

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014**

ON THE COVER

Gwen Wilder

In the spring of 2013 the Selectboard had the honor of naming Gwen Wilder the most recent recipient of the Gold Headed Cane. Gwen (Gwendolyn) Wilder moved to Middletown Springs in 1947 with her husband Charles and established her residence on South Street.

Gwen was born in Swazy, N.H. and received her education in the N.H. school systems. She and her husband Chuck had three sons who were educated in the Middletown Springs School system.

Gwen was very active in most organizations including the School PTA, Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, both churches and other organizations. She was also well known for her nursing skills within town and elsewhere.

Gwen was from a generation that admired independence, giving of one self to the local and county area.

Middletown Springs Gold Headed Cane

The Gold Headed Cane tradition began in 1907 when a town-wide celebration honored Alpheus Haynes on his 100th birthday on July 29. The affair was organized by members of the Baptist Church, where Haynes was a deacon for 70 years. It included a band concert, speeches and a poem. Deacon Haynes was presented with a gold-headed cane inscribed "To the Oldest Person of Middletown Springs, Vt., in Trust". This cane was purchased from a \$90 fund raised for the day's expenses and it was understood that upon Deacon Haynes death the cane would be passed on to the oldest person.

Town of Middletown Springs
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**Town of Middletown Springs
2014 TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator:	1 Year	2015	Raymond Lamberton
Town Clerk:	3 Years	2015	Laura Ann Castle
Town Treasurer:	3 Years	2015	Jennifer Talke Munyak
School Treasurer	1 Year	2015	Jennifer Talke Munyak
Town Agent	1 Year	2015	Vacant
First Constable	1 Year/2 Year Term	2015	Vacant
Tax Collector:	1 Year	2015	Laura Ann Castle
School District Clerk:	3 Years	2015	Laura Ann Castle
School Moderator:	1 Year	2015	Clarence Haynes

Selectmen:

Terry Redfield	1 Years	2015
Michael Lamson	3 Years	2016
Carl Haynes	3 Years	2015
Shirley Moyer	2 Years	2016
Herb Childress	3 Years	2017

School Directors:

Clarence Haynes	3 Years	2016
Christopher Smid	2 Years	2015
Meredith Morgan	2 Years	2016
Sarah Haley	3 Years	2017
Jannell Carr	1 Year	2015*

**Unexpired 3 Year Term*

Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2015
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Listers:

Sally Achey	3 Years	2015
Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2016
Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2017

Auditors:

Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2016
Jacqueline Parker	2 Years	2015
James Georg	1 Year	2015

Library Trustees:

Jennifer Talke Munyak	3 Years	2016
Kristal Hier	3 Years	2015
Alida Tabell	3 Years	2015
Lois Dansereau	3 Years	2017
Patricia McWilliams	3 Years	2017

Town Grand Juror:

David Munyak	1 Year	2015
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Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Daniel McKeen	1 Year	2015
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Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

Alice Hoisington	1 Year	2015
Diane Rosenmiller	1 Year	2015
Alida Tarbell	1 Year	2015

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Shirley Moyer	3 Years	2016
Lois R. Dansereau	3 Years	2015
Gene Bertsche	3 Years	2017

**Town of Middletown Springs
2014 TOWN OFFICERS**

Planning Commission:

John Arsenault	3 Years	2015
Maureen McCormack	2 Years	2016
Thomas Hurcomb	4 Years	2017

Justices of the Peace: (Elected November 4, 2014)

Nance Dean
 Patricia Hemenway
 Martha Heitkamp
 Leslie Silver
 Nora Rubinstein

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Warden:

Jason Cook 5 Years 2018

Fence Viewer:

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman 2015

Tree Warden:

Terry Redfield 2015

Health Officer:

Rita Hansen* 3 Years 2015
 *Resigned Carl Haynes appointed

Service Officer:

Ellen Secord 2015

Emergency Management Director:

Tara Kelly 2015

**Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint
Municipal Survey Committee
(Solid Waste Alliance Communities):**

Michael Lamson
 Herbert Childress
 James Dudley, Alternate

**Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning
Commission:**

John Arsenault
 Thomas Hurcomb

Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

Carl Haynes 2015

Conservation Commission:

Lisa Thornton	4 Years	2017
Kathy Doyle	3 Years	2016
Hilary Solomon	4 Years	2017
Iris Worland	1 Year	2015
Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2018

Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:

Terry Redfield	3 Years	2015
Rodney Tarbell	2 Years	2016
Carl Haynes	3 Years	2017



**New
Town
Building
Project**



Parker's 'green garage' comes tumbling down.
 Photos by Emmett Francois

**Town of Middletown Springs
NOTICES**

Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd and 4th Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
School Board	3rd Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	School House
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month	4:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Last Tuesday of the month	7:30 p.m.	Fire House
Conservation Comm.	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Library
Library Trustees	4th Week of the month as warned		Library
Building Committee	1st Wednesday & 3rd Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Historical Soc. Bldg.

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

Telephone: 235-2220

Email Address: *middletown@vermontel.net*

Quarterly Taxes Due

Monday, March 16, 2015

Monday, June 15, 2015

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Emergency Numbers

For Fire, Rescue Squad/Ambulance/State Police call **911**
You also may continue to use the emergency 7-digit numbers:

Fire Department: 235-2300

Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 287-9510

State Police: 773-9101

Dog License Report

We had 160 dogs registered this year. All dogs (6) months or older at the time of registration do need a Rabies certificate signed by a Veterinarian. Dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 1st of each year. After April 1st there is an increase of 50%.

The fee for a neutered male or spayed female is \$8.00

The fee for a non neutered male or female is \$12.00

The 2015 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- * Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- * Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- * Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7240 or 1-800-646-4374

RABIES CLINIC

**Saturday, March 7, 2015
Middletown Springs Fire Hall
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
\$8 per animal**

**Dr. Scott MacLachlan
Poultney Veterinary Services**

**Town Clerk will be available to
issue licenses before the April 1 deadline.**

Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

Transfer Station Hours

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal and Zero-Sort recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 noon. The trash "Pay-As-You-Throw" Policy requires a punch card (price - \$15.00) that is good for 10 thirty gallon bags of trash or 20 small (15 gallon) bags. Cards can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, Fort Dumpster or Grant's Village Store. The Zero-Sort recycling is FREE for recycling products. Computer and other electronics are accepted for a nominal fee.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

The dumpster is located at 577 West Street. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Hours are on two Saturdays from 6 a.m. until noon on the following days for BOTH Oversize Trash and Metal.

Saturday, May 2, 2015
Saturday, October 3, 2015

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 11, 2015	Rutland Town	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
	Chittenden	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
April 18, 2015	Pawlet	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Middletown Springs	10:30 a.m. - Noon
April 25, 2015	Tinmouth	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
	Fair Haven	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
September 12, 2015	Shrewsbury	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
September 19, 2015	Benson	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Sudbury	10:30 a.m. - Noon
	Fair Haven	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
September 26, 2015	Rutland Town	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

FREE SERVICE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, **Middletown Springs**, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above, not just the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call John at 770-1333 for more information. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED!!!**

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law Timeline

July 1, 2014

- Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no separate charge.
- Generators of more than 104 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

- Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.
- Recyclables are banned from landfills.
- Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.
- Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.
- Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.
- Generators of more than 52 tons/year of food

wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

- Leaf and yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.
- Generators of more than 26 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2017

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps. Haulers must offer food scrap collection.
- Generators of more than 18 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2020

- Food scraps are banned from landfills. The 20 mile limit no longer applies.

**Town of Middletown Springs
VITAL RECORDS**

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place	Name of Child	Parents
January 1, 2014	Rutland	Riley Donna Yvonne Rounds	Joseph Floyd Rounds Ashleigh Nicole Burns
February 3, 2014	Middlebury	Samuel Arsenault Tarbell	Glenn Tilton Tarbell Jeanne Marie Arsenault
October 30, 2014	Rutland	Grace Rose Decelle	Jeffrey Paul Decelle Ryan Lee Caira

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
January 30, 2014	Helen Beverly Haley	78	Middletown Springs
February 20, 2014	Francis Clyde Parker	72	Middletown Springs
August 3, 2014	Robert Edward Baker, Jr.	71	Rutland, VT
September 8, 2014	Jeannette Florence Marcy	85	Rutland, VT
September 10, 2014	Ralph H. Ruitter	47	Clarendon, VT
September 21, 2014	Ethelyn B. Hoisington	85	Rutland, VT
October 1, 2014	Richard W. Parker	83	Rutland, Vt.
November 20, 2014	Gerald Hansen	59	Middletown Springs
November 28, 2014	Ellen A. Moyer	87	Burlington, VT

MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Place of Marriage
January 4, 2014	Carly Marie Floyd Travis Hayden Burrows	Middletown Springs
May 31, 2014	Grace Larson Matthew David Robichaud	Middletown Springs
June 14, 2014	Nina Eve Rorden Ryan Paul Debois	Middletown Springs
July 12, 2014	Charles Henry DeMars, Jr. Helena Marie Wu	South Londonderry
September 2, 2014	Patricia Ann Pokay Linda Grace Grandstaff	Middletown Springs
September 6, 2014	Joseph Arthur Castle Karen Marie Wilder	Middletown Springs
September 27, 2014	Kayla Elizabeth Stewart James Patrick Reed	Middletown Springs

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Selectboard of the Town of Middletown Springs has concluded a challenging but successful 2014. Work has begun on developing or updating long-needed policies; a plan for the replacement and upgrade of Town streetlights has been completed; and the 2013-14 fiscal year was concluded with a budget surplus that has been applied to the reduction of 2014-15 property taxes.

The Selectboard would like to extend our appreciation to the Building Committee and its chair David Munyak for excellent progress toward a new Town office this year. The environmental cleanup of the site is complete, with over 95% of its funding provided by external sources, and the Committee has done excellent work in regularly communicating the project's status and seeking community input.

The development of the 2015-16 proposed budgets for Town and Highway operation have balanced fiscal prudence with the need for equipment replacement and long-needed road repairs. The Board anticipates replacing one or perhaps two of the Highway vehicles (all of the plow trucks and heavy equipment are 2004 or older) before the end of the 2015-16 budget year, drawing upon the Highway Equipment Capital Improvements restricted fund that has accumulated in recent years.

Significant areas of effort for 2015 will include compliance with new Vermont regulations related to transfer station operation, open meetings law and public records law.

The Selectboard meets each second and fourth Thursday at 7pm in the Town Office; we welcome public input and commentary. Agendas for each meeting are posted in advance at the Town Office, Post Office lobby, and Grant's General Store; minutes of completed meetings are published in the Middletown Magnet and on the Town website.

With our thanks,
The Selectboard Members of the Town of Middletown Springs



Workers removing asbestos contamination from the basement of the 'green garage'.
Photos by David Munyak



**Middletown Springs
Brownfield Reuse Project**

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014 (FY14)

We, the Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the accompanying statements of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 as listed in the table of contents of the annual report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town and town school district officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

Our objectives were to (1) validate the correctness of the town and school district accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town and school district as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. Among other actions, we did the following:

- We reviewed specific areas of the town's accounting system, cash handling procedures, and segregation of duties.
- We worked on trusts and investments.
- We reviewed and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town, including accounts payable, payroll, and taxes.
- We reviewed the existing policies and procedures as they affect the town's financial well-being.
- We attended Select Board meetings and reported to the Select Board on auditors' actions, concerns, and recommendations.

Actions Taken FY14:

Funds: We met with the trustees of town trust funds, to discuss appropriate grants, investments, and transparency of communication. We recommended that

- Boards of trustees document all decisions and reasons for changes in investments, and keep minutes of all meetings, discussions, and actions taken.

We also provided each trust fund with a summary of the directives in their original grant, a copy of the Vermont statutes relative to their trust fund, and a template for annual reports. There was some improvement in reporting in the FY13 town report.

Policies: We continued to urge the Select Board to review, develop, and adopt policies and procedures to improve the functioning, efficiency and transparency of town operations. In June 2014 we formally recommended that:

- The job descriptions of the road commissioner and road foreman be reviewed and revised.
 - The Select Board reported that it was working on a personnel policy as of June 12, 2014.
- The road policy and amendments be reviewed and updated for clarity and consistency.
 - Currently there are contradictions, overlaps, and inconsistencies in multiple documents.
 - There are questions about interactions of policy, procedure, and practice.
- The policy binder include a table of contents, to make looking up policies possible.
- The town policies be available to the public via the town website.
- The development of a policy for purchasing and bidding be a top priority.
 - The auditors gave the Select Board copies of the VLCT model "Purchasing Policy".
 - The Select Board reported it was currently working on a purchasing and contracting policy as of June 12, 2014.

Audit: We recommended that the town plan for a professional forensic audit every 5 years, budgeting \$5000 annually. In March 2014, the town voted to establish a reserve fund and put aside \$5000 towards this purpose.

Treasurer: We met with town treasurer to fully understand the process of account reconciliation. Working with the treasurer and Select Board, the remaining questions about the accounting for Hurricane Irene funds were answered to our satisfaction.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014 (FY14) continued...

Priorities: Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. Given the size of the auditing task, each year we examine some areas more deeply and give less attention to others. Once again, other priorities precluded an in-depth review of the school budget and the grand list; they will be given higher priority in FY15. The budgeting and investing of restricted funds will also be reviewed.

Hours: In FY14, the auditors together put in over 200 hours of work. 37.5 hours were paid from the town budget, and well over 150 hours were volunteered.

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements we have examined are a fair representation of the financial position of the Town of Middletown Springs as of June 30, 2014, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on the draft Treasurer's Annual Report for FY14, dated Oct. 5, 2014.

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures: As in the previous two reports, we found room for improvement in this area. We would like to see more policies and procedures that are clear, comprehensive, and easily accessible. Updating the policies and procedures would result in:

- Improved consistency of implementation,
- More effective use of human resources, and
- Less possibility of error or fraud

Comments:

- We gave the Select Board VLCT the model financial policies handbook in 2013.
- The Select Board has acknowledged our concerns and assured us that they are working on this.

Recommendations:

- As in the FY13 report, the auditors recommend that the town officers make it a priority to develop a policies and procedures handbook based on best practices, as modeled by the VLCT.
 - We again suggest the Select Board create a list of the most relevant policy needs and begin reviewing and adopting them regularly during the course of the year.
- As in the FY13 report, we suggest that new town officers read and sign off on their understanding of town policies.

Specific Policies and Procedures:

- We continue to be concerned by the apparent lack of transparency and consistency in the bidding process, and the lack of progress in this area.
- We continue to be concerned by the lack of consistency in purchasing procedures.

Trust Funds:

- As in the FY13 report, we recommend that all town trust funds use the standardized template provided by the auditors for their annual reporting.
- As in the FY13 report, we recommend that the Trustees or the Select Board obtain a legal opinion as to the proper interpretation of the Copeland Milk Fund grant intentions, as modified, before the next distribution from the Fund.
- We recommend that the trust funds explore the possibility of changing to a fiscal year, to line up with the town budget, so all town entities run on the same fiscal year.

Outside Auditing:

- Because the town auditors are not professional auditors, regular review of the town's financial well-being should be done by an external agency. We continue to recommend that \$5000 be put into the town budget annually, in a restricted fund, for an outside audit to be done at least once every five years.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors *J. Burch-Clay, J. Georg, and J. Parker* on December 22, 2015.

**Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014**

	Tax Year 2005	Tax Year 2006	Tax Year 2007	Tax Year 2008	Tax Year 2009	Tax Year 2010	Tax Year 2011	Tax Year 2012	Tax Year 2013	Tax Year 2014
Taxes Assessed	\$1,227,740	\$1,384,162	\$1,493,350	\$1,489,702	\$1,645,827	\$1,867,576	\$1,842,698	\$1,841,969	\$1,932,678	\$1,969,734
Abatements & Adjustments	(1,477)	(3,829)	(2,654)	1,644	(3,751)	(3,118)	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)
Received in FY 2005	1,189,673									
Received in FY 2006	34,270	1,355,570								
Received in FY 2007	1,066	22,005	1,444,977							
Received in FY 2008	1,191	2,692	38,390	1,453,246						
Received in FY 2009			37,606	33,632	1,590,803					
Received in FY 2010			34	2,226	36,913	1,804,149				
Received in FY 2011			621	1,432	12,572	49,362	1,785,061			
Received in FY 2012						5,675	26,024	1,790,212		
Received in FY 2013				681	1,643	5,073	9,778	23,040	1,870,104	
Received in FY 2014						34	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825
Delinquency as of June 30, 2014	\$ 63	\$ 66	\$ 129	\$ 129	\$ 146	\$ 165	\$ 3,043	\$ 1,957	\$ 6,150	\$ 38,762
Total Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2014										\$ 50,610

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Delinquent Tax List Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

TH06-240-L00 Archer, Genevieve
TH1W-220-000 Bush, Christine
TH06-032-000 Johnston, Michael

TH10-149-000 Molodeski, Larry
TH04-649-L00 Oakdale, Inc.

**Town of Middletown Springs
2014 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT**

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	139	22,728,200	18,026,400	4,701,800	22,728,200
Residential II R2	202	54,374,300	37,592,700	16,781,600	54,374,300
Mobile Homes-U MHU	8	97,600	38,400	59,200	97,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	15	1,893,300	808,500	1,084,800	1,893,300
Seasonal I S1	7	389,400	0	389,400	389,400
Seasonal II S2	28	4,279,200	743,900	3,535,300	4,279,200
Commercial C	7	1,149,500 0	1,149,500	1,149,500	
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	1,458,500	0	1,458,500	1,458,500
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,461,000	2,021,300	1,439,700	3,461,000
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	5	464,000 0	464,000	464,000	
Miscellaneous M	56	4,362,300	390,900	3,971,400	4,362,300
TOTAL LISTED REAL	475	94,657,300	59,622,100	35,035,200	94,657,300
P.P. Cable	1	510,906	0	510,906	510,906
P.P. Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
P.P. Inventory	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	510,906	0	510,906	510,906
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		95,168,206	59,622,100	35,546,106	95,168,206
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	0/0	0	0	0	0
Veterans >10K	0	0	0	0	0
Total Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
P.P. Contracts	1	510,906			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	256,600	0	256,600	256,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0	0	0	0
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0	0	0	0
Total Contracts	2/1	767,506	0	256,600	256,600
Current Use	63/63	6,687,524	2,206,999	4,480,525	6,687,524
Special Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		7,455,030	2,206,999	4,737,125	6,944,124
Total Exemptions		7,455,030	2,206,999	4,737,125	6,944,124
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		877,131.76			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			574,151.01	308,089.81	882,240.82

NON-TAX

13 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$ 198,775
Cash - restricted	462,983
Tax Sale Escrow - restricted	18,213
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	50,610

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 730,581**

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	\$ 2,920
Property tax credits payable	191
Paving Loan payable	20,150
Total Liabilities	\$ 23,261
Fund Balance - unrestricted	226,124
Fund Balance - restricted	481,196
Total fund balance	\$ 707,320

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **\$ 730,581**

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

2014 GRAND LIST	\$ 87,487,255
1% of Grand List	874,873

		<u>Allocation</u>	
Town Tax Rate	0.3584	313,548	
Highway Tax Rate	0.3066	268,236	
School Tax Rates:			
Late Homestead Penalty		395	
Resident	1.6182	913,199	
Non-Resident	1.5023	474,355	
Total Taxes Assessed			1,969,734
Abatements & Adjustments			(11,147)
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected			1,919,825

Current Year Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2014 **\$ 38,762**

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND CASH FLOW
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reserve for Re- appraisal	Highway Surplus	Municipal Facilities Highway	Municipal Facilities Town	Cemetery	Record Surcharge	Record Preservtn	Conservtn Comm.	Computer Technol- ogy	Bridge	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$92,170	\$40,178	\$14	\$49,344	\$56,472	\$43,418	\$14,906	\$5,079	\$5,633	\$14,200	\$147	\$1,647	\$15,142	338,350
Receipts														
Interest	170	8	0	88	0	553	168	0	0	0	0	0	15	1,003
Record Surcharge Budget Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,204	0	0	0	0	1,204
Bridge Reserve Budget Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	620	620
SRTS MTS School Reimbursement	0	11,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,000
Corner Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,748	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,748
Paving Budget Balance	0	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000
Recycling Bud- get Balance	0	0	410	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	410
Lister Education St of Vermont	0	0	0	388	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	388
Highway Surplus	0	0	0	0	26,373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,373
Record Preserva- tion Budget Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,077	0	0	0	2,077
Cemetery Budget Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	560	0	0	0	0	0	560
Capital Improve- ments Budget Balance	31,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,000
Equipment Financing Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	31,170	51,008	410	476	26,373	553	49,916	560	1,204	2,077	0	0	635	164,383
Expenditures														
Corner Property Asbesto Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,700
School Paving Fuller Sand & Gravel	0	36,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,000
Lister Education	0	0	0	1,811	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,811
Reappraisal CAMA fee	0	0	0	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	36,000	0	2,049	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,749
Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$123,340	\$55,186	\$425	\$47,770	\$82,845	\$43,971	\$63,123	\$5,640	\$6,837	\$16,277	\$147	\$1,647	\$15,777	462,983

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

REVENUES	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes			
Current taxes assessed	1,965,794	1,969,734	3,940
School \$ from Town	1,066,785	1,066,785	0
Town Taxes - Current	581,046	542,284	(38,762)
Other Revenues			
State of Vermont - Highway	47,000	49,173	2,173
State of Vermont - Current Use	35,000	37,166	2,166
State of Vermont - Other	0	0	0
Licenses & Permits	7,000	8,792	1,792
Delinquent Tax	0	108,607	108,607
Interest on Delinquent taxes	5,000	31,194	26,194
Recycling Receipts	0	0	0
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	5,000	8,468	3,468
Reimbursements	0	0	0
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	5,000	4,914	(86)
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	1,887	(113)
Interest	0	406	406
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	0	(2,634)	(2,634)
Other	0	341	341
Transfer Station Fees	12,000	14,986	2,986
Total OTHER Revenue	118,000	263,300	145,300
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	699,046	805,584	106,538
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Auditors (\$15/hour)	1,000	401	599
Salary - Town Clerk	19,554	19,554	0
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,073	13,073	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600	3,600	0
Salary - Selectboard	3,200	3,108	92
Salary - Constable	2,000	0	2,000
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500	0	500
Salary - Listers	8,000	8,484	(484)
Salary - Law Enforcement	500	316	184
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	2,800	0	2,800
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	0	0	0
Payroll Taxes	5,200	4,567	633
VMERS	0	0	0
Clerical	1,200	1,200	0
Computer Technology	2,000	3,682	(1,682)
Elections	3,000	1,989	1,011
Planning Commission	0	49	(49)
Street Lights	6,000	5,605	395
Telephone	2,000	2,005	(5)
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	0
Town Office Security	600	300	300

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

EXPENDITURES continued...	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Office Supplies	3,500	2,715	785
Copier Expense	1,500	952	548
Town Report	2,000	2,563	(563)
Middletown Magnet	1,800	1,800	0
Solid Waste - Contract	45,000	26,183	18,817
Solid Waste - Wages	0	10,232	(10,232)
Solid Waste - Other	0	2,289	(2,289)
Solid Waste - Electric	0	1,249	(1,249)
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,000	16,119	1,881
Insurance-Unemployment	2,000	440	1,560
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	8,000	8,840	(840)
Legal	10,000	9,387	613
Postage	2,000	1,672	328
Interest Expense	1,500	17	1,483
VLCT - Dues	1,510	1,535	(25)
Planning Commission Dues	875	875	0
Record Preservation	3,000	3,000	0
Rutland County Tax	6,500	6,006	494
Old Cemetery	3,000	3,000	0
Library	15,500	15,500	0
Public Notices	1,000	0	1,000
Bank Charges	0	(85)	85
Education/Conferences	1,000	380	620
Mileage	300	0	300
Tax Map Updates	1,000	0	1,000
Website Maintenance	300	118	182
Office Maintenance	200	150	50
Solid Waste Plan	2,500	1,768	732
Corner Property Expenses (\$49747.96 moved to reserve 6/30/14)	50,000	50,000	0
Corner Property Purchase Payment	27,893	27,893	0
Neighborworks Grant to Library	0	2,500	(2,500)
Miscellaneous	1,000	589	411
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	290,205	270,722	19,483
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	0
First Response	2,800	2,800	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	0
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	0
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	0
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	0
Center for Independent Living (FY13/14 ck paid but offset by credit)	100	0	100
Poultney Little League	400	400	0
Regional Ambulance Service	373	373	1

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

EXPENDITURES continued...	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	62,000	62,000	0
Vermont Green Up	50	50	0
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100	100	0
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	0
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	400	400	0
R.S.V.P.	200	200	0
Neighbor Works	400	400	0
VT Assn of Blind	300	300	0
Rutland CO Parent/Child Center	600	600	0
ARC	500	500	0
Vermont RCDC	100	100	0
American Red Cross	250	250	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	76,315	76,215	101
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,000	3,507	(1,507)
Payroll Class III	36,000	21,410	14,590
Payroll Maintenance	5,000	5,265	(265)
Payroll Winter II	3,000	3,157	(157)
Payroll Winter III	23,000	21,326	1,674
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,000	7,964	(3,964)
Payroll Administrative	2,000	2,054	(54)
Payroll Admin School for SRTS project	0	355	(355)
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	1,000	3,108	(2,108)
Payroll Comp Used	0	711	(711)
Payroll Holiday	0	1,000	(1,000)
Payroll Tax	7,000	6,163	837
VMERS	1,500	1,480	20
Insurance - Health	8,000	10,005	(2,005)
Road Commissioner	3,000	3,143	(143)
Traffic Control	1,000	435	565
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,000	0
Garage - Electric	350	440	(90)
Garage - Heat	2,500	3,696	(1,196)
Garage - Phone	400	347	53
Gravel - Bank run	8,000	3,560	4,440
Gravel - Processed	17,000	16,144	856
Riprap	5,000	0	5,000
Road Fabric	2,500	1,424	1,076
Street Signage	2,000	75	1,925
Culverts	5,000	4,521	479
Repairs/Parts - Grader	12,000	7,705	4,295
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton GMC 2012	500	805	(305)
Repairs/Parts - 2003 Red Dump Truck	4,000	10,351	(6,351)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	4,000	4,831	(831)
Repairs/Parts/Other	1,000	335	665

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Highway continued...	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,000	4,653	(653)
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	2,000	2,065	(65)
Sander/Plow - International Truck	2,000	2,696	(696)
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck 2005	1,000	352	648
Sander/Plow 7600 International	3,000	5,422	(2,422)
Equipment Financing	0	0	0
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	20,000	23,612	(3,612)
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	1,000	458	542
Mowing	6,000	3,200	2,800
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	2,645	7,355
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	450	4,550
Contract Labor - Plowing	0	135	(135)
Sand	18,000	18,453	(453)
Salt	9,000	12,342	(3,342)
Calcium	4,000	0	4,000
Guardrails	4,000	0	4,000
Tree Trimming	5,000	6,040	(1,040)
Consulting	500	0	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	4,039	(1,039)
Paving Reserve	40,000	40,000	0
Route 140 Repair	0	0	0
2009 Rte 140 Loan Payment	0	0	0
Highway Reserve	0	0	0
Highway Surplus	0	26,373	(26,373)
Capital Improvements Highway Equip- ment-Reserve acct	31,000	31,000	0
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	0
Bridge Repair	1,000	1,000	0
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	335,650	335,650	(0)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	702,170	682,587	19,583



The scene on November 17, 2014. Photo by David Muniyak.

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECT BOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

Achey, S.....	5727.00	GMTF.....	3000.00
Airgas.....	239.48	Go Daddy.....	33.34
Aldermans.....	5975.62	Goodway Document Svc.....	4.50
Alderson.....	22463.10	Grants Village Store.....	40.86
Aldrich.....	1700.00	Green Up VT.....	50.00
Allied Auto Parts.....	195.38	Harrington, S.....	84.00
Amazon.....	23.98	Haynes, Ca.....	688.08
American Red Cross Of VT.....	250.00	Health Equity Acct.....	250.00
ARC.....	500.00	Hemenway, P.....	2538.00
Arrow.....	381.00	Highwinds.....	879.00
Association For The Blind.....	300.00	Howard's Fire Control.....	107.00
Barretts Small Engine.....	25.00	Hubbard Brothers.....	25130.89
BCBSVT.....	9897.40	IDS.....	166.78
Blanchard Trucking.....	937.50	Irving Energy.....	3695.88
Bowen.....	500.00	Keyser Energy-Bixby.....	22760.92
Bradley, F.....	40.00	Keyser Energy-Fuel Stop.....	714.02
BROC.....	200.00	Kniffin, R.....	1995.00
Burch-Clay, J.....	401.25	KNS Tire Recycling.....	802.00
Carbonite.....	269.99	Kofile Preservation.....	915.25
Cargill.....	12342.49	Lamson, M.....	700.00
Carter, Ja.....	2345.00	Larson, C.....	363.46
Castle Trucking.....	525.00	LaValley.....	34.41
Castle, A.....	52.50	LBG.....	1359.31
Castle, L.....	24718.00	Lyle Welding.....	4405.00
Charlebois.....	10.57	Magee Office Products.....	76.48
Chesnut-Tangerman, R.....	64.00	Magnet.....	1800.00
Childress, H.....	32.00	Manchester News.....	91.60
Clark's.....	1063.08	McLellan.....	17140.00
Clay Point Associates.....	1700.00	McWilliams, P.....	104.00
Collaboration 133.....	85.00	Moyer, S.....	666.00
Combined Insurance.....	105.60	MSPL.....	15500.00
Country Side Lock.....	300.00	MTS School.....	1066784.70
Dailey, Wm E.....	1059.00	MTSHS.....	5100.00
Davey Tree.....	6040.00	MTSVFD.....	62000.00
Dean, N.....	314.00	Muni Energy MSPL Library.....	2500.00
Doran.....	1260.00	Neighborworks.....	400.00
Dressler, I.....	525.00	NEMRC.....	3644.97
Dudley, J.....	7436.00	Northern Tool.....	45.39
Dunkin Donuts.....	16.71	Nortrax.....	3383.25
Earles.....	7022.16	Orchitt, B.....	3200.00
Eastern Systems.....	185.12	OSHA.....	225.00
Fabian Earth Moving.....	3800.00	Parker, R.....	18022.50
Fairfield.....	3945.51	People's United - Corner Property Loan.....	27892.75
Fastenal.....	78.04	Pete's Tire Barn.....	767.70
Feeley, K.....	8.00	Portland Glass.....	767.28
Ferguson.....	6356.86	Poultney Auto.....	4640.54
First Response.....	2800.00	Poultney Little League.....	400.00
Fish & Wildlife.....	710.00	Poultney Mettowee Watershed.....	400.00
Frank & Joe's.....	96.70	Poultney Rescue Squad.....	4300.00
Fuller Sand & Gravel.....	215850.29	Power Washer Sales.....	124.15
Geno, S.....	19537.50	QPR.....	457.60
Gerald White S & S.....	2360.25	Quick Print of Rutland.....	3374.37
Giddings.....	75.00	RAVNA.....	1500.00
GMAwning.....	179.30	Redfield, T.....	236.15
GMP.....	7294.84	Reed, D.....	2400.00

Town of Middletown Springs SELECT BOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

Reed, W.....	39870.06	Talke Munyak, J.....	13113.04
Reed, W - Mileage.....	632.39	Tarbell, R.....	1657.50
Regional Ambulance Svc.....	372.50	TIFCO Ind.....	335.37
Reynolds & Son.....	81.85	Treasurer Cty of Rutland.....	6006.37
Ross Environmental.....	31427.65	United States Treasury.....	32933.68
Royal Lock & Alarm.....	150.00	USPS.....	2213.22
RSVP.....	200.00	Vermont RCDC.....	100.00
RU Printing.....	35.26	Vipre Virus.....	93.33
Rubinstein, N.....	24.00	VLCT.....	1740.00
Rutland Area Community Svcs.....	867.00	VLCTPACIF.....	31371.00
Rutland City Women's Network.....	100.00	VLCTUI.....	485.00
Rutland Cty Sheriff's Dept.....	315.84	VMCTA.....	130.00
Rutland Herald.....	318.75	VMERS.....	2404.21
Rutland Humane Society.....	125.00	VT Ctr for Independent Living.....	100.00
Rutland Parent Child Ctr.....	600.00	VT Dept of Health.....	3.60
Rutland Regional Planning Commission.....	875.00	VT Dept of Taxes.....	3708.49
Safe Rtes To School.....	172030.77	VT State Treasurer.....	35.00
Sheldon Excavating.....	7462.50	VTdigital.....	159.97
Silver, L.....	96.00	VTDLC.....	70.00
SLC.....	516.09	VTel.....	2583.01
St Michael's College.....	30.00	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer.....	22951.38
Staples.....	2313.28	Webber, J.....	600.00
State of VT.....	135.00	Westside Napa Auto Parts.....	941.86
Sunnyside Sand & Gravel.....	14887.60	Williams Hardware.....	757.36
SW Agency on Aging.....	750.00	Winmill Equipment.....	7591.30
SWAC.....	2925.01		



Workers removing asbestos contamination from the basement of the 'green garage'.
Photos by David Munyak



**Middletown Springs
Brownfield Reuse Project**

**Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Budget	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Actual	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Proposed
REVENUES-OTHER				
State of Vermont - Highway	47,000	49,173	47,000	49,000
State of Vermont - Current Use	35,000	37,166	35,000	40,000
Licenses & Permits	7,000	8,792	8,500	8,500
Interest on Delinquent taxes	5,000	31,194	7,000	5,000
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	5,000	8,468	5,000	5,000
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	5,000	4,914	7,500	6,000
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	1,887	2,000	2,000
Interest	0	406	200	200
Other revenue	0	341	0	0
Transfer Station fees	12,000	14,986	15,000	15,000
Subtotal Other Revenues	118,000	265,934	127,200	130,700
REVENUES-OTHER (Restricted)				
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	0	(2,634)	0	0
Municipal Planning Grant	0	0	0	4,728
Subtotal Other Revenues-Restricted	0	(2,634)	0	4,728
TOTAL REVENUES-OTHER	118,000	263,300	127,200	135,428
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town General				
Salary - Auditors	1,000	401	1,000	1,000
Salary - Town Clerk	19,554	19,554	26,000	26,000
Salary - Town Clerk Assistant	2,800	0	2,000	2,000
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,073	13,073	13,200	13,800
Salary - Town Treasurer Assistant	0	0	800	800
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Salary - Selectboard	3,200	3,108	3,200	3,200
Salary - Constable	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500	0	500	500
Salary - Listers	8,000	8,484	10,000	10,000
Salary - Outside Law Enforcement	500	316	500	500
Payroll Taxes	5,200	4,567	7,600	7,600
Clerical (Town Clerk)	1,200	1,200	1,200	600
Computer Technology	2,000	3,682	2,000	2,500
Elections	3,000	1,989	3,500	3,000
Planning Commission	0	49	0	0
Municipal Planning Grant Consulting Fees	0	0	0	4,728
Street Lights	6,000	5,605	6,000	5,500
Telephone & Internet	2,000	2,005	2,000	2,200
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100
Town Office Security	600	300	600	600
Office Supplies	3,500	2,715	2,500	2,500
Copier Expense	1,500	952	1,200	1,200

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Budget	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Actual	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Proposed
Town General continued...				
Town Report	2,000	2,563	2,000	2,500
Middletown Magnet	1,800	1,800	2,800	2,800
Solid Waste - Contract	45,000	26,183	42,000	30,000
Solid Waste - Wages	0	10,232	0	11,000
Solid Waste - Other	0	2,289	0	2,000
Solid Waste - Electric	0	1,249	0	1,500
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,000	16,119	18,500	18,500
Insurance - Unemployment	2,000	440	1,500	1,000
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	8,000	8,840	8,000	11,000
Legal	10,000	9,387	10,000	10,000
Postage	2,000	1,672	2,000	2,000
Interest on Short-term Borrowing	1,500	17	1,000	500
VLCT - Dues	1,510	1,535	1,688	1,800
Planning Commission Dues	875	875	900	925
Conservation Commission	0	0	0	100
Web-site Maintenance	300	118	200	200
Record Preservation	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Rutland County Tax	6,500	6,006	7,000	6,500
Old Cemetery	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,500
Middletown Springs Public Library	15,500	15,500	16,300	17,150
Public Notices	1,000	0	900	900
Bank Charges	0	(85)	0	0
Education/Conferences	1,000	380	900	750
Mileage	300	0	200	200
Office Maintenance	200	150	200	200
Miscellaneous	1,000	589	1,000	1,000
Subtotal Town General	208,812	188,559	217,088	226,953
Town General-Other				
State Solid Waste Plan	2,500	1,768	1,800	1,800
Tax Map Updates	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Neighborworks Grant to Library	0	2,500	0	0
Audit Reserve for 2015	0	0	5,000	0
Parker Prop Payment (incl interest)	27,893	27,893	27,184	27,475
Municipal Facilities (Corner Property)	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Subtotal Town General-Other	81,393	82,161	84,984	30,275
Total Town General	290,205	270,720	302,072	257,228
Dues & Organizations				
(see breakdown below)	76,315	76,215	84,654	96,267
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	366,520	346,935	386,726	353,495

**Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Budget	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Actual	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Proposed
EXPENDITURES continued...				
Highway				
Payroll Class II	2,000	3,507	2,000	2,300
Payroll Class III	36,000	21,410	36,000	40,700
Payroll Maintenance	5,000	5,265	5,000	5,650
Payroll Winter II	3,000	3,157	3,000	3,400
Payroll Winter III	23,000	21,326	23,000	26,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,000	7,964	4,000	4,500
Payroll Administrative	2,000	2,409	2,000	2,250
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	1,000	3,108	1,000	1,150
Payroll Comp Used	0	711	0	0
Payroll Holiday	0	1,000	0	0
Payroll Old Cemetary Maintenance	0	0	0	0
Payroll Tax	7,000	6,163	7,000	7,900
VMERS	1,500	1,480	2,500	2,850
Health Insurance	8,000	10,005	12,000	14,000
Road Commissioner	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Mileage Road Commissioner	0	143	0	0
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Garage - Electric	350	440	350	400
Garage - Heat	2,500	3,696	2,500	2,500
Garage - Phone	400	347	400	450
Gravel - Bank run	8,000	3,560	8,000	8,000
Gravel - Processed	17,000	16,144	17,000	17,000
Riprap	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Road Fabric	2,500	1,424	2,500	3,000
Signage	2,000	75	2,000	2,000
Culverts/Catch Basins	5,000	4,521	5,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts - Grader	12,000	7,705	5,000	7,000
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Truck 2012	500	805	1,500	2,000
Repairs/Parts - 7400 International	4,000	10,351	4,000	4,000
Repairs/Parts - 7600 International	4,000	4,831	4,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts - Misc Shop Supplies	1,000	335	1,000	1,000
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,000	4,653	4,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equip	2,000	2,065	2,000	3,000
Sander/PLOW - 7400 International	2,000	2,696	2,000	3,000
Sander/PLOW - 1 Ton Truck 2012	1,000	352	1,000	2,000
Sander/PLOW - 7600 International	3,000	5,422	2,000	3,000
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	20,000	23,612	22,000	22,000
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	1,000	458	500	500
Mowing	6,000	3,200	4,000	4,000
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	2,645	10,000	10,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Budget	FY 2014 End 6/30/2014 Actual	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Proposed
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	450	5,000	10,000
Contract Labor - Plowing	0	135	0	0
Sand	18,000	18,453	18,000	20,000
Salt	9,000	12,342	9,000	15,000
Calcium	4,000	0	4,000	0
Consulting/Training	500	0	500	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	4,039	3,000	3,000
Paving Reserve	40,000	40,000	0	0
2009 Route 140 Payment	0	0	0	0
2013 Route 140 Payment	0	0	70,867	69,467
Highway Surplus	0	26,373	0	0
Capital Improvements Hywy Equip	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Bridge Repairs	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Traffic Control	1,000	435	1,000	1,000
Guardrails	4,000		4,000	4,000
Tree Trimming	5,000	6,040	5,000	5,000
2010 Highway Surplus	0		(30,000)	(30,000)
TOTAL HIGHWAY	335,650	335,652	334,017	363,917
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	702,170	682,587	720,743	717,412
DUES/ORGANIZATIONS BREAKDOWN				
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
First Response	2,800	2,800	3,000	4,500
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Rutland Area Community Services	867	867	867	867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	750	750
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	200	200
Center for Independent Living	100	0	100	100
Vermont RCDC/Aiken	100	100	100	100
Poultney Little League	400	400	400	400
Regional Ambulance Service	372.50	373.00	412	375
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	62,000	62,000	70,000	80,000
Green Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100	100	100	100
Rutland Cnty. Humane Society	125	125	125	125
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	400	400	500	500
R.S.V.P.	200	200	200	200
Neighbor Works (Rutland West)	400	400	400	400
Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	300	300	300	300
Rutland Cnty. Parent/Child Center	600	600	600	750
ARC / Assn for Retarded Citizens	500	500	500	500
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Total Dues/Organizations	76,315	76,215	84,654	96,267

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

TRUSTEES' REPORT
December 31, 2014

Beginning Balance--January 1, 2014

Investments Market Value	\$109,806.95	
Money Market	\$46,951.34	
Total		\$156,758.29

Income

Portfolio	\$5,268.78
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Expenses

Portfolio	\$2,705.46
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Net Gain (Loss)	\$1,494.37
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Ending Balance--December 31, 2014

Investments Market Value	\$141,480.14	
Money Market	\$16,772.52	
Total		\$158,252.66

NOTE: The Trustees elected to forgo any distributions to the cemetery in an effort to grow the fund.

TRUSTEES

Diane Rosenmiller

Alida Tarbell

Alice Hoisington

**Middletown Springs
Brownfield Reuse Project**



Photo by David Munyak

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT – 2014

Beginning Balance January 1, 2014

Investment Trust Account	\$ 465,026.10
Money Market Account	38,564.49
Bank Deposit	906.01

INCOME

Income from Investments (Investment Trust Account)	\$ 3,512.19
Dividends/Interest (Money Market, Bank Account)	\$ 32.18
Sentinel Investments / Dividends (Sentinel Investments)	\$ 14,236.18

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 17,780.55**

EXPENSES

Paid to Town of Middletown Springs*	\$ 6,000.00
Producer Distribution*	\$ 6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$ 100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 12,100.00**

* To be expensed during the First or Second Quarter 2015 - Citizens Money Market Account

INVESTMENT SUMMARIES

Investment Plan Management Fees	
Citizens Investment Services	\$ 2,231.52
Sentinel Investments	\$ 3,917.60

HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/2014

Sentinel Investments**	\$ 166,975.90
National Life Group (LSW) ***	\$ 300,000.00
Citizens Investment Services	\$ 2,592.47
Citizens Money Market Account	\$ 25,722.12

TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUE: **\$ 495,290.49**

** June 20, 2014 - \$170,000 Invested with Sentinel Investments (from Citizens Investment Account)

*** April 7, 2014 - \$300,000 Invested with National Life Group (from Citizens Investment Account)

Trustees:

Carl P. Haynes
Terry Redfield
Rodney Tarbell

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For Year Ending December 31, 2014**

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2014	\$ 2,823.95	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	300.76	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	794.32	
Burials	1,850.00	
Donations	200.00	
Transfer from Money Market	3,000.08	
Checking Account Interest	2.08	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 8,971.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Castle Trucking - Cemetery Maintenance & Burials	\$ 5,245.00	
Miscellaneous Expense--Secretary/Treasurer	200.00	
Merchants Bank--Perpetual Care	1,605.00	
Citizens Bank--Safe Deposit Box Rental	37.50	
Postmaster - 05757	9.80	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 7,097.30
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2014		\$ 1,873.89

PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$ 7,511.60	
120 Shares Foot Locker	6,771.60	
Merchants Bank--Money Market	4,767.06	
Merchants Bank--CD	35,335.42	
TD Bank--CD	34,830.71	
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,237.55	
		\$ 99,453.94

TRUSTEES

Thomas Everett
Terry Redfield
Donald Marcy
Alice Hoisington
Alida Tarbell

Town of Middletown Springs TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

2014 Year End Report

In May 2013 Middletown Springs and the Trustees of Public Monies lost a long time friend, neighbor and community pillar when Nan Gilmour passed away. Her contribution to the Trustee's efforts and to so many other facets of life that make our town "home" are too numerous to count. She is greatly missed.

A new trustee was elected to join the group in 2014 to fill the seat formerly held by Nan Gilmour. With a full three person group of trustees, and with guidance from our town auditors, the trustees have developed investment strategies to enhance the growth of each fund, as well as the income/ interest available for distribution to the various fund beneficiaries. With additional guidance from state and federal rules governing the administration of Public Monies, the trustees have been able to elect investments for the Henderson Fund and the Louis Library Fund which offer stronger potential for growth of the original principal investment. These investments also provide dividends, which are the basis for amounts to be distributed to each beneficiary group. The Matthews/Bigelow Fund has much more stringent governing rules, thus the trustees found the highest yielding CD on the market and invested funds accordingly. Due to the fact that the aforementioned investment changes did not take effect until mid-2014, investment yields are accordingly proportionate. While the trustees offer no guarantees of performance, the investment strategy for each fund provides for greater opportunity for growth and interest. Pursuant the Trustee's responsibility to secure the principal of each fund, the trustees have elected to disburse up to 100% of the dividend/interest of each fund. Details of specific disbursements are noted in the attached year-end statements.

In other news, Lois Dansereau, long time trustee, has resigned from the Trustees of Public Monies. Her contribution to the group and to the funds beneficiaries will be missed. Her effort in helping the trustees sort out some of the aforementioned investment opportunities was key to getting the job done. Our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Current Trustees: *Shirley Moyer and Gene Bertsche*

Last, but not least;

1. The Trustees of Public Monies are seeking someone to fill Lois Dansereau's seat until the next election for this position. Anyone interested in this opportunity to serve our community, please contact the select board. Ideally, someone with a background in book keeping, and/or finance would be a great fit.
2. The funds that the Trustees administer welcome donations, small or large. The funds include:
 - Henderson Fund; for the benefit of local student scholarships.
 - Louis Library Fund; for the benefit of the Middletown Springs Library.
 - Matthews / Bigelow Fund; for the benefit of Middletown Springs First Response.



Photo by Anna Mathewson

**Why did the chicken cross the
driveway?**

**To get to the library and check
out some "brocks"**

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Year End Statement
For Year Ending December 31, 2014

MATTHEWS / BIGELOW FUND (for the benefit of Middletown Springs First Response)

ASSETS	Value	ASSETS continued...	Value
Note: Peoples Bank Account		Dividend Year to Date	\$ 0.09
Starting Balance as of 01/01/14	\$ 22,399.26	Total Cash	\$ 25.09
Note: Peoples Acct Closed and moved to Credit Union of Vermont		Investment / CD	\$ 22,685.14
Starting Balance as of 03/31/14	\$ 22,399.26	Dividend Year to Date	\$ 372.87
Share Savings Account	\$ 25.00	Total CD Balance	\$ 22,685.14
Share Checking Account	\$ 22,374.26	Total Current Assets 12/31/14	\$ 22,710.23
48 Month CD based on a rate of 2.17%	\$ 0		
Note: Disbursement to First Response		LIABILITIES	Value
Disbursement 03/31/14	\$ 61.99	Current Liabilities 12/31/14	\$ (298.30)
Balance after disbursement 03/31/14	\$ 22,312.27	Total Current Liabilities	\$ (298.30)
Current Assets as of 12/31/14	\$ 22,685.14	Total Current Assets and Liabilities 12/31/14	\$ 22,710.23
Cash	\$ 25.09		

Note: The trustees have agreed to disburse 80% of earnings, while retaining 20% to help grow the principal. The goal is to ultimately have a larger principal base, thus the potential for greater annual earnings and disbursements to our First Response team. Monies to be disbursed in 2015. All Accounts held by Credit Union of Vermont.

LOUIS LIBRARY FUND (for the benefit of the Middletown Springs Library)

ASSETS	Value	Current Assets	Value
Starting Balance as of 01/01/14	\$21,194.99	Checking Acct. Balance as of 12/31/14	\$140.29
Interest Year to Date 03/31/14	\$2.62	Interest Paid Year To Date	\$4.48
Total Balance as of 03/31/14	\$21,197.61	Total Cash	\$140.29
Disbursement 03/28/14	\$59.18	Total Balance of Securities	\$20,479.51
Note: A total of \$21,000 was transferred from checking account to an investment account. Funds recognized 6/3/14.		Dividend / Income Year to Date	\$352.99
Checking Acct. Balance as of 05/31/14	\$139.00	Taxable Dividends	\$352.99
Total Deposit from checking 05/31/14	\$21,000.00	Total Current Assets 12/31/14	\$20,832.50
Fund #1	\$5,000.00	LIABILITIES	Value
Fund #2	\$8,000.00	Current Liabilities 12/31/14	\$282.39
Fund #3	\$8,000.00	Total Current Liabilities	\$282.39
Total Balance All Accounts 05/31/14	\$21,139.00	Total Current Assets and Liabilities 12/31/14	\$20,832.50

Note: balance on 5/31 are estimates due to missing account statements for April - June for primary checking account.

Note: The trustees have agreed to disburse up to 80% of earnings. Funds to be disbursed to the Middletown Springs Library.

Note: All monies held in trust for the Louis Library fund are deposited or otherwise invested through accounts with Peoples Bank. Individual investment funds are only indicated with reference to initial deposits to those funds. These funds Year End Results are summarized as "Total Balance of Securities" above. For greater detail, the individual funds reports are available at the town office in the Trustees of Public Monies files.

**Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES**

**Year End Statement
For Year Ending December 31, 2014**

HENDERSON FUND (providing scholarships for Middletown Springs students)

ASSETS	Value	Current Assets	Value
Starting Balance as of 01/01/14	\$53,775.54	Municipal Money Market Account as of 12/31/14	\$105.41
Disbursement 01/29/14	\$1,000.00	Interest Paid Year To Date	\$22.33
Total Account Balance as of 02/01/14	\$52,775.54	Total Cash	\$105.41
Note: A total of \$52,678.00 was transferred from the fund bank account to a securities account on 5/29/14. Funds recognized 6/3/14.		Total Balance of Securities	\$51,383.15
Interest Paid Year To Date 05/31/14	\$21.98	Dividend / Income Year to Date	\$921.85
Total Balance as of 05/31/14	\$52,783.07	Taxable Dividends	\$921.85
Total Deposit from checking account 05/31/14 to	\$52,678.00	Total Current Assets 12/31/14	\$52,305.00
Fund #1	\$10,678.00	LIABILITIES	Value
Fund #2	\$21,000.00	Current Liabilities 12/31/14	\$750.00
Fund #3	\$21,000.00	Total Current Liabilities	\$750.00
Municipal Money Market Account	\$105.07	Total Current Assets and Liabilities 12/31/14	\$52,305.00
Total Balance All Accounts 05/31/14	\$52,783.07		

Note: All monies held in trust for the Henderson fund are deposited or otherwise invested through accounts with Peoples Bank. Individual investment funds are only indicated with reference to initial deposits to those funds. These funds Year End Results are summarized as "Total Balance of Securities" above. For greater detail, the individual funds reports are available at the town office in the Trustees of Public Monies files.

Note: Due to the change in investment strategy happening mid-year, earnings were reduced accordingly. In turn, the trustees agreed to disburse a total of \$750 (\$375 each for two worthy scholarship applicants).



Townpeople brainstorm ideas for New Town Building. Photos provided by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

**Building Committee Visioning Session
November 2013**



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

A Year In Review 2014

It's hard to believe that another year has come to an end. It's been a great year for MSVFD. We have acquired new apparatus, members, and junior members. We have held several successful fundraisers, and we have had several great training sessions as well.

The MSVFD acquired a new Engine 1 from Proctor Volunteer Fire Department. This engine seats six firefighters and air packs. The pump controls on this newly acquired engine are located behind the cab of the truck where the engineer is able to oversee all operations of the truck and can oversee all views of the scene in order to adequately communicate between interior firefighters and fire control. This engine has a 1,000 gallons tank. Engine 1 came equipped with an onboard Kabota 5500 generator which saved money on equipment. MSVFD's new Engine 1 was traded even through a dealer in Pennsylvania. The fire department has a much better equipped and functional piece of apparatus at no additional cost to the tax payers.

In December of 2013, the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department ended its operations as an auxiliary. The MSVFD was saddened to hear the auxiliary came to an end. For many years, the auxiliary supported the fire department. The members of the auxiliary were always there to assist firefighters on any scene. The auxiliary was a part of history associated with the fire department. The auxiliary transferred funds in the amount of \$16,000 in December of 2013 to the MSVFD. Those funds were put into a Truck Replacement Fund. Thank you to the auxiliary for your hard work over many years!

The MSVFD purchased a repeater system which has improved the communication ability and also improved safety to the MSVFD members. The MSVFD made necessary repairs to apparatus and equipment to keep everything up to code.

The MSVFD applied for a radio grant through Homeland Security to upgrade out dated radio systems. Although the MSVFD did not receive the entire amount. MSVFD was fortunate to receive \$47,047 which will replace most the necessary radio equipment. The MSVFD is working towards keeping our members safe and having the technology to communicate with fire control and mutual aid departments.

The MSVFD held seven fundraisers during 2014. The MSVFD held a spaghetti dinner and a gun raffle in the spring. The Memorial Day 5K was done on the Saturday of Memorial Day. Thank you to Justin and Kristal Hier for organizing this event every year. MSVFD hosted their annual BBQ at the Memorial Day parade. The Memorial Day parade is also a highlight for the fire department. The community comes together to remember our Veterans and enjoy the day. The MSVFD hosted their annual Open House in August. The Open House is event that included a basket raffle, live demonstrations, ice cream, a bouncy house, and participation of extinguishing a fire was done by all age groups. A gun raffle was organized just in time for Vermont rifle season, and tickets were drawn on November 1st. The MSVFD ended the fundraising with their Breakfast with Santa. This event is enjoyed by all whom attend. Pancakes, good company, and of course Santa! Toys were collected at the breakfast and were shipped to Shiner's Hospitals of Boston. This division of Shriners' Hospitals is the burn center. Toys were distributed to children who are currently inpatients. The MSVFD has been invited to tour the burn center at a later date. Thank you to Joe King for helping Santa out this year! Karen Castle will be organizing fundraiser events for 2015. Please contact Karen if you would like to help with any of the events.

The MSVFD had a very productive year with monthly training sessions. Trainings ranged from communications, ladder training, interior training, search and rescue, chimney fires, pumping, water flow, fire characteristics, trouble shooting scenarios, vehicle extrication, CPR and First Aid, and education on safety. Several trainings were organized with Ira Volunteer Fire Department this year. There was a lot of time spent on training this year. Thank you to James Reed for organizing and planning. James has done an amazing job as the training officer.

We have gained new members this year as firefighters and junior firefighters. The MSVFD members have been supportive and dedicated throughout the year. Members have personal lives involving family, work, school, etc. It is appreciated by the MSVFD to see time set aside for every Tuesday night throughout the year. The pager goes off and members respond. Members give up their time to help out our department

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

A Year In Review 2014 continued...

and community. Many volunteer hours are worked throughout the year. Members, officers, and community members need to be recognized for their support and dedication. THANK YOU!

It is with regret that we said goodbye to Assistant Chief, Mark McManus, and firefighter Mimi McManus. The MSVFD thanks you both for your years of service and dedication to the fire department. You are both very valuable to the fire department and the Middletown Springs community. The MSVFD wishes you the best!!!! Johnny Blanchard has been a junior firefighter for three years. He was elected Junior Fire Chief in 2013. He is currently a probationary firefighter now that he is over 18. Johnny left his roots in Middletown Springs and headed to Georgia on January 1, 2015 to start an apprenticeship as a lineman. Johnny will come out of the program a certified lineman to work for a regional power company. The MSVFD wishes him well.

Joe Parker was elected Assistant Chief after the resignation of Mark McManus. Joe Parker was a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department. Joe has 16 years of experience as a firefighter and has already shown a great deal of dedication and hard work. Joe Parker is very supportive and has set some new goals for the fire department for 2015. Joe Parker is certainly a great addition to MSVFD.

Lieutenant Tyler Manning took a short leave of absence from MSVFD in 2014. He served eight weeks at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas during basic training. Tyler then spent eleven weeks at Sheppard Air Force Base attending tech school. MSVFD's Lieutenant Manning now holds the rank of Airman First Class in the Air National Guard. The MSVFD is very proud of Lieutenant Manning.

Dylan Manning was elected Junior Fire Chief in 2014. Dylan has served as a junior member for three years. Dylan is very dedicated, responsible, and knowledgeable with all aspects of the fire department. He is an asset to the fire department.

Joe Castle was elected Fire Chief. James Reed was elected Captain, and he is the MSVFD training officer. Jason Cook and Art Castle were elected Lieutenants. Dave Comeau was also elected Lieutenant, and he is the Safety Officer.

The firehouse was in need of many repairs this year. New floors were put in the restrooms with new tile with the help of Joe Castle and his father-in-law. The new bay door was installed when repairs to the North side of the building needed to take place. The addition for the storage of the ladder truck is complete with the help of Jim Mars, Luke Larson, Matt Kenyon, Dan McKeen, Dave Fenton, Terry Redfield and other community members. The MSVFD greatly appreciates the hard work and effort put forth by all the community members involved with this project. Thank you all for your help and volunteering your time.

In closing, the MSVFD has had a very successful and productive year with many new improvements within the department. We are proud of all of our members and our Middletown Springs community. Thank you for your support, and the MSVFD hopes to continue to build our relationship with our department members and our community in 2015.

The Membership of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department
The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Association

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Profit & Loss

January through December 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Contributions	\$ 1,315.60
First Response Rental	\$ 1,750.00
Fund Drive	\$ 4,680.00
Fund Raiser - 2014	\$ 2,743.67
Insurance Claims	\$ 7,549.92
Interest	\$ 34.40
Parade/5K Run	\$ 525.00
Raffle	\$ 850.00
Town Quarterly Payment	\$ 64,000.00
Total Income	\$ 83,448.59

Expense

Accounting Services	\$ 500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,830.90
Diesel/Gas	\$ 1,253.24
Dispatcher	\$ 3,150.00
Electric	\$ 2,738.94
Equipment Maint & Repair	\$ 5,203.97
Equipment Replacement	\$ 255.00
Fire Fighting Supplies	\$ 62.54
Fund Raiser	\$ 0.00
Fund Raising 2014	\$ 2,938.63
Garage Rental 535	\$ 2,400.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 7,418.83
Insurance	\$ 14,461.00

Expense continued...

Insurance Claim	\$ 1,192.00
Misc.	\$ 629.69
New Equipment	\$ 453.44
Postage/Stationary/Office Sup.	\$ 1,000.22
Propane	\$ 824.49
Pump Testing	\$ 600.00
Radio - New	\$ 7,088.75
Radio Repair	\$ 270.00
Secretary of State USDA	\$ 25.00
Service Charge	\$ 27.12
Telephone	\$ 1,923.22
Truck Deposit	\$ 0.00
Truck Loan New #534	\$ 16,464.00
Turnout Gear	\$ 1,665.55
Vehicle Maintenance #531	\$ 7,832.33
Vehicle Maintenance #532	\$ 2,428.03
Vehicle Maintenance #533	\$ 2,735.96
Vehicle Maintenance #534	\$ 736.95
Vehicle Maintenance #535	\$ 2,003.11
Vehicle Maintenance 531A	\$ 4,237.64
Total Expense	\$ 96,350.55
Net Ordinary Income/Loss	-12,901.96
Net Income/Loss	-12,901.96

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

**Bank Balances
December 31, 2014**

People's United Bank Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$ 9,282.11
People's United Bank Fire Truck Money Market	\$ 2,225.18
People's United Bank General Operations Checking	\$ 211.68
People's United Bank General Operations Money Market	\$ 4,853.01
Fire Truck Replacement	\$ 16,959.95
Total	\$ 33,531.93

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Historical Society was founded in 1969 to create and maintain the Mineral Springs Park. In 1971 the Society began the on-going restoration of the Adams House, the Historical Society building, providing space for the Town Office, Library (until 1979) and other public uses.

Other achievements of the Society over its first 46 years have been: the 1985 designation of the Middletown Springs Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places; the spearheading of ongoing research and restoration of the Old Cemetery; and the placement of a Vermont Roadside Historic Site marker for A.W. Gray at the corner of South Street and Montvert Road.

In October 2014 Jon Mathewson, trustee and curator of the museum collection, received an Achievement Award from the League of Local Historical Societies for the exhibit that he has assembled over the last ten years, "Middletown Springs Timeline 1761-1971". The timeline is on view in the Historical Society auditorium.

Eden Aiken, a Junior at Green Mountain College in Poultney has been attending Historical Society board meetings in anticipation of becoming an intern in the spring semester.

Trustee Linda Hurcomb wrote a successful grant from the Stewart's Shop Holiday Match program to fund a May field trip for Middletown Elementary students to historic Rokeby Museum, a site on the Civil War Era Underground Railway.

Recent acquisitions for the museum collections include donations from: Kara Gilmour, George Greene, Alice Hoisington, Michael McMorrow, Mark Raymond, Sally Jones and Rick Rudd.

Over 64 memberships in town and about 180 others throughout the country support the Society's efforts and further its mission. Membership is open to all, and members receive the Society's newsletter as well as discounted building rental for family gatherings. Eleven new memberships were recorded in 2013.

We invite all who have an interest in preserving the heritage of Middletown Springs to join us!

2015 Events

Maple Festival - Sun., March 15
Strawberry Festival - Sun., June 21

Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 20
Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 4

Trustees for 2014-2015 are: *Lil Georg, Robert Gould, Pat Hemenway, Alice Hoisington, Linda Hurcomb, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson and David Wright*

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, Vice-President

MSHS Receives Exhibitions & Programs Award

Mark Hudson, Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society, presents Jon Mathewson of the Middletown Springs Historical Society, with the Vermont League of Historical Societies and Museums Exhibitions and Programs award for his exhibit entitled "Middletown Springs Timeline: 1761-1972".



Photo provided by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS FIRST RESPONSE**

Annual Town Report 2015

The membership of the Middletown Spring First Response would like to sincerely thank the citizens of our gracious community for its un-wavering support over the past year.

During the past 12 months we've responded to over 67 calls; that include medical assessments, trauma related injuries, motor vehicle accidents and Fire Department stand-bys. Our average response time was 6.2 minutes. Our current active roster now consists of 8 members - 2 EMT's, 5 EMR's and 1 auxiliary member. From those members alone we have approximately 150+ years of experience in the field. This past year we saw the addition of 2 new and 1 returning member, respectively Debbie Hoistington, Cheryl Mahoney and Alice Hoistington. We really appreciate their interests and efforts. If you see them, tell them thanks!

We've logged collectively over 250 man hours in training and on-scene time. The national and local state EMS agencies have tripled the continuing education requirement from 24 to 72 credit hours per every 2 years. We continue to grow our skills though training provided in-house, through our parent organization Poultney Rescue Squad, and via the Vermont State EMS office.

We are always actively seeking new membership – any previous medical experience is helpful but not required. Membership is low, so we willingly offer a prospective recruit the required training through locally held courses or sessions, approximately 80 classroom hours, For details, please contact the Training Officer Kevin Eaton at 235-2746 or any active member.

For the past several years, we've been able to level fund our budget. However, due to an added \$300 in our rent at the firehouse(annualized now at \$2,400), and additional \$800 for Vermont EMS protocol required Epinephrine supplies, and another \$400 for AED equipment support, and lastly \$900 for normal operating expenses, we've unfortunately had to adjust our budget up this year by \$1,500. We continue to seek all applicable grants and graciously accept any contributions.

In closing, First Response sincerely thanks the folks of Middletown Springs for their continued generous support. We are extremely excited and proud to serve our local community.

Sincerely,

Carl Haynes – EMR, President

Kevin Eaton – EMT, Recording Secretary

Middletown Springs First Response Financial Report 2014

Receipts:		Disbursements:	
Donations	\$ 1415.00	Middletown Sp Fire Assoc. (Rent)	\$ 2,100.00
Town Allocation	\$ 2900.00	Postal Services	\$ 77.60
Memorials	\$ 645.00	Communications	\$ 124.00
Money Market Interest	\$ 59.28	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 183.82
Big/Matthews 09,10,11	\$ 61.99	Supplies	\$ 74.78
TOTAL	\$ 5,081.27	Training	\$ 150.00
		TOTAL	\$ 2,710.20

Checking Balance as of Dec 31, 2014 **\$ 2,583.40**

Money Market Balance as of Dec 31, 2014 **\$ 30,180.05**

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

During 2014 the Planning Commission continued its work on implementing elements of the Town Plan. We completed the process of applying to the State for Village Center Designation through the Agency of Commerce & Community Development. We submitted the completed application in May and were awarded the designation by the Downtown Development Board at its June meeting. This program is intended to recognize and encourage local efforts to revitalize Vermont's traditional villages. The Town will now receive priority consideration when applying for state grants (MPG, VCDP) and other resources. Commercial property owners are now eligible to apply for tax credits to support building improvements.

The Commission also continued its discussions of approaches that may be considered to encourage Economic Development in Middletown Springs. We held several meetings with town residents at which we received valuable input on the Creative Economy concept and encouragement to move ahead. Several participants in those meetings have stepped forward to serve on a Steering Committee to explore how we might implement this idea in Middletown Springs. As part of this process, with the help of the Selectboard, we applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant that will fund the hiring of a consultant to make recommendations to the Steering Committee. The ultimate goal is to develop an organization and structure that will be able to create an image and marketing plan for Middletown Springs as a Creative Community.

During the past year Tom Hurcomb provided regular reports on the activities of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Tom and Maureen McCormack presented updates on the work of the Building Committee in their consideration of a possible new Town Office Building. Maureen has also served effectively as the Commission's secretary.

Despite seeking new members to fill the vacant seats on the Commission, we operated all year with only three members. This created the difficult situation of needing all three members present in order to have a quorum to conduct business. In order to determine possible means of addressing this we consulted with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. At their suggestion we requested that the Selectboard consider reducing the size of the Commission from five members to three. The Selectboard voted to take that action and to make it effective as of October 1, 2014.

The Commission encourages all townspeople to attend our meetings, usually held on the first Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Middletown Springs Planning Commission
John E. Arsenault, Chair
Maureen McCormack, Secretary
Thomas Hurcomb

Library Book Sale 2014

Ready for the Sale: the calm
before the opening.



Photo by Anna Mathewson

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Middletown Springs Building Committee (BC), a subcommittee of the Selectboard, had another busy year in 2014.

On February 8, 2014, the BC held its second Informational Meeting at the school where we presented information about the town office project and solicited feedback from the community.

On Town Meeting Day, the BC held its Second Annual Town Meeting Food Sale in the Middletown Springs Historical Society dining room. This successful event raised \$645 for the project and gave townspeople the opportunity to peruse the extensive information on display while enjoying some delicious homemade food donated by many gracious volunteer chefs and bakers.

Committee members met with a representative from the VTrans Utilities and Permits Unit about site design and parking, and a representative from Green Mountain Power about possible relocation of power lines.

The committee worked with project architects Michael Beattie and Mark McManus to prepare a set of preliminary designs for the new building. These designs address the needs of the town officers, the library board and the desires of the community as expressed in the 2013 Visioning Session and other means of public input.

A subcommittee began seeking sources of funding to allow a modern, functional and aesthetically pleasing building to be built while minimizing the impact on the town tax rate.

In its ongoing effort to keep people informed and engaged, the committee began publishing a series of Q&A articles on Front Porch Forum and in the Magnet. These articles, entitled "What's Happening on the Corner?" feature Library Chair Kristal Hier and Building Committee Chair David Munyak addressing questions that have been coming in regarding progress on the project. Public reaction to these articles has been very positive and people routinely express appreciation for the committee's transparency and commitment to making information available.

The committee held an 'Open House' event on site on October 4 where the footprint of the proposed building was outlined on the ground and information from the Building Committee and Library Trustees was displayed in various "rooms" within the building footprint. This event drew a large crowd of attendees despite the cold drizzle. Suggestion boxes were present on site and distributed around town. These boxes remained in place until late in December in the hope that townsfolk would provide ideas and feedback. A number of people took advantage of the opportunity.

On December 7, committee members set up and staffed a booth at the Holiday Craft Fair at the Elementary School. Displays included plans, a scale model, information on funding implications and info from the Library Trustees.

As always, minutes of the Building Committee meetings are regularly published in the Magnet and posted on the Town Website.

Work on the Brownfield cleanup continued and in August, a Request for Proposal was prepared and advertised with the goal of hiring an engineering firm to prepare bid documents for the remaining cleanup work and perform project oversight. The scope of work was to include removal of the remaining PCB contamination from the area of the old lift pit and asbestos containing materials from the basement of the "green garage".

On August 28, the contract was awarded to the firm of Ross Environmental Associates, which immediately got busy preparing the necessary documents. The presence of loose asbestos steam pipe insulation complicated the project slightly, but, with the help of a firm licensed to design asbestos abatement plans, the project was soon ready to go to bid.

Bids from contractors were received and the contract was awarded to Enpro Services on October 30. Enpro and their asbestos subcontractor, Alderson Inc, began work on November 17, just as the area of New York State where the hazardous waste landfills are located were getting four feet of snow. The weather conditions slowed progress but the site work and backfilling were complete by November 25.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE continued...

Financial analysis shows that the Brownfield cleanup cost a total of \$293,640. Of that amount, \$281,391 was paid directly by Rutland Regional Planning Commission or by grant monies from Agency of Commerce & Community Development and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission. The remaining amount of \$12,249 or 4.2% of the total, was paid by Middletown Springs tax dollars.

Finally, while this other work was happening, the committee worked with Frank Parent of Long Trail Engineering to prepare a well and septic permit. The permit was filed in late November and is in the process of being reviewed as this report is being written. Once the permit is approved, the well can be drilled.

In 2015, the Building Committee will continue refining the building design, identifying funding sources, and doing any sitework that can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
David Munityak, Committee Chairman

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROJECT RECAP		
April 2007 through December 2014		
CATEGORIES	Values	
	Sum of Debit (expense)	Sum of Credit (income)
Application Fees		
MTS direct pay		
Southern Windsor County RPC Grant	100.00	
Paid from FY12 general fund		
State of Vermont BRELLA program	500.00	
Application Fees Total	600.00	
Cleanup Contractors		
ACCD Grant Expense		
Alderson, Inc	24,959.00	
Enpro Services, Inc.	94,995.00	
Ross Environmental Associates	9,100.00	
Cleanup Contractors Total	129,054.00	
Engineering		
ACCD Grant Expense		
Ross Environmental Associates	26,074.97	
MTS direct pay		
Clay Point Associates	5,800.00	
SWCRPC Grant Expense		
LBG Inc.	1,342.53	
Ross Environmental Associates	31,048.38	
Studies Paid by Rutland Regional Planning Commission		
LBG Inc.	99,000.00	99,000.00
Engineering Total	163,265.88	99,000.00
Income		
ACCD Grant Income		
Agency of Commerce & Community Development Grant Income Pending		129,334.78
Agency of Commerce & Community Development Grant Income Received		20,665.22
SWCRPC Grant Income		
Southern Windsor County RPC Grant Income Received		32,390.91
Income Total		182,390.91
Safety fencing		
MTS direct pay		
Ferguson Waterworks	123.48	
Safety fencing Total	123.48	
Signage		
ACCD Grant Expense		
Green Screen	470.00	
LaValley	26.77	
Signage Total	496.77	
Tank assessment fee		
MTS direct pay		
State of Vermont	100.00	
Tank assessment fee Total	100.00	
Grand Total	293,640.13	281,390.91
Total Project Cost	293,640.13	
Total Paid by Grants and Rutland Regional Planning Commission	281,390.91	
Amount Paid by Middletown Springs Tax Dollars (4.2% OF TOTAL)	12,249.22	

Town of Middetown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report 2014

The Conservation Commission had another busy year in 2014! We held several meetings in winter and early spring to plan activities for the coming year. This year we focused on work days and were involved in a number of projects around town. Our first work day was held at the Sullivan Educational Woods to remove invasive barberry from a forested wetland visible from the trail. In May we organized Green Up Day, which was so successful we ran out of green bags (if having lots of trash in town is a measure of success?).

Later in May, we partnered with the Middletown Springs Elementary School 5th and 6th grade class and assisted the Historical Society with removal of garlic mustard at Mineral Springs Park. The Conservation Commission partnered with the Historical Society again in early June to continue cutting and digging up the roots of poison parsnip plants near the school playing fields. There were significantly fewer poison parsnip plants this year, after our repeated efforts to eradicate this potentially-harmful, noxious plant. In August, we coordinated with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District to help identify invasive plant species at a local business in town. The District removed the invasives and replanted the area with native plants grown at the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery in Poultney.

For the upcoming year, we are planning three educational hikes, focusing on wildflower and bird identification in the spring, and mushroom identification in the fall. We plan to include a stewardship session for any hikers that wish to stay after the hike and help with a variety of trail maintenance activities. We also plan to continue our partnership activities with the school and Historic Society, hopefully, like last year, including an educational component for the students.

Submitted by,
Elizabeth Cooper
Kathy Doyle
Hilary Solomon
Lisa Thornton
Iris Worland



Photo by Hilary Solomon

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps partners with the Middletown Springs Conservation Commission and Poultney Mettowee NRCD to pull invasive plant species in town.

**Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

2014 Captain's Report

Poultney Rescue was busy in 2014! PRS responded to 483 calls in 2014. The breakdown in calls is as follows:

Calls in Poultney	308
Calls in Middletown Springs	36
Calls in Hampton	43
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	32

In February 2014, PRS placed a 2007 Osage F-450, 4-wheel drive ambulance into service. The ambulance had 23,000 miles on it at the time of purchase. This ambulance replaced the Horton Lifeline 2003 that had 114,000 miles. Poultney Rescue would like to introduce to the community the addition of a second full-time employee, Jonathan Porter. Jonathan works Saturday, Sunday and Monday 6am -6pm. Jonathan lives in Castleton with his wife Korrina and daughter Riley. Please feel free to stop down to the building to say hello to Jonathan! Chad Geno is entering his third year as a full-time employee for PRS. His days are Tuesday – Friday from 8am – 6pm. Again, please feel free to stop down and say hello to Chad as well. PRS is extremely lucky to have 2 full-time employees.

At this time, PRS has 2 members enrolled in the District 10 EMT course. In April, District 10 offered a fully funded EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) course. From this course, PRS gained 4 new EMRs; 3 of the 4 individuals reside in Middletown Springs and will also be a part of the Middletown Springs First Response. PRS offers CPR classes at the Heartsaver and Healthcare Provider level. First Aid/CPR courses are available as well. If you need a CPR course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com with your request or call 287-5575.

The officers for 2015 are as follows:

President: Beth Winter	Vice President: Kim Hunter
Captain: Bill Jones	Secretary: Rachael Lynch
Treasurer: Medrick Petty III	Training Officer: Jeffrey Elrick

I would like to thank the members of Poultney Rescue and Middletown Springs for their dedication and to say thank you to the people in the communities that we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Captain *William Jones*, Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2014

Income		Expenses continued...	
Insurance	141,791.37	Equipment Replacement	\$10,400.00
Town Funding	\$21,390.00	Operations	\$24,017.07
Subscriptions	\$18,265.00	Legal and Prof. fees	\$9,261.24
Thrift Shop	\$11,704.43	Insurance	\$26,236.39
Donations	\$13,218.18	Membership	\$9,127.81
Rodeo	\$3,300.00	Payroll Expense	\$48,136.57
Interest	\$178.33	Interest Expense	\$2,724.93
Discounts	\$275.66	Utilities	\$9,123.45
Fundraiser	\$900.00	Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	\$18,195.94
Total Income	\$211,022.97	Vehicle Replacement	\$20,000.00
Expenses		Medical Supplies	\$9,018.29
Administrative	\$5,997.98	Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	\$6,357.98
Building	\$5,276.57	Total Expenses	\$209,863.64
Communications	\$5,989.42	Net Profit	\$1,159.33

Town of Middletown Springs THE MIDDLETOWN MAGNET

The volunteers at *The Magnet* would like to thank the townspeople for their continued support of our efforts over the past year. We are now using Quickprint of Rutland since the retirement of Bob Underwood at RU Printing. This change in printers came with a significant increase in printing costs. We thank the Selectboard for stepping up and increasing the town's support for FY2015. While we still need an additional \$100 per month to cover the costs of printing and mailing *The Magnet*, we have committed to pursuing other avenues to raise these funds beyond an additional increase in the appropriation from the town's budget for FY2016.

To that end, we have instituted two new policies - a paid subscription for out of town readers (\$15 per year), and an annual request for support from local organizations (\$25 -\$100). We hope these measures will cover the additional costs and ensure delivery of *The Magnet* to your mailbox each month.

As you know, *The Magnet* is run completely by volunteers and is filled with news and information which helps unite our community. We feel this is a vital resource.

You can always find past issues on the Town's website and at the Town Office or Library. To place an ad, request a subscription, or make a donation, we can be reached at middletownnews@yahoo.com or by mail at PO Box 1134, MTS 05757.

Thanks so much for your support.

- Patty McWilliams* – Layout
- Kimberly Mathewson* – Layout, Mailing
- Patty Kenyon* – Layout, Mailing, Mailing List
- Pat Hemenway* – Advertising, Bookkeeping, Subscriptions



The Magnet Financial Report July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$ 667.82	Expenses	
		Printing	\$ 3,495.00
Revenue		Postage	\$ 1,585.00
Advertisement	\$ 1,855.00	Other	\$ 117.00
Donations	\$ 1,185.50	Total	\$ 5,197.00
Town Allotment	\$ 1,950.00		
Other	\$ 52.00	Ending Balance	\$ 513.32
Total	\$ 5,042.50		

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library continues to offer a wide range of services to the residents of Middletown Springs. The collection is varied and ever changing. Movie selection for both children and adults has increased. Patron use of online services including downloadable audiobooks and e-books has increased as well as the use of our online card catalog.

There are over 7,000 items, books, movies, audiobooks, available in the library for circulation. There are 424 registered patrons. During the fiscal year 2013-2014, 217 different patrons checked out 3346 items. In other words, half the people holding active library cards, or one quarter of the town residents, checked out at least one item in the last year with an average of 15 check outs per person.

The library is also an active hub in the community. Several groups meet there regularly including the book group and knitting circle. It is also used as a meeting room by several of the town's committees and commissions. Library events also bring people into the building for talks, movies, and slideshows. Children with their families, teens after school, as well as adults at all times use the library as a place to work, learn, and play.

The Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library have been very active and generous this year. With their financial support and time they have purchased a mini-split for the building which cools it in the summer and helps heat it in the winter, purchased over 75 new DVDs for the collection, painted the bathroom, and installed new, brighter, and more efficient lighting. They are also ever willing to lend a hand for library projects both big and small. Their own events, Bloomsberry Festival and Lawn Sale, were quite successful.

Trustee fundraising efforts, Pie For Breakfast, the Book Sale and the annual appeal, continue to fill the gap between the town allotment and library expenses. The support of these events is greatly appreciated.

Our focus remains providing the best library services to the community that we can afford. We are continuing to work with the town's Building Committee to pursue a larger, more centrally-located library with adequate parking and distinct meeting room. This new space will allow the library to more truly operate as the community hub it has become.

We appreciate the support of the community and taxpayers.

Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson, Librarian
Kristal Haynes Hier, Chair of the Board of Trustees



**Library Story Hour with
Heather Heitkamp
Summer 2014**

Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

INCOME	FY 13/14 ACTUAL	FY 14/15 BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED
Town Allotment	\$ 15500.00	\$ 16300.00	\$ 17150.00
Louis Library Fund	59.18	55.00	0.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	76.23	40.00	50.00
Donations	1013.78	400.00	500.00
Fundraising	4826.26	4812.00	4850.00
State of Vermont	0.00	55.00	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21475.45	\$ 21662.00	\$ 22600.00
EXPENSES			
Personnel	\$ 12167.92	\$ 12408.00	\$ 12720.00
Payroll Taxes	930.76	949.00	973.08
Education	60.00	75.00	60.00
Library Materials	3185.25	3325.00	3405.00
Heat	1600.83	1225.00	1115.00
Electricity	973.74	1115.00	1225.00
Telephone/Internet	437.60	435.00	435.00
Card Catalogue Computer Automation	425.00	425.00	425.00
Supplies	214.63	130.00	210.00
Postage	431.91	250.00	330.00
Snow Removal/Lawn Care	739.86	800.00	850.00
Membership Dues	0.00	25.00	25.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00	50.00
Programs	52.29	50.00	50.00
Fixtures	69.98		
Technology (hard)	50.00	50.00	200.00
Technology (soft)	156.58	100.00	50.00
Facility Maintenance	555.14	200.00	350.00
Miscellaneous	135.98	50.00	76.92
Cash Reserve	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22237.47	\$ 21662.00	\$ 22600.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Talke Munityak, MSPL Trustee, Treasurer

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the School Board Chair

As the Chair of the Middletown Springs School District Board, it is my pleasure to provide the community with an update on the board's work, overseeing the education of all children residing in our town.

We are pleased to have Rick Beal as the principal of the elementary school. He leads a dedicated and professional staff of teachers, para-educators and support personnel.

The Supervisory Union recently signed a new three-year supervisory union wide contract that covers all the teachers in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union. This includes Wells, Poultney, Middletown Springs and the teaching staff that work under the broader umbrella of the Supervisory Union. This contract covers FY '15, '16 and '17; a unified salary schedule will go into effect June 30, 2017.

Families are free to choose where their students go after completing sixth grade; our students currently attend at least five different secondary schools. We recognize that community members value the opportunity to choose the secondary school that their children attend. However, the School District Board has no ability to control the tuition that these schools charge for accepting our students.

The school district budget covers the elementary school budget, which increased by 0.09%; the cost of secondary education tuition, an increase of 7.80%; and special education programming, an increase of 7.06%. The latter two, are due to student counts and mandated special education services respectively. The overall budget increased by 3.97% to \$2,380,720.92.

The Middletown Springs School District is fast approaching a serious crossroad. There are several external pressures that can, and will have a significant impact on both the tax payer and the local school district budget. The rising cost of education in Vermont is fast outpacing the capacity of the property tax intended to fund it.

We face a number of issues which could add to the local school tax rate:

- The potential loss of the Small Schools Grant (perhaps being phased out or totally eliminated this fiscal year).
- The state excess spending threshold which is currently set at \$17,103 per student while Middletown Springs' proposed spending is \$16,946 per student.
- Forced mergers to county wide school district systems
- Other legislative proposals now being considered.

Your local school board is tracking and trying to stay abreast of all the legislative solutions being considered through our affiliations with the county and state School Board Associations.

We continue to look for grant opportunities to fund other projects.

The School District Board is very aware of current economic challenges faced by all members of our community, as well as the educational standards we must achieve in order to prepare our students for 21st century careers. The board will continue its conservative fiscal management of school funds and its insistence on high quality education for the children of this community. We are studying all possibilities to lower our costs per student while maintaining a high quality educational program for all Middletown Springs students at all grade levels.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clarence K Haynes, Chair
Middletown Springs School District

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Principal for the Town Report 2014-2015

The students had many learning opportunities over the past year. Friends for Education brought the VINS "Cold Water Critters" and week-long artist in-residency program that connected with the Farm to School Grant to our school. The Middletown Springs Historical Society sponsored a 3rd-6th grade field trip to the Rokeby Museum located on a stop on the Underground Railroad. The fifth and sixth graders attended Green Mountain College's Ecosystem Exposition to learn about fish in the Poultney River, native plant restoration, and animals of the Champlain Basin. This year's sixth grade students are collaborating with Smokey House in Danby on a year-long environmental science study. The sixth grade is also collaborating with Trout Unlimited VT to raise trout in the classroom that will be released to the Poultney River in the spring. There are many other activities that have happened that build upon classroom learning.

Middletown Springs Elementary School did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for reading and math for 2013-2014. AYP is determined by the NECAP test that the students in 3rd-6th grade take in October. Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), as of 2014, all children in our school must score "proficient" on the NECAP test or the school is identified as a "low performing" school under federal law. However, MSES is not alone in not meeting AYP this year. Every public school in Vermont except those schools that were exempted from piloting the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessment did not meet AYP, too. As VT Commissioner of Education, Rebecca Holcombe, has stated: "It is not realistic to expect every single tested child in every school to score as proficient. We have very capable students who may have unique learning needs that make it difficult to demonstrate knowledge, events may have happened that preclude a good performance on a standardized test or students who for whatever reason are not interested on that day in demonstrating their best work." The silver lining from not meeting AYP statewide is the resulting discussion on identifying other evidence, besides one yearly assessment, of student academic performance.

To address the reality that one yearly assessment cannot truly measure a school's performance, the school and supervisory union are participating in a three-year pilot project by the VT Department of Education to implement Proficiency Based Learning (PBL). Proficiency-based learning refers to systems of instruction, assessments, grading and academic reporting that are based on students demonstrating mastery of the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn before they progress to the next lesson, get promoted to the next grade level, or receive a diploma. A major shift with PBL is moving to the personalization of student learning. This involves the personalization of instructional practices that will meet the learning needs of our students. Also, students will have options to demonstrate learning through flexible and multiple pathways. This approach of assessing learning outcomes allows students to use their strengths to demonstrate knowledge and understanding. This project will better illustrate the proficiency of our students to parents and community.

The school is working towards implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The standards represent what we want our students to learn and be able to do in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. To help meet the CCSS, the school has made some curriculum changes. A Houghton Mifflin reading program, "Journeys," was implemented this year. The program has both rigorous and enjoyable text for our students. The program also connects the text to Writing, Science and Social Studies. Having a reading program has helped to vertically align and scaffold reading skills between the grade levels. For Math, EngageNY's math program is being taught in the classroom. The math program is a very rigorous curriculum with a strong application of math knowledge to problem solving. As the students move towards taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the spring, these curriculum changes will be a positive factor.

The school is an asset to the community that needs ongoing upkeep. There are two major projects that will be done over the next year. The water system will finally be upgraded this summer with new pumps and a control system that will put the water system in compliance. The majority of the cost is being funded by a grant. The other big project is to complete the shingling of the roofs on the new part of the school. The school has had an energy audit conducted and a concern that will need to be addressed at some point are the windows in the original structure.

MSES will again be having the students participate in the Pico Ski/Snowboard Program. Also, another physical activity option is ice skating at Georgetti Rink in Rutland. The skiing and snowboarding program (first

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Principal for the Town Report 2014-2015 continued...

through sixth grades) and ice skating (kindergarten through 6th) will be done for six afternoons. The school encouraged all students to participate in this opportunity to learn a sport that can be enjoyed throughout life. To make sure that all students can participate, the Friends for Education are offering scholarships to any family that needs financial assistance. Staff will use the time when the students are at Pico or Georgetti for professional development on instructional practices. These Pico and Georgetti programs are a benefit to the students in giving them opportunities they might not otherwise be able to experience.

As I approach my fourth year at Middletown Springs Elementary School, I continue to feel a sense of pride in being part of the school and community. I look forward to having conversations with parents and community members during the next several weeks. If you have any questions concerning the budget, or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely submitted,
Rick Beal, Principal

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT NUMBERS FOR 2015-2016

Elementary Level

Pre-K	12
K	8
1st	7
2nd	9
3rd	9
4th	7
5th	12
6th	6
Total	70

Secondary Level

7th	10
8th	7
9th	13
10th	10
11th	8
12th	8
Total	56



Photo by Kim Carr

April 2014

Ted Scheu - That Poetry Guy visits MSES as part of a joint CLIF grant between town library and the school.

After the presentation, the children picked a book to keep from a wide selection on the tables in background.

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES
ONLY

District: **Middletown Springs**
County: **Rutland**

T125
Rutland Southwest

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	9,459	1.00
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	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
Expenditures					
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,936,623	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,380,731	1.
2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3. <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,936,623	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,380,731	4.
5. <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	\$48,053	6.
7. Total Budget	\$1,936,623	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	7.
8. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9. Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$48,053	9.
Revenues					
10. Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$304,559	\$300,722	\$388,921	\$324,491	10.
11. <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12. <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13. Offsetting revenues	\$304,559	\$300,722	\$388,921	\$324,491	13.
14. Education Spending	\$1,632,064	\$1,694,167	\$1,900,807	\$2,104,293	14.
15. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	111.60	112.20	118.75	121.67	15.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,624.23	\$15,099.53	\$16,006.80	\$17,295.09	
17. <i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-\$455.82	\$441.84	\$388.00	\$348.3	17.
18. <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	18.
19. <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	\$48,053	19.
20. <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21. <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22. <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23. <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24. <i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,841 -	threshold = \$15,456 -	threshold = \$16,166 -	threshold = \$17,103 -	25.
26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$14,624	\$15,100	\$16,007	\$17,295	26.
27. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$17,295 / \$9,459)	167.651% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	165.004% <small>based on \$9,151</small>	172.394% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	182.843% <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.
Prorating the local tax rate					
28. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (182.843% x \$1.000)	\$1.4921 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.5510 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.6895 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.8284 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29. Percent of Middletown Springs equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.83)	\$1.4921	\$1.5510	\$1.6895	\$1.8284	30.
31. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	91.20%	95.85%	101.43%	102.70%	31.
32. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (1.8284 / 102.70%)	\$1.6361 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.6182 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.6657 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.7803 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
33. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (182.843% x 1.94%)	3.02% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.97% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	3.34% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	3.55% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 3.55%)	3.02% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.97% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	3.34% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	3.55% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35. Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.	-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVENUE REPORT

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Total Revenue	\$1,994,889	\$2,107,811	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784
Total Expenditures	\$1,994,889	\$2,155,865	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784
Fund Balance	\$0	\$(48,053)	\$0	\$0

REVENUES

LOCAL REVENUE	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Prior Year Carryover	50,354	50,354	47,337	0
VT LEA Tuition	14,000	14,000	14,000	0
Interest Income	1,000	6,481	250	0
Building Rental	0	25	0	0
SU Assessment Refund	0	0	4,641	1,891
Miscellaneous Income	0	10,240	0	6,740
Tuition Fund Revenue	0	31,354	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE	\$65,354	\$112,453	\$66,227	\$8,631
STATE REVENUE				
Act 68 Res/Non-Res Ed. Ta	1,664,950	1,664,950	1,873,827	2,079,605
From State to Tech Center	29,217	29,217	26,981	24,688
Unenrolled Tech Center	0	2,627	0	0
Small Schools Grant	81,430	86,576	87,334	88,894
STATE REVENUE	\$1,775,597	\$1,783,370	\$1,988,142	\$2,193,187
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE				
Block Grant	38,951	38,951	42,858	46,943
Intensive	107,004	164,983	170,245	171,774
P/Y Intensive Adjustment	0	70	0	0
Extraordinary	0	0	15,075	0
Pre-School	7,984	7,984	7,181	8,249
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE	\$153,939	\$211,988	\$235,359	\$226,966
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,994,889	\$2,107,811	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784



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EXPENDITURE REPORT

FUND TRANSFERS	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Deficit	0	0	0	48,053
Fund Transfer - Food Service	10,449	22,430	26,805	31,018
FUND TRANSFERS	\$10,449	\$22,430	\$26,805	\$79,071
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED				
Teacher S Lantman	55,782	55,789	55,789	57,609
Teacher J Ray	44,161	44,161	44,161	48,014
Teacher M Coupe (.20)	0	5,437	0	0
Teacher J Rocque-Tiff	0	0	0	44,525
Teacher L Wilkins .40	34,096	31,354	34,096	25,620
Teacher J Chamberlain .50	24,510	24,510	24,511	26,516
Teacher S Brzezinski	42,048	36,878	42,048	0
Teacher R Bruttomesso	53,774	53,774	53,774	57,938
Teacher N Austin (.2)	6,233	0	0	0
IA Reg Ed C Mahoney .50	0	0	0	9,678
IA S Harrington	0	0	9,144	0
IA N Austin	19,820	0	0	0
IA T Cancio-Bello (.50)	9,302	0	0	0
Substitutes	0	14,201	0	0
Sports Coaches	1,400	700	1,400	0
Mentor Program	1,000	0	1,000	0
Odyssey Coaches	750	750	750	0
Sports Coordinator	500	500	500	0
Insurance Buyback	1,100	300	0	0
Group Health Insurance	70,185	76,704	83,520	86,215
Fica & Medi	22,528	18,855	20,439	20,647
Municipal Retirement	1,209	0	366	387
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	2,983	6,000	6,000
Dental/Eye Care	3,275	1,901	2,775	2,700
Sports Officials	0	200	0	0
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	8,500	10,541	12,000	12,000
Section 504 Services	1,000	163	3,000	3,000
Act 157 Consultants	7,000	0	0	0
Repair/Maint Services	5,000	4,721	5,000	5,000
Student Insurance	375	400	375	375
General Supplies	8,000	7,362	8,000	8,000
Supplies - Computer	3,500	199	3,500	3,500
Supplies - Living History	750	0	0	0
Books & Periodicals	6,500	2,428	6,500	6,500
Computer Software	0	301	0	0
Dues & Fees	2,000	1,253	2,000	2,000
Misc. Expenditures	8,702	877	11,044	0
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	\$449,001	\$397,244	\$431,692	\$426,223

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
ITN ART PROGRAM				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	9,851	9,223	10,122	10,470
Supplies	500	387	500	500
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$10,351	\$9,610	\$10,622	\$10,970
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	30,421	29,641	31,779	32,978
Supplies	500	273	500	500
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY	\$30,921	\$29,914	\$32,279	\$33,478
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	17,011	9,678	12,442	11,406
Supplies	500	476	500	500
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$17,511	\$10,154	\$12,942	\$11,906
GIFTED & TALENTED				
G&T Services	6,500	4,545	6,500	0
Supplies	300	0	300	2,000
Books & Periodicals	200	0	200	0
Dues & Fees	500	255	500	0
GIFTED & TALENTED	\$7,500	\$4,800	\$7,500	\$2,000
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES				
Summer School Teacher	3,500	4,718	3,500	3,500
Fica & Medi	268	361	268	268
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$3,768	\$5,078	\$3,768	\$3,768
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	8,645	10,740	8,895	11,149
Repairs & Maintenance	75	0	75	75
Supplies	30	624	30	500
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$8,750	\$11,364	\$9,000	\$11,724
ITN COUNSELOR				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	4,837	9,621	5,984	4,533
ITN COUNSELOR	\$4,837	\$9,621	\$5,984	\$4,533
ED MEDIA SERVICES				
Website Consultant	300	0	0	0
Repairs/Maint/Tech	3,450	1,416	1,500	1,500
Supplies	5,000	131	5,000	3,500
Computer Software	3,500	430	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	1,500	157	1,500	1,500
ED MEDIA SERVICES	\$13,750	\$2,134	\$9,500	\$8,000
LIBRARY SERVICES				
IA Library K Carr .38	7,434	9,502	8,086	8,366
Fica & Medi	569	727	619	640

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

LIBRARY SERVICES continued	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Supplies	150	50	150	150
Books & Periodicals	900	837	900	900
Dues & Fees	200	115	200	200
LIBRARY SERVICES	\$9,253	\$11,231	\$9,955	\$10,256
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Board Member	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Recording Clerk	720	660	720	720
Fica & Medi	223	204	223	223
Workman's Comp	4,776	5,050	5,079	4,649
Unemployment	367	395	367	307
Prof Svs - Consultant	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Audit	0	0	4,200	4,200
Legal Services	5,000	315	5,000	5,000
Advertising	200	463	400	400
Travel	0	0	0	0
Supplies	150	15	150	150
Dues & Fees	1,250	1,196	1,600	1,600
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$16,386	\$10,498	\$21,439	\$20,950
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE				
RSWSU Assessment	77,570	75,047	84,115	97,792
Assessment PY	0	322	0	0
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	\$77,570	\$75,369	\$84,115	\$97,792
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Principal R Beal	61,285	63,124	63,124	66,966
Admin Asst S Rosso	31,433	33,339	34,172	35,360
Substitute Secretary	300	0	3,500	3,500
Principal Extra Contract	0	0	0	5,021
Insurance Buyback	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Group Health Insurance	6,898	3,869	7,209	7,533
Fica & Medi	7,231	6,923	7,826	8,210
Life Insurance	1,632	1,568	1,632	1,632
Municipal Retirement	1,317	1,560	1,367	1,414
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
Dental/Eye Care	1,000	550	1,000	1,000
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	0	488	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0
Communications	3,500	4,590	3,500	3,500
Printing & Binding	200	117	200	200
Travel	400	207	400	400
Supplies	600	505	600	600
Books & Periodicals	200	124	200	200
Computer Software	900	1,359	900	900

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE continued	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Dues & Fees	1,550	1,644	2,000	2,000
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	\$122,946	\$121,469	\$132,128	\$142,938
FISCAL SERVICES				
Treasurer	900	900	900	900
Fica & Medi	69	69	69	69
Audit	4,200	4,200	0	0
Supplies	150	23	150	150
Dues & Fees	0	40	0	50
Interest	4,000	6,724	4,000	4,000
FISCAL SERVICES	\$9,319	\$11,955	\$5,119	\$5,169
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Custodian M LaBate	31,512	34,447	34,258	35,464
Sub Custodian	0	538	500	500
On call Stipend	0	3,000	1,500	1,500
Insurance Buyback	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fica & Medi	2,487	2,982	2,850	2,943
Municipal Retirement	1,300	1,538	1,430	1,519
Dental/Eye Care	500	0	500	500
Water Quality	1,750	1,825	1,750	1,750
Repair/Maint Services	75,000	67,516	58,345	45,000
Refuse Removal	3,000	3,368	3,000	3,000
Snow Plowing	2,500	2,930	2,500	2,500
Lawn Care Service	1,250	639	1,250	1,250
Lease	7,693	7,693	14,348	10,502
Insurance	6,398	5,316	6,398	6,861
Supplies	4,500	4,956	6,000	6,000
Electricity	14,000	14,922	14,000	14,000
Bottled Gas	3,300	3,083	3,300	3,300
Fuel Oil	17,000	26,575	17,000	17,000
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$173,191	\$182,328	\$169,930	\$154,588
TRANSPORTATION				
Field Trips	1,200	1,132	1,200	1,200
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,200	\$1,132	\$1,200	\$1,200
LONG TERM DEBT				
Interest	8,482	8,482	6,075	1,291
Water Loan Interest	451	451	431	431
Principal	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Water Loan Principal	642	642	661	661
LONG TERM DEBT	\$49,574	\$49,574	\$47,167	\$42,383

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
SECONDARY REGULAR ED				
Prof Svs - Section 504	8,244	8,755	8,755	0
In State Tuition	463,232	498,882	555,933	552,829
Prior Yr Excess Tuition	0	0	2,950	0
Tuition Out VT	21,075	26,168	26,953	14,165
Private School Tuition	102,679	169,840	161,459	254,962
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	\$595,230	\$703,645	\$756,050	\$821,956
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED				
Teacher L Pettis	39,618	39,618	0	0
IA M Coupe (.80)	0	12,206	23,601	0
IA S Harrington (.50)	0	8,893	0	0
IA K Cronin	0	0	0	21,088
IA SpEd C Mahoney .50	16,626	18,061	18,077	9,678
IA D McConville	0	0	0	29,413
IA SpEd L Hanson .30	0	0	0	8,338
IA SpEd K Carr .20	0	0	0	0
Substitutes	500	8,173	500	500
Insurance Buyback	0	870	1,000	0
Group Health Insurance	24,066	29,527	7,209	18,833
Fica & Medi	4,303	6,391	3,303	5,280
Municipal Retirement	665	2,071	1,667	2,741
Workman's Comp	349	341	349	366
Unemployment	45	44	45	38
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	1,555	0	0
Dental/Eye Care	1,000	567	1,000	1,500
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	4,000	3,281	4,000	4,000
Sped SU	0	0	63,868	66,369
Supplies	500	0	500	500
Books & Periodicals	300	57	300	300
Computer Software	200	0	200	200
Dues & Fees	500	190	500	500
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	\$94,172	\$131,846	\$126,120	\$169,643
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED				
Instructional Asst	1,920	1,121	1,350	2,415
Fica & Medi	147	86	103	185
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED	\$2,067	\$1,207	\$1,453	\$2,600
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	8,500	3,219	21,030	17,548
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$8,500	\$3,219	\$21,030	\$17,548
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES				
Speech Language Services	25,511	16,661	16,200	29,884
Supplies	300	0	300	300
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES	\$25,811	\$16,661	\$16,500	\$30,184

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
OT & PT SERVICES				
OT Services	9,884	10,112	10,235	12,996
PT Services	4,825	7,169	10,009	5,734
OT & PT SERVICES	\$14,709	\$17,281	\$20,244	\$18,730
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
Assessment	18,595	18,800	17,754	20,145
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$18,595	\$18,800	\$17,754	\$20,145
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED				
Travel	0	2,812	0	0
Excess Costs	84,452	173,458	184,899	133,952
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	\$84,452	\$176,270	\$184,899	\$133,952
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	6,000	3,375	1,500	9,000
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$6,000	\$3,375	\$1,500	\$9,000
EARLY EDUCATION				
Teacher J Chamberlain .50	24,510	24,511	24,511	26,516
IA S Harrington (.50)	0	8,861	9,144	0
IA Pre-K L Hanson .40	0	2,839	0	3,335
IA T Cancio-Bello (.50)	9,302	0	0	0
IA Pre-K K Carr .10	0	0	0	6,835
Group Health Insurance	8,584	8,296	12,574	9,374
Fica & Medi	2,587	2,593	2,575	2,806
Municipal Retirement	372	0	366	0
Dental/Eye Care	500	250	500	250
Supplies	450	288	450	450
Books & Periodicals	100	98	100	100
EARLY EDUCATION	\$46,405	\$47,736	\$50,219	\$49,666
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
Psych Services	2,000	1,144	0	4,500
Speech Services	5,102	0	2,700	5,767
OT Services	1,412	0	0	4,650
PT Services	1,608	0	0	3,167
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$10,123	\$1,144	\$2,700	\$18,084
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM				
Act 68 Voc Tuition Grant	29,217	29,217	26,511	24,688
Act 68 Tuition	16,420	16,400	16,692	14,975
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$45,637	\$45,617	\$43,203	\$39,663
CO-CURRICULAR				
Sports Coaches	0	0	0	1,400
Odyssey Coaches	0	0	0	750
Sports Coordinator	0	0	0	500

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
CO-CURRICULAR continued...				
Fica & Medi	0	0	0	203
Professional Services	0	0	0	300
Supplies	0	0	0	300
Wellness	0	0	0	300
CO-CURRICULAR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,753
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM				
Homework Club	25,000	21,540	25,000	25,000
Fica & Medi	1,913	1,616	1,913	1,913
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	\$26,913	\$23,156	\$26,913	\$26,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,994,889	\$2,155,865	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784



MSES Students choosing a book to keep at CLIF school visit. CLIF grant written by the library. Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson.

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend

OR

**The Superintendent of Schools
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
168 York Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5286**

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Poultney School District:

Kristen Caliguiri, Principal PES, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212

Jim Frail, Principal PHS, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861

Middletown Springs School District:

Rick Beal, Principal, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 235-2365

Wells School District:

Linda O'Leary, Principal, Rt 30, Wells, VT Tel: 645-0386

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, VT 05764, Tel: 802-287-5286.

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

Report of the Superintendent

Recent legislation continues to place additional mandated requirements on our school districts and supervisory unions. Transportation has been centralized for this year and all special education teachers will become supervisory union employees in fiscal year FY16. Proficiency based learning where students must show mastery of specified graduation requirements will be the requirement for current seventh graders. Dual enrollment which allows high school students to earn both high school graduation credits at the same time as college credit has been in place now for several years but will soon become the financial responsibility of the school districts rather than the state. Vermont's share of teacher retirement costs for teachers who are not yet vested will also shift to the local school districts in the next school year.

Assessing student achievement is done through a variety of measures. Many of the assessments are given so that teachers and administrators can track student progress over time. Many of our students will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) which measures students at the state level. Traditionally Vermont students rank in the top five states in reading and mathematics at the fourth and eighth grade levels. The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) will be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) in Spring 2015. This testing measures students' application of knowledge and is taken digitally. This has required that we have technology equipment and broad band capacity in place to allow our student to take the online assessments. Some of our schools have gone to 1:1 computing which allows this to happen and gives students expanded learning opportunities by using technology as a tool for learning. Chromebooks have been purchased for many of our students at some schools, and the smaller Netbooks have been moved to a classroom of younger students.

Despite new requirements which add costs to our budgets, the Boards have worked diligently together to use cost savings measures whenever possible. Several positions have been reduced and efficiencies have been utilized whenever possible. Boards continue to meet with area legislators in an effort to keep communications open so that there is common understanding about areas of interest and concern.

Teachers and administrators continue to refine their practices through continued learning opportunities. Teams have been chosen to participate in Vermont Agency of Education pilots and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. The newly developed English Language Arts Curriculum is being implemented, while math and project based learning is being researched and planned.

Congratulations to Janet Chandler, Poultney High School Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair, and Sherry Lantman, Middletown Springs Elementary School Grade 1 and Grade K Teacher for being selected as University of Vermont Teacher of the Year from the RSWSU this year. Our dedicated faculty, staff and administrators are devoted to helping our students achieve the expected outcomes.

We welcomed new RSWSU faculty and staff this year - Tammy Rescott, Director of Student Support Services; Kathy Buck, Assistant Director of Student Support Services; Regina Murphy, School Counselor MSES & WVS, Greg Styