BROCC determining that the program serves the residents of the town

with fuel assistance, USDA commodities, emergency food and financial assistance?

18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?

19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services to citizens with developmental disabilities and their families?

20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence?

21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency services?

22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?

23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?

24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$412 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green-Up Day?

26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$600 for the support of the Rutland County Parent Child Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with child visitation services?

27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?

28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the Poultney Community League determining that the program serves the residents of the town with youth sports programs?

29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$3,000 for the support of Middletown Springs First Response determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and medical services?

30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,300 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (formerly George D. Aiken RC&D Council) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?

32. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

Board of Selectmen: Carl Haynes, Chair; Terry Redfield, Vice Chair; Shirley Moyer; James Webber; Mike Lamson, Clerk
Received for filing this 28th day of January A.D. 2014.
Attest: Laura Castle, Town Clerk.



The Corner of South & East

by David Munyak

On January 22, a sunny but frigid Wednesday morning, the little wooden building affectionately known by locals as “the green garage” was taken down. Erected on the foundation of the ‘brick store’ after the fire of 1920, the building stood for over 90 years.

I’m sure many will react to this news with mixed emotions. I’ve heard stories from people who grew up visiting the garage to fill their bicycle tires, who had their cars serviced by Norm and his father before him, who visited with Norm while getting gas, or who just stopped in to chat. People regarded the place as more than a gas station, it was a meeting place at the center of the community; a place to see other people, to have a chat, to do some business. Sadly, the site has not served that purpose for quite a few years, since the fire in 2008.

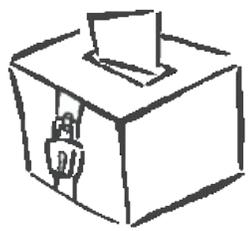
While the loss of the building may conjure up fond memories of the past, it also marks a new beginning. Just as the loss of the brick store left a hole that was filled by Clyde Parker’s new garage, the loss of the garage will be filled by a new town building that will once again provide a meeting place, a center of activity and a sense of vitality at the heart of the village.



photo by Emmett Francois

NOTICE: Location change!

Town & School Informational Meeting will be held at the **Elementary School** in the Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, March 5, 2014 at 7:30pm.



Voting will take place at the **Firehouse**. Tuesday, March 6, 2014. Polls Open 7am- 7pm.

Listers Announcement:

In March, the Board of Listers will be following up on changes that have been noted in properties. They will be making appointments to visit with some property owners. If you would like the Board of Listers to visit your property or if you have questions, please call: Town Office at 235-2220 or email mtslisters@vermontel.net.

Sally Achey (Chair)
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Fire Department News

Membership Drive Raffle Winners Announced

The following people were the winners in our 2014 Annual Membership Drive Raffle:

- Restored chair / Pat and Don Hemenway
- \$50 gas gift card / Phil and Mary Bondi
- Maple syrup / Clayton Family
- Middletown Springs Afghan/ Jan and Frank Asch

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who signed up for your support.

Membership update

The Fire Department recently added several new members to our ranks of volunteers. Debbie Hoisington and Karen Wilder have signed on as senior members, while Shane Doherty and Richie Miller are new Junior Firefighters. Finally, former member Jason Cook has returned after an absence of a few years, although he had continued on as town Forest Fire Warden during that time. Welcome to all.

Lieutenant Tyler Manning is currently on a leave of absence from the department. Tyler enlisted in the Vermont Air National Guard last year, and is now in the middle of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. We are proud of his service to our country, but can't wait to have him return later this spring.

We are very fortunate here in Middletown to have a strong and active membership of 20 men and women. Our doors are always open to anyone 14 years of age and older who wishes to join. Stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening meet the members, and find out just what we do.

Budget Request

At Town Meeting this year, there are sure to be some questions about every department's budget request, ours included. Each year we struggle with the rising costs of maintaining our aging equipment and apparatus up to the Federal Government safety standards. This hasn't allowed us to set aside any funds for repairs and upgrades to the firehouse. We need additional funds if we are going to make these capital improvements. Please watch for announcements about our budget request and informational meeting.

Thank you for your support in 2013.



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Library News

No Passport required: Armchair Travelers, join us for a trip to France, Italy, Austria, & Sweden, **Sunday, February 23, from 2-4pm**, at the Library. In the fall of 2013, Hugh Coyle & Maynard Yost took a trip to France, Italy, Austria, and Sweden with a focus on research for Hugh's book in progress, *Peace at Last*. While the book is historical fiction, the photos and travelogue will appeal to explorers of all ages! Refreshments will be served.

Movie Nights: Friday nights through April 4. Movies begin at 7pm.

Bring your own snack & beverage.

Feb 14	Enchanted (PG)
Feb 21	Wreck-It-Ralph (PG)
Feb 28	All is Lost (PG-13)
Mar 7	Waitress (PG-13)
Mar 14	Catching Fire (PG-13)
Mar 21	Gravity (PG-13)
Mar 28	Frozen (PG)

Book Discussion: 2nd Wed of the month at 7pm. Copies of the book are available at the library. Join us for this low-pressure, friendly, and engaging book discussion. Read *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones and join us March 12 for the discussion.

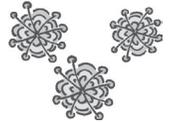
Knitting Circle: Monday March 3, 7-9pm

Story Hour: Saturday, March 22 10am

All programs are Free & Open to the public.

For more information contact the library: 802-235-2435 or kimberly@mtslibrary.comcastbiz.net.

See you at the Library!



Fountain of Youth

The February 26 menu at the Young At Heart Senior Center in Poultney is Goulash, Tossed Salad, Peaches and Cottage Cheese and Brownie Sundae. Join Middletown and Ira Seniors there for lunch. This meal site opens at 11am with homemade soup and coffee served at 11:15am. Dinner is served at noon. Please make your reservation by calling 287-9200. Meals are cooked in their kitchen and are served family style. Suggested donation is \$3.25 for seniors 60 years and older. Come and give it a try.

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 22, at 8 am
Middletown Springs School

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



Henderson Fund Scholarship Awarded

The Helen Henderson Education Trust Fund Scholarship Selection Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of a **\$500** Helen Henderson Education Trust Fund Scholarship Award for January 2014. The Helen Henderson Education Trust Fund Scholarship is under the auspices of the Middletown Springs Trustees of Public Monies.

The Scholarship Fund is awarded to Middletown Springs' students who are beginning their college careers.

- **Connor Eaton**, son of Connie and Kevin Eaton of Middletown Springs, is attending Saint Anselm College.

- **Seth Mason**, son of Cindy and Malcom Warner of Middletown Springs and Mark and Cecelia Mason of Florence, is attending the University of Vermont.

On behalf of the Middletown Springs Selectmen and the Middletown Springs School Board and the Middletown Springs Trustees of Public Funds we extend congratulations to Connor and Seth and wish them well in their college careers.

Property Tax Notice

3rd Quarter Taxes are due
on or before

March 15, 2014.

Town Treasurer will be in the town office on
Saturday, March 15, from 9am-Noon
to receive payments.

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Elementary School News

by Rick Beal, Principal

Middletown Spring Elementary School's first through sixth grade students have had a wonderful opportunity to participate in the **skiing/snowboarding program at Pico Mountain** with almost all the students participating. The students who stayed at the school were presented with engineering challenges such creating the longest marble roll and a wind powered vehicle. They also did snowshoeing and sliding. Part of the school's mission statement is to develop a well rounded individual. The ski/snowboarding program and the engineering challenges have helped open up all of our students to the possibilities that are out there for them. The students would also like to thank the FFE and community members that provide scholarship funding to make sure that any student who wanted to learn how to ski and snowboard had the opportunity.

Middletown Springs and Tinmouth are collaborating together on the ski/snowboarding program. The staffs from both schools have been using the time when the students have been at the mountain for professional development. The schools are making the transition to the **Common Core Standards (CCS)**. It is important that the teachers are having conversations on instructional practices and the new standards. Particular importance has been on writing skills. There are many types of writing that students are expected to do that are connected with the CCS with the staff embracing what they have taken from the professional development opportunity. I look forward to the student results as we move forward.

The **Vermont Symphony Orchestra** came to the school on February 14. The students had an opportunity to see instruments and hear music that may not be familiar to them. The school had a VSO percussion group come to the school last year that captivated the students.



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First Response

Seeking Volunteers for Middletown Springs First Response

Help!!... Needed: Volunteers willing to help make a difference in times of emergency!!

Middletown Springs First Response is looking for people to participate in an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Class. This is a basic First Aid type class. We hope to start the class in March. It would involve 70 hours of class time, including hands on practical training; there is a fee for materials but we are hoping a grant will come through to cover most of that and a final exam at a state testing facility.

At the successful completion of the class a person will be licensed and able to join an Emergency Medical Service, such as Poultney Rescue & Middletown Springs First Response.

For more information or to sign up please call: Sue (Reed) Langdon 235 2060 or 353 0970 or Kevin Eaton 235 2746

Cure for the Wintertime Blues PIE FOR BREAKFAST



The trustees at the Middletown Springs Public Library have discovered a sure cure for the Wintertime Blues... Pie for Breakfast.

On Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 8-am-Noon, they will be serving up **All You Can Eat PIE For Breakfast** with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many different varieties. Pies are both sweet (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate...) and savory (such as quiche, spinach, ham...).

Hosted at the Middletown Springs Historical Society building on the green in Middletown Springs, this event has gotten so popular that a bigger space was needed. Stop in for a great breakfast with more room to enjoy it.

\$6 for adults; \$4 for children 4-12, under 4 FREE. All proceeds benefits the Middletown Springs Public Library. For more information contact the library at 802-235-2435.



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Building Committee Update

On Saturday, February 8 the Elementary School Multipurpose Room played host to a group of townfolk who attended the Building Committee Informational Meeting and 2nd Annual Soup Tasting ready to satisfy their appetites and their curiosity about the town office project.

Both goals seemed to have been attained. The first through a selection of eight delicious homemade soups along with homemade breads, cookies, brownies and other treats and the second by a dozen information stations that outlined the current status of the project and accomplishments to date.

Attendees listened attentively to a short presentation and then scrutinized the photos, charts, graphs and text that were on display while chatting over hot cups of soup. They were also invited to interact with some of the displays by placing colored dots next to items that they wished to emphasize. The Building Committee will record these for later use.

Thank you to those who attended. We hope you found it helpful and delicious! Thanks also to those who provided the wonderful food.

Finally, if you were unable to attend, please come see the information boards which will be displayed at the Pre-Town Meeting on March 3 at the school, and again at the Building Committee's Town Meeting Food Sale, to be held all day on March 4 in the Historical Society Dining Room.



Community Church Invite

Whether you're searching, seeking, questioning, wondering, wandering, hurting, doubting, suffering, burdened, tired, or messy -- come as you are to the Community Church. Please feel free to join us for our worship service every Sunday at 10am. But leave your halos at home, because none of us is perfect.

Also, the Adult Study Class is currently delving into the perplexing question: "How can God be good and all-powerful when there's so much suffering in the world?" The discussion can get very challenging and lively, and it's never boring. This group meets at 9am, before the service, and is open to everyone.

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Pastor Jared Wilson's office: 235-2386



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Town Meeting 2014 Candidates for Office

Town Moderator (1 Year): *Blank*
 Town Agent (1 Year): *Blank*
 Tax Collector (1 Year): *Laura Castle*
 Town Constable (1 Year): *Blank*

Selectmen (3 Years): *Herb Childress*
James Webber

Selectmen (2 Years): *Shirley D. Moyer*
 Selectmen (1 Year): *Terry A. Redfield*

Lister (3 Years): *Randy Kniffin*
 Auditor (1 Year): *Jim Georg*

Planning Commission (2 Years): *Maureen McCormack*
 Planning Commission - 3 Years: *Blank*
 Planning Commission - 4 Years: *Blank*

Library Trustee (3 Years): *Lois Dansereau*
 Library Trustee (3 Years): *Patricia McWilliams*

Town Grand Juror (1 Year): *David Munyak*
 Trustee Copeland Church Fund (1 Year): *Daniel McKeen*
 Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund (1 Year): *Blank*
 Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies(2 Years): *Blank*

School Treasurer (1 Year): *Jenny Talke Munyak*
 School District Clerk (1 Year): *Blank*
 School Moderator (1 Year): *Blank*
 School Director (2 Years): *Meredith Morgan*
 School Director (3 Years): *Sarah Haley*



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As you read in last month's issue, Bob Underwood at RU Printing in Wallingford has decided to retire and close his business. Bob had printed *The Magnet* since the very first issue in his one-man shop and his prices reflected the low overhead that comes with a micro business. We feel very lucky to have gotten our start with him.

January was the first month that we began doing business with a larger printing house. We expect the same high quality service at Quickprint, but the cost will be significantly higher - \$100 per month higher, in fact.

We have requested increased funding from the town in the next budgeting cycle to cover the increased costs. But that funding will not begin until July. Meanwhile, we have to find a way to fill the financial gap. So we ask you, our faithful readers, to consider a donation to *The Magnet* to help keep us going. If you are an out of town recipient, now would be a good time to send us some money to cover the additional costs of mailing the newsletter out of town. If you are an advertiser, we ask that you consider sending in payment for future issues now – a year of business card sized ads is \$66 (11 months). To those of you who can, please show your support with a donation. Every little bit will help.

The Magnet is organized, assembled and mailed by volunteers – your neighbors. We hope you can help us keep this important town resource going. Thank so much for your support!

Patty Kenyon, Patty McWilliams,
Kimberly Mathewson, and Pat Hemenway



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Select Board Minutes Regular Meeting

December 23, 2013 Approved

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

BOARD PRESENT: Terry Redfield, Jim Webber, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, David Muniyak, Jenny Talke Muniyak, Laura Castle

Approval of Minutes

• T. Redfield moves to approve the December 12 Special Meeting, December 12 Regular, December 19 Special Meeting minutes as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Public Comments

• J. Muniyak presents the final invoices for reimbursement from SRTS totaling \$170,248. J. Webber moves to allow Carl Haynes to sign the SRTS invoice reimbursement document on behalf of the board. T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]

Building Committee Report

• Received 3 quotes for asbestos abatement/building removal (white garage on town corner property). Alderson: \$24,959, Environmental Hazards Mgmt: \$26,230, TMC Environmental Inc \$37,750. CPAI recommends Alderson Inc. be awarded the contract @ \$24,959. Total proposed project budget will be \$30,409 including CPAI, Alderson.

• M. Lamson moves to award the asbestos/building removal project to low bidder Alderson per Clay Point Associates, Inc. recommendation. T Redfield 2nd. Discussion of whether the entire project will be covered by remaining available grant funds as some of the removal is demolition. D. Muniyak can't be sure as some of the building removal may not qualify as asbestos remediation however feels that there is a good chance it may be covered. C. Haynes points out we may have the exposure to cover some of the expense if it is not covered however we have the funds appropriated. [M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – nay, S. Moyer – aye, C. Haynes – aye, T. Redfield – aye, motion carried]

• M. Lamson moves to hire CPAI to complete the project management portion of the asbestos abatement/building removal for \$3,750. T. Redfield 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

• Building removal start date anticipated January 13, 2014.

• Building Committee met Dec. 19 and discussed proposed articles for town warning. Requested article: "Shall the voters of the town of MTS appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the reserve fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the Town Office?"

• J. Webber moves to add the building committee article re-

questing \$50,000 to the FY14 town meeting. T. Redfield 2nd. C. Haynes inquires if the amount is necessary at this time in the process. D. Muniyak feels the continuing support will put the town in a good position to offset future costs and sends a message to any future grant opportunities that the project is supported by the board and town. [M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – aye, S. Moyer – aye, C. Haynes – nay, T. Redfield – aye, Motion Carried]

Highway – Road Commissioner Report

• A wiring harness on the one ton caught on fire (3 wiring harnesses destroyed/scorched hood). Alderman's believes it was caused by a hydraulic hose which had leaked on the wiring harness. Earle's Truck Repair setup the plow/hydraulics and their insurance company will be looking at the truck to determine if it will be covered by them. Bill notified our insurance company and will have more information tomorrow.

• Bill inquires about status of the sidewalk plowing. Per our meeting last week, the town will be responsible for plowing and are seeking contracted snow removal. The school will be responsible for de-icing.

• Received message at town garage from someone on Norton Road stating road was not passable. Bill inspected the road which was muddy and left a message for the resident.

• Carl has documents to be signed from Susan Schreiberman (VTRANS) for road projects completed in 2013 verifying compliance with Act 34 (July 1 2011 Act 34) – all municipal projects need to be in compliance. Paving of West Street and Schoolhouse Road – M. Lamson moves to allow C. Haynes to sign the Complete Streets Compliance Form/Act 34 documents on behalf of the Selectboard. J. Webber 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

• Bill inquires about status of approval of Winter Road Policy. Bill had presented plowing routes diagram. Carl inquires about using 3 trucks on Coy Hill as detailed in the diagram. Bill explains it is setup on how much sand each truck can carry and it works out to be the most efficient route.

• M. Lamson moves to approve the Winter Road Policy with the amended statement more accurately describing number of employees instead of part time/full time. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried].

Solid Waste

• Kevin Camara prepared the Transfer Station plan for signature. The plan was reviewed by the Select Board and Pam Clapp. Minor changes were detailed. M. Lamson moves to approve the amended Recertification Application for the transfer station as prepared by Kevin Camara and allow Carl Haynes to sign on behalf of the board as well as Jim Dudley, Jenny Talke

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Munyak and Laura Castle where necessary. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried].

- T. Redfield moves to sign the Aldrich + Elliot contract for solid waste transfer station recertification work. M. Lamson 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Budget FY15

- T. Redfield moves to schedule a Special Meeting December 30 from 6-8 PM. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried].
- Jenny has VLCT dues for budget: \$1,688

Health Care

- M. Lamson spoke with Tom Donahue, VLCT navigator, and the December 23 deadline for federal subsidy does not affect employees.
- Bill Reed and Steve Geno will be meeting with Tom Donahue to discuss health care details.

Financials/Board Orders

- M. Lamson moves to approve the financial board orders as presented. T. Redfield 2nd. J. Webber feels there are too many hours at the transfer station and wonders if it could be completed by 1 person. [M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – abstain, S. Moyer – aye, C. Haynes – aye, T. Redfield – aye, motion carried].

Correspondence

- Peoples United Bank request for documentation stating that we have appointed Gene Bertsche to Trustees of Public Money until March 2014. T. Redfield moves to sign the Peoples United Bank request. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried].
- G. Kupferer – “Richard A. Miller, Jr., by and through his Attorney, John Burke, Esquire, has made a request to the Town that his tax delinquency payoff in the Tax Sale be reduced.” C. Haynes moves that we do not take any action on request for reduction in delinquent payoff amount for any delinquent property without just cause. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- State of Vermont – Common Level of Appraisal: 101.43%. M. Lamson will contact listers for sales review.
- Act 250 permit received notice – Parker Water Wells

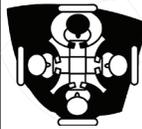
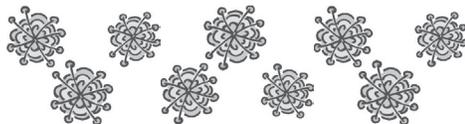
Other Business

- Bill Reed inquires about Service Request Form from Bob Parker. Carl would like to complete health care discussions prior to discussing.

Adjourn

M. Lamson moves to adjourn, J. Webber 2nd. Meeting adjourned 9:23 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



**Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting**

January 9, 2014 Approved

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

BOARD PRESENT: Terry Redfield, Jim Webber, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Laura Castle, Kimberly Mathewson, Krystal Hier, Randy , Pat Hemenway, Jackie and Earl Parker,

Approval of Minutes

- T. Redfield moves to table the minutes of December 23 meeting. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Public Comments

- Library Board (Kimberly Mathewson, Krystal Hier, Jenny Talke Munyak) – attend to present the Librarian’s Report. Increase in number of visitors (19-20%), increase in number of people coming to use technology (WiFi/computers – up 70%). Proposing total budget of \$21,662 (requesting \$16,300 to be included in budget). Increase due to electricity costs, 2% salary increase, library materials up (mandated at 15%). Fundraising will cover the remaining budget.

Listers

- Salley Achey, Pat Hemenway, Randy Kniffin – attend to present the updated Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) from the state currently at 101.43% and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) currently at 17%. These numbers are calculated from 3 year running sales report from the state. Listers board discussed the COD with the state – state mandates reappraisal if COD is above 20%. Discussed potential reappraisal in the next few years.

Auditors

- Jackie Parker – working with Laura on the Town Report. February 3 is last day to get items into the Town Report. Will be providing template for Trustees. Auditors are working on their own report for the Town Report. Estimated cost to prepare the Town Report is \$1,000 for printing plus typesetting hourly fees.
- Jackie Parker – concerned that the wifi equipment, if not used, will be taken back

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Road Commissioner Report

- Bill not in attendance however left Road Report – will need more winter sand. Discussion of sourcing additional sand vendors. Carl will check with Holcomb for cost/availability
 - o School Road – Carl received quote from Joe Castle for snow removal from Schoolhouse Road sidewalk (\$70/visit) as well as the sidewalk from East Street/South Street corner to Burdock Avenue (\$70/visit). Discussion of whether quote implies snow removal or plowing – Carl will clarify and this will be revisited
 - o Health Insurance – M. Lamson will check with Bill, Steve and Bob about their discussion with Tom Donahue prior to moving forward with a decision
 - o Question on status of one-ton truck repair (wiring harness repair) – per Laura – Aldermans is waiting for parts to repair.
 - o Terry Redfield spoke with 3 contractors for roadside tree trimming to include dead tree removal and raising tree canopy level over road in specified areas – Davey Tree \$4,600, Trees Inc. - \$9,072 Vaillencourt Tree \$4,800. Terry feels we could just hire removal of danger trees and not complete all work. The tree trimming was a budgeted item however. Carl Haynes moves to hire lowest bidder Davey Tree to complete the specified tree work. J. Webber 2nd. Terry can contact Davey and act as Tree Warden in discussions with land owners. [all in favor, motion carried]
 - o Laura states that per Bill there was a lot of water in the Church basement after last storm. Status of work hired regarding survey of town property - George Stannard will be completing survey.

Solid Waste

- Transfer Station plan was submitted to the state through Kevin Camara. The report was received and the state contact is on vacation the week of 1/6 and will be reviewing the report the week of 1/13.
- Transfer Station was closed last Saturday due to cold weather conditions which affected compactor functionality.

Correspondence

- Service Request Form – Bill Reed – request for copy of agenda of all regular scheduled Selectboard meetings 24 hours in advance citing 1vsa 312(d)
- Gary Kupferer – copy of letter to VT Agency of Commerce regarding the town authorizing the execution of the Revolving Loan Fund Grant agreement
- Letter of Agreement/invoice for Marshall and Swift cost tables through June 30, 2014
- VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force – dry hydrant program
- VLCT – newsletter

Financials/Board Orders

- Discussion of authorizing Selectboard chairman to sign board orders (payroll/rent check payments) on those weeks when the Selectboard does not meet/off week meetings. M. Lamson moves to authorize the Selectboard chairman or vice chairman to sign board orders on behalf of the board when the Selectboard does not meet J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
 - Terry Redfield moves to approve the financial board orders as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Return to Public Comments** (Jon Mathewson, Robert Gould, David Wright, Nora Rubenstein, Linda Hurcomb, Alice Hoisington):
- Robert Gould and members of Historical Society Board. They have reviewed the revised amendment provided by G. Kupferer regarding WiFi equipment placed on the exterior of the building. Inquire about 2 paragraphs which were deleted by town's counsel and request counsel reinsert them with any desired modifiers. The removed paragraphs detailed claims related to wireless which were not in original lease. Carl believes the insurance is in place and there would not be any additional insurance. Historical Society Board had reluctance to allow the equipment unless the town assumes responsibility for it's use. M. Lamson would like to see the 2 paragraphs go back to town counsel for modification. Carl spoke with Gary who spoke with VLCT about the lease and it was VLCT opinion that everything would be covered under current insurance and there was no additional insurance. J. Webber moves to sign the original amendment provided by the Historical Society dated November 7. T. Redfield 2nd. [C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber – aye, T. Redfield – aye, M. Lamson – nay, motion carried] T. Redfield moves to allow Carl Haynes to sign on behalf of the board. M. Lamson 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Building Committee Report

- Brownfield Cleanup – required paperwork is in order to submit for grant reimbursement requests.

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- Building removal schedule changed from 1/13 to 1/15. Sliding doors will be removed by Dan McKeen and David Wright and stored for potential future Historical Society use.
- Working on required project sign as part of the project which lists Agency of Commerce as funder. T. Redfield moves to authorize the building committee to spend up to \$1,000 to complete the sign. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Building Committee will have public meeting Feb. 8 to convey results of visioning workshop from 11am to 1pm, hopefully at the school. Food will be served.
- David forwarded request from Ed Bove, RRPC, to sign letter for FY14 funding application to EPA. M. Lamson will update letter for signing.

Legal - Tax Sales

- C. Haynes moves to enter into executive session for legal issue/tax sale discussion and invite Laura Castle. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Move out of executive session 9:36. In regards to tax sale. J. Webber moves to place a bid on all properties except the double-wide. T. Redfield 2nd. Discussion, Carl Haynes inquires if Jim means minimum bid, which Jim confirms. [C. Haynes – aye, J. Webber – aye, T. Redfield – aye, M. Lamson – nay, motion carried]
- Carl Haynes moves to retain the services of the sheriff for the tax sale. T. Redfield 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Other Business

- Budget meeting will be scheduled for Monday 01/09/2014 @ 6:00 – 9:00. Include insurance issue.

Adjourn

M. Lamson moves to adjourn, J. Webber 2nd. Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



Select Board Minutes Special Meeting

January 20, 2014 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: C. Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

BOARD PRESENT: Shirley Moyer, Carl Haynes, Jim Webber, Terry Redfield, Mike Lamson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed, Laura Castle

Employee Health Care

- M. Lamson – Bill Reed and Steve Geno met with Tom Donahue, Insurance Navigator regarding availability of subsidies if we elect to not offer insurance. Our current options are to offer insurance to all employees or opt out of offering insurance altogether which would allow employees to pursue available subsidies. Bill feels his insurance benefits were negotiated in lieu of raises over the years. M. Lamson hopes no one would argue that we should cut health care benefit and not compensate employee for benefits already received. It may however be more beneficial to not offer insurance and allow employee to collect subsidy, and compensate hourly for lost health care benefits. Bill feels if he was compensated hourly it would be taxed. Discussion of other options including HSA. T. Redfield would like to see a fixed payment and allow employee to choose plan.
- Jim Webber moves to enter into executive session to discuss health care with respect to our town employees. T. Redfield 2nd. Discussion: M. Lamson inquires if that is a valid reason to enter into executive session. Carl believes because it affects employee benefits, it can be discussed in executive session but any decisions must be made outside of executive session. Bill states that insurance benefits were negotiated in lieu of raises over the years and is concerned not compensating him for lost benefits could be potential breach of contract. [C. Haynes – nay, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – aye, T. Redfield - aye - motion carried] Enter executive session 7:03.
- T. Redfield moves to exit executive session. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried] Exit executive session 7:33
- J. Webber moves to extend all employees \$400 per month package toward health care. S. Moyer 2nd. J. Webber thinks it's a fair amount considering the number of employees. [C. Haynes – nay, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, J. Webber – aye, T. Redfield - nay - motion lost]
- M. Lamson moves to enroll the full time employees in the Vermont Health Care program and contribute \$500/month towards a health care plan of their choice. T. Redfield 2nd. C. Haynes moves to amend the motion to state "up to \$500/month towards a health care plan of their choice." T. Redfield 2nd. [C.

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Haynes – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – nay, J. Webber – nay, T. Redfield - aye - motion carried] Motion amended to: M. Lamson moves to enroll the full time employees in the Vermont Health Care program and contribute up to \$500/month towards a health care plan of their choice. J. Webber thinks it is too much. [C. Haynes – aye, S. Moyer – aye, M. Lamson – aye, J. Webber – nay, T. Redfield - aye - motion carried]

FY 2014/2015 Budget

- The board worked on the 2014/2015 budget.
- Special meeting scheduled for January 27 @ 6:00 pm to approve/sign the warning

Adjourn

T. Redfield move to adjourn. J. Webber 2nd. Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk



**Planning Commission
Approved minutes**

December 9, 2013

Members Present: John Arsenaault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Agenda Approval: Agenda approved.

1) Approval of November minutes: Moved and seconded. Motion passed.

2) **Correspondence Received:** A post card from Vermont League of Cities and Town entitled Protecting Your Increasingly Insecure Data inviting town officials to a one-day workshop on December 11, 2013.

3) **Old Business:**

A. Village Designation: A discussion with suggestions on a proposed change by the state consultant, Richard Amore, on our village center map.

B. Economic Development: Tom reminded us of our goal to come up with an image of our community as a creative community that can be marketed to facilitate our economic development. Tom said we might need to think of obtaining a small

grant to help us achieve our goal. Maureen had just heard that West Rutland had in very recent years established an economic development nonprofit corporation. She will look into this and report back. Maureen will also send a list of 12 or so independent artisans/entrepreneurs who might be willing to share their ideas on furthering our town economic development at a meeting for that purpose.

4) Building Community Report: Tom and Maureen reviewed the latest work of the committee, and immediate future events coming up. (For a full description see published building committee minutes.)

5) RRPC: No report.

6) New Business: The next meeting will be on January 6, 2014.

Adjourn 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary



**Building Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes**

December 19, 2013

Present: Patty Kenyon, David Muniyak, Maureen McCormack, Kristal Hier, Nora Rubinstein, Fred Bradley, Kimberly Mathewson, Patty McWilliams, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Tom Hurcomb
Call to Order @ 7:10pm

I. Minutes:

a) Approval of 12/4/13 minutes: M McCormack moved to approve the minutes of 12/4/2013 as presented. N Rubinstein seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Public WiFi initiative: D Muniyak reported that he received communication from the Historical Society that they would like the WiFi equipment removed and installed in a different location once the town select board signs the agreement. The committee is fine with the requested new location as it will not dramatically affect the coverage zone. The lease addendum between the town and the Historical Society has not yet been executed. The town has received input from their lawyer which will be passed on to the Historical Society for review and possible action. The expectation is that this will not happen until after the Historical Society's January meeting.

IV. Project Scheduling:

a) Building removal: D muniyak met with Todd from Clay Point Associates for the pre-bid conference on 12/16. There were three contractors present for this process. The bids are due on Monday

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the 23rd of December at 3pm. D Muniyak will be at the town office to open and review bids and send them on to Todd for his review. The Select Board meets that evening and if the review by Todd at Clay Point has been completed, they should be able to award the bid. The start date for the project has been pushed out to the 13th of January instead of the 6th.

V. Building & Site Design:

a) **Town office programming** – processing “visioning” information: will be done later in the meeting.

b) **Library programming:** Nothing new

c) **Well:** Tabled

VI. Community Support:

a) **Town wide meeting to present visioning info:** After some discussion the committee decided to wait to set a date for this meeting at our next meeting which gives us a chance to work through the next steps of the planning process.

b) **2014 Town meeting information event/food sale planning:** Items that we will need to work on include updating the funding information we put together last year and adding in new information surrounding the visioning. We will also need to work on a plan for publicizing the food sale. The committee will ask R Gould if we can use the Historical Society building for the sale and to display our information boards. The committee will take some time at the next meeting to work on the information and the plans for this upcoming event.

VII. Funding:

a) ACCD grant:

i) **Required items for ACCD grant:** D Muniyak is continuing to work on the list of required items for the grant. Still waiting on Certificate of Insurance from the town and final review by the town’s attorney. Signage is also required as part of the grant which D Muniyak is working on. Required paperwork must be submitted before funds can be disbursed.

b) **2014 Town meeting - funding request:** The committee discussed a dollar amount that they’d like to request the Select Board to add to the Town Warning for the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities. Discussion centered around the amount to be added, what the intention of the funding was, and if there were other pressing needs that might take precedent over this project this year. The consensus was that we should request the same amount as last year- \$50,000 - and that the intent is that any funds will be put into the reserve fund would be used to pay for building construction down the road, reducing the amount to be financed. Having the town vote to commit funds to this project is also important for future donors and potential grant opportunities as a way to show that the community continues to support the

building initiative.

P McWilliams moved that the committee request the Select Board add the following article to the 2014 Town Meeting Warning. *Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the Town Office?* R Chesnut-Tangerman seconded and the motion carried.

c) **Village Center Designation status?:** T Hurcomb updated the committee on the process to date. The proposed village center map was sent to the state for review, the state responded with some requested revisions. The Planning Commission reviewed and revised the map, adopting some of the state’s suggestions and advocating against some others. M McCormack reported that the state’s initial response to the Planning Commission revised map was favorable. The process is moving forward nicely and looks to be on track. Having a village center designation should make the town eligible for some grants that could help with funding of the proposed new town building.

VIII. Sub-Committee Tasks:

a) **Public Relations:** T Hurcomb & P McWilliams met today as the PR Committee – they discussed the big picture as far as publicity efforts go. The work that has been done so far in town has been very, very good. They think we have reached quite a few people through the Magnet and Front Porch Forum. So these avenues are good to keep working and keep things moving forward. They also worked on identifying some specific target audiences and how best to reach those audiences and with what information. For example – what information do we want to publicize outside of Middletown Springs and when that type of media push might happen. R Chesnut-Tangerman suggested that we might want to work on some specific in-town networks - i.e. To produce a statement of support that could be shared with the various and sundry groups or networks in town and request that they formally approve or support the statement. These statements of support could also be used as supporting documentation for grants, as most grants request letters of support as part of the granting process. K Mathewson also reported that she has some good information on PR that she received at the national Library conference she attended last fall.

IX. Other Business:

b) **Town Report - BC report -** D Muniyak will draft a report and share it with the group for review and input.

c) **Next meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014

V. Building & Site Design:

a) **Town office programming – processing “visioning” information:** The committee spent quite a bit of time performing an

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affinity grouping on the 22 statements that were generated at the visioning held on November 23 resulting in 7 groups of thoughts or focus. Statement titles for each of these groups will be formulated by K Mathewson, P Kenyon and M McCormack and shared with the committee for review before the next meeting on January 8.

Adjourn: P Kenyon moved to adjourn at 9:15pm, K Mathewson seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Kenyon, Building Committee Clerk



Building Committee Approved Minutes

January 8, 2014 – Rescheduled from January 1

Present: David Munyak, Kristal Hier, Michael Beattie, Lois Dansereau, Fred Bradley, Maureen McCormack, Kimberly Mathewson, Patty Kenyon and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman.

Call to Order at 7:12pm

I. Minutes :

a) Approval of 12/19/13 minutes: D Munyak asked that the minutes be amended under item VII a) i), the last sentence should read “Required paperwork must be submitted before funds can be disbursed” instead of “before grant can be officially awarded” to reflect the actual state of affairs. F Bradley moved to approve the minutes of 12/19/2013 as amended. R Chesnut-Tangerman seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: none

III. Building & Site Design:

a) Town office programming - processing ‘Visioning’ information: The committee reviewed the consolidated statements generated by M McCormack, K Mathewson, and P Kenyon as a result of the committee’s work at the last meeting. There was discussion surrounding the process along with suggested

changes. P Kenyon will put together a document that contains all the information in flow chart style that led up to the final 7 statements. This document will become part of the next public meeting. The committee set February 8, from 11am to 1pm for the next Public Informational Meeting. It was agreed that the next committee meeting will be used as a planning meeting for this event. K Hier will contact the school regarding availability of the multi-purpose room on 2/8. K Mathewson will contact Kathy Letendre to ask that she attend our next meeting (1/16) to help us in planning the next steps in terms of public input.

M Beattie brought up the subject of building cost and that townspeople will want some cost/funding information as we move ahead. M McCormack offered to start working on funding options, beginning by meeting with the folks from Wells who were very successful in obtaining in-kind donations for their building. Additionally we have a list of potential grant sources that we plan to explore in greater detail now that we have a better understanding of what the townspeople want to see in a new building. Would also be good to begin work on a preliminary building design.

b) Library programming: Nothing new to report.

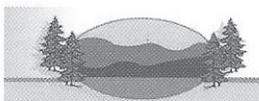
c) Well: Nothing new to report.

IV. Public WiFi initiative: D Munyak updated the committee as follows: The Select Board has received the suggested changes from the town’s attorney and they have been forwarded to the Historical Society for review. The Historical Society meets tomorrow night at 7:30pm and will take up the issue. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

V. Project Scheduling:

a) Building removal: D Munyak reported that 3 bids were received on December 23. The low bid of \$24,959 was awarded by the Select Board that night to Alderson, Inc. Clay Point Associates will be the project manager through the process. The cost for that is \$3700. The Select Board approved that expenditure as well. Work is scheduled to start Monday, January 13. The banner needs to be removed from the building and we need to arrange with David Wright and Dan McKeen to take the sliding door

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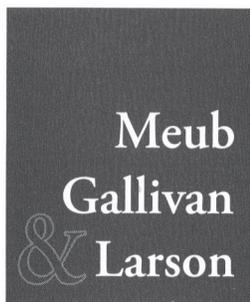
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off the building as they have asked for it. We also need to get a few items that we wanted to save from the site out of the building. D Munyak will contact D Wright about the door, and has asked available committee members to meet on Sunday 1/12 to do the final building clean up. F Bradley will bring his tractor. D Munyak will send a reminder email to the committee. It was also mentioned that we should inform the townspeople that the building will be taken down starting on Monday, 1/13. D Munyak will post the news to Front Porch Forum.

VI. Community Support:

a) Town wide meeting to present visioning info: Date was set for Saturday, February 8 from 11am to 1pm at the school's multi-purpose room.

b) 2014 Town meeting information event / food sale planning: D Munyak has emailed Robert Gould for permission to use the Historical Society's dining room, has not heard back. Hopefully, the Historical Society will discuss this at their meeting tomorrow night. More detailed planning will happen at next week's meeting.

c) Town Report - BC report: D Munyak has not finished this yet, but will soon and will send it out to the committee for comments before passing it on to Laura for inclusion in the Town Report.

VII. Funding:

a) ACCD Grant:

1. Required items for ACCD grant: D Munyak reports that we are honing in on gathering all the required items. Last outstanding item is the town attorney's opinion, which is expected to arrive any day.

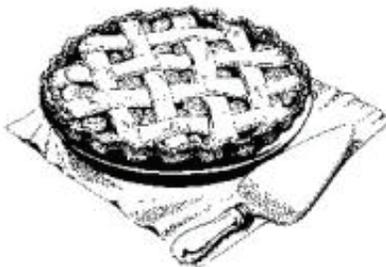
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Pie for Breakfast

Saturday, March 8, 2014

8am-Noon

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CAROLYN LOUISE POWELL ROACH

1920-2013

DEXTER, MAINE -- Carolyn Louise (Powell) Roach, 93, died peacefully on November 24, 2013 at Tissue's Country Estates in Athens, Maine. She was born on February 5, 1920, in Jamaica, Queens, New York, the daughter of Harry L. and Cornelia A. (Eldert) Powell.

She graduated from The Katherine Gibbs School in New York City in 1937. On December 16, 1939 she married Edwin H. Roach and they resided in White Plains, NY. She worked for several years as the office manager of the nursery school at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York until moving to Middletown Springs, Vermont in 1973. She then worked at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont as the office manager of the humanities department until her retirement in 1981. While living in Middletown Springs, Carolyn was president of the Garden Club. She and Ed were members of the Fortnightly group, the Middletown Springs Historical Society and involved in many other Middletown Springs community activities. Their grandchildren loved to visit and stay with Carolyn and Ed in Middletown Springs each summer and especially liked "Grandma's" cooking and also going swimming in the "First Hole" and "Third Hole".

Carolyn was also a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader in Valhalla, New York. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Vermont and Bangor chapters. Carolyn was a long-time member of Valhalla United Methodist Church in Valhalla, New York and Middletown Springs Community Church in Middletown Springs, Vermont. She attended the Essex Street Methodist Church while living in Bangor, Maine. She enjoyed gardening, reading, oil painting, traveling with her husband, and was very interested in her family's history as one of the earliest Dutch families who settled on Long Island, New York in the 1600s.

She is survived by a son, Richard Roach, and his wife, Beverly, of Youngstown, New York; a daughter, Sally Larrabee, and her husband Michael of Dexter; three grandsons, David Roach and his wife, Irina, of Castro Valley, California; Trevor Larrabee of Dexter, Maine and Jeffrey Larrabee of Dexter, Maine; two granddaughters, Christianne Roach of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Rosanne Gould and her husband Jason of St. Albans, Maine; two great-grandsons, Alexander Roach of Castro Valley, California and Calvin Gould of St. Albans, Maine; and a great-granddaughter, Nikita Roach of Castro Valley, California. Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Edwin H. Roach, a brother, Richard Powell, and a sister, Mary Jane Mikkelsen.

There will be a graveside ceremony for her when she is interred in the family plot at the Middletown Springs Cemetery on June 21, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carolyn's memory to Tissue's Country Estates Activity Fund, 212 Fox Hill Road, Athens, Maine 04912.

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2. Sign design: D Muniyak is working on a design. The signage is required as part of the ACCD Grant. The Intent is to include all the funders who contributed to the site clean-up.

b) 2014 Town meeting: D Muniyak reported that the Select Board approved adding our request for funding to the town ballot at their December 23 meeting.

c) Village Center Designation status?: M McCormack updated the committee on the Planning Commission's progress. Things are moving forward according to plan and they expect that we will get Village Center Designation sometime in March or April. Having this designation will give us priority when applying for grants for the building project.

VIII. Sub-Committee Tasks: D Muniyak asked the committee to consider forming a sub-committee to focus on fundraising. M McCormack wants to start working on this and try to get some talks going with Wells. The committee gave M McCormack the go ahead.

a) Public Relations- Tabled as these members were not at the meeting.

IX. Other Business: R Chesnut-Tangerman brought up the grant opportunity from the National Endowment for the Arts that N Rubinstein shared via email earlier in the week. The grant is awarded for partnerships between non-profit arts organizations and municipalities. He cited a couple of examples of projects in Vermont that have received this grant and stated that SolarFest could be a good fit as the arts organization to partner with for this grant. We were too late to apply for funding in this round of grants, but this is something that might be explored for the next round.

Adjourn: D Muniyak moved to adjourn at 9pm, P Kenyon seconded. Meeting adjourned. **Next meeting** Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Middletown Springs Library - 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Kenyon



Building Committee Approved Minutes

January 16, 2014

Present: David Muniyak, Fred Bradley, Patty McWilliams, Maureen McCormack, Tom Hurcomb, Michael Beattie, Patty Kenyon, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Kristal Hier at 7:35pm (made the quorum), Kathy Letendre arrived 7:40pm

Prior to the arrival of K Hier the members discussed the recent OCLC library space planning webinar attended by M Beattie and M McCormack and possible strategies for achieving a quorum at meetings.

Call to Order: D Muniyak called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm.

I. Minutes:

A. Approval of 1/8/14 minutes: F Bradley moved to approve the minutes of 1/8/2014 as presented, P McWilliams seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Public WiFi initiative Community Support: D Muniyak updated the committee that the WiFi hot spot is now up and running. The reinstallation took place earlier today at the Historical Society.

IV. Community Support

A. Planning for town wide meeting to present visioning info: Committee members talked with K Letendre to review their objectives and get her recommendations for disseminating the visioning information to the general public. The objectives are to show the work that has been done so far as well as to solicit additional input from those who attend the town wide meeting. K. Letendre shared some potential strategies, which were discussed at length by the group. The group also discussed and came to consensus on how best to use the additional data that will be collected at the meeting on February 8.

The group then talked about the structure of the meeting and a bit about logistics. The committee thanked K Letendre for sharing her time and expertise with us and for agreeing to help facilitate the February 8 meeting for us. The next steps are to have another planning meeting to work on specifics as far as presentation boards, publicity, handouts, and food. That meeting was set for Thursday, January 23 at 7pm at the library. Tasks were then doled out to the folks at the meeting to be worked on and brought to the next meeting for review and additional input.

- D Muniyak will work on the presentation board information
- P McWilliams will work on the post card and poster
- T Hurcomb will work on updating the financial information outline

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- F Bradley will work with D Muniyak on the securing the presentation board materials
- R Chesnut-Tangerman will work on updating the FAQ's
- K Letendre will work on the talking points for the meeting and some supply logistics
- P Kenyon, M McCormack, M Beattie, & K Hier will work on the survey/brochure contents

T Hurcomb reported that he has secured the folks at PEG TV to cover the meeting again. This will result in another video that we can share with townspeople via the web.

V. Other Business: None

Adjourn: D Muniyak moved to adjourn at 9:38 pm, P Kenyon seconded, meeting adjourned.

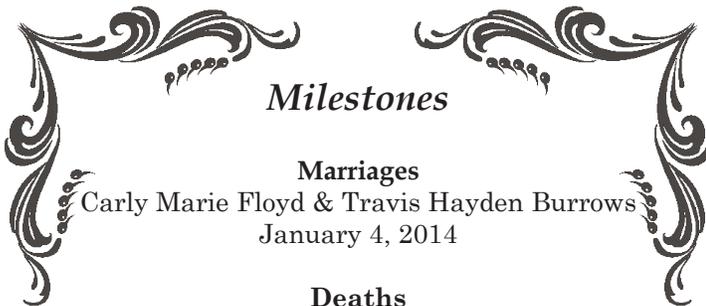
Next meeting(s)

Work party – Thursday, January 23, 7pm at the Library

Regular meeting - Wednesday February, 5 at MSHS

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Kenyon, Building Committee Clerk



Milestones

Marriages

Carly Marie Floyd & Travis Hayden Burrows
January 4, 2014

Deaths

Helen Haley - January 30, 2014



Mark Your Calendar: School Artist in Residence Performances

The eighth annual Artist in Residence Performances will be held at Middletown Springs Elementary School on **Friday, March 21**. Local artist **Melissa Chesnut Tangerman** will spend the week with students focusing on the themes of food, farms and family through drama, art and song.

Two performances will be held on Friday, March 21. All Seniors are invited to attend the lunchtime performance. Please look for your invitation in the mail and we look forward to your RSVP. The entire community is invited to attend the evening performance which will feature a mac and cheese supper before the show.

Keep posted for more details.

Contact Kathy for more info at 235-2098.



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Maple Festival

The Historical Society will be holding its 26th Annual Maple Festival on **Sunday, March 16 from 1-4 pm.**

The event will feature Fred Bradley's demonstration of early maple sugarmaking in a cast iron kettle over an open fire.

Bill Clark, Past President of the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Association, one of the oldest Vermont maple organizations, dating back to 1893, will give a talk on the evolution of sugaring technique using examples from the Historical Society collection.

Delicious maple desserts created by Society members, maple products and crafts, and new 2014 syrup will be available for sale.

Old-fashioned sugar on snow and maple cotton candy are always favorites.

Videos about Vermont maple sugaring will be shown continuously.



A silent auction will feature Maple Sap Buckets decorated by local school students, as well as handwork from local artists and craftsmen, merchant donations and services. Student artists from local schools and Green Mountain College have decorated antique buckets with images reflecting the maple sugar season.

A raffle with over 50 prizes including \$75.00 and \$50.00 in cash, maple gift baskets, maple syrup and maple products, craft items, and gift certificates from local businesses will go on continuously during the festival.

Acoustic music and kids' activities enliven the free afternoon event.

For more information about the Maple Festival call Robert Gould at 235-1811 or David Wright at 235-2376.



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Letter to *The Magnet*

To our friends, neighbors, and residents of Middletown Springs:

We would like to remind you that with the welcomed advent of spring also comes all the activities that follow, including power line clearing by Green Mountain Power, and the subsequent use of the Toxic Defoliant Garlon Triclopyr.

If you check your January GMP statement, there is an envelope stuffer "Herbicide Use Notification", and a form to opt-out of its use on your property. Issuing this statement in January, several months prior to the actual use of this toxic compound seems to us to be a fine way for people to forget about it while we all go about our busy lives, thus leaving less resistance to its use.

While GMP is a very reliable company it is after all, in the business for profit. The use of Chemical Defoliants is another means for the company to reduce maintenance costs. That being said, GMP has spent millions of dollars in advertising as one of Vermont's premiere "Green Companies". Garlon Triclopyr should not in any way be considered "Green".

Additional information about Garlon Triclopyr, and its many hazards to people, wildlife, the water table, and surrounding vegetation, i.e. "Sugar Maples" etc. can be found on the Internet simply by "Googling" Garlon Triclopyr.

You may contact GMP at the number below, and request to be placed on their "NON USE LIST", and this compound will not be placed on your property. They say this request is good for five years, but you may call any time to reset the clock. Thank You.

Regards,
Frank and Carolyn Dykes.

GMP Department of Forestry, 1-800-547-2877.



Senior HelpLine Information For Seniors

Information & assistance for older adults (age 60+) living in Rutland and Bennington counties is easily accessible by calling the Senior HelpLine at the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

Callers are connected to a real person who can answer questions on a variety of programs and services: transportation, housing, home care, meals on wheels, Medicare and Medicare D, prescription assistance, care-giver supports, financial assistance, assisted living, senior groups, recreation, etc. This is a free service of the Council on Aging, a non-profit agency serving Seniors and their families since 1974. Contact the Senior HelpLine at **802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119**; or visit the website at www.svcoa.org.



Legislative Update

Rep John Malcolm

The legislature is in full gear as we start the second month of the session.

Most of our work at this time happens in our committees as we take testimony, revise and deliberate on some of the 1000 bills that have been introduced. As a full House we have voted out a campaign financing bill and a bill that makes midyear adjustments to the state's FY2014 budget.

Some of the issues that are receiving considerable attention in the StateHouse include the problems, remedies and successes of the health care exchange, the continuing discussion of the governance, funding and quality of education in the state, a bill concerning development along the shorelands of lakes and another bill proposing changes to the use value appraisal program for agricultural and forest land. The appropriation committees are hard at work considering the Governor's proposed FY2015 spending and budget bill.

In the House Natural Resources and Energy committee, we heard from 28 witnesses as we considered adjustments to expand the state's very successful renewable energy net metering program where people can generate electricity and get credit towards their use from their utility. As the Federal solar tax credits are scheduled to expire in late 2016, we are setting up a review to design a new program to take effect in 2017. The committee is also discussing bills concerning the recycling of milk and juice containers and non rechargeable batteries.

If you have questions, concerns and ideas about these issues and others, please contact me at JMalcolm@leg.state.us.vt, 325-3424(home), 800 322-5616(State-House), and at 1822 Rupert Mountain Rd, Pawlet,VT 05761. Thank You! Rep John Malcolm



Tinmouth Contra Dance Friday, February 21 at 8pm Tinmouth Community Center

Come to a contra dance at the Tinmouth Community Center on February 21 from 8 – 11 pm. Dances take place in the Tinmouth Community Center, generally on the third Friday of the month. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under.

Refreshments will be available. Mark your calendars for the rest of our spring series: March 21, April 18 and May 16.



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In January, 2014, after two year's work, the group finally regained official recognition from Habitat for Humanity, International. Now, the Rutland County affiliate is building out its infrastructure and needs help on many levels. The interim Board of Directors is looking for permanent members. In addition, the following committees need members: Constuction; Faith Relations; Family Selection and Support; Resource Development; Site Selection.

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“Show Me Gala” Talent Show at MRUHS

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This non-competitive talent show is a fundraiser for the Friends of Music and the proceeds will support the music programs at Mill River.

Bring your family and friends for a fantastic frolic! Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 per family and are available at the door.

For more information email Mr. Bear Irwin at birwin@rssu.org See you there!

Calendar

February

Fire Dept. Training	Tues. 18	6:30 pm	Fire House
Friends of the Library	Tues. 18	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs. 20	7 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Movie Night	Fri. 21	7 pm	Library
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sat. 22	8 am	School
Story Hour	Sat. 22	10 am	Library
Tea & Travels	Sun. 23	2-4 pm	Library
Fountain of Youth	Wed. 26	11 am	Poultney
Select Board	Thurs. 27	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri. 28	7 pm	Library

March

Town Meeting	Mon. 3	7:30 pm	School
POLLS OPEN	Tues. 4	7 am-7 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed. 5	7 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
First Response	Thurs. 6	6:30 pm	Fire House
MSHS Trustees	Thurs. 6	7:30 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Movie Night	Fri. 7	7 pm	Library
PIE For Breakfast	Sat. 8	8 am-Noon	Hist. Soc. Bldg.
Energy Committee	Mon. 10	7 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon. 10	7-9 pm	Library
Planning Commission	Mon. 10	7:30 pm	Town Office
Conservation Commission	Tues. 11	7 pm	Library
Book Discussion	Wed. 12	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs. 13	6 pm	School
Select Board	Thurs. 13	7 pm	Town Office
Movie Night	Fri. 14	7 pm	Library
Property Tax Due	Sat. 15	9 am-Noon	Town Office
Maple Festival	Sun. 16	1-4 pm	Hist. Soc. Bldg.

*Calendar Events – subject to change.
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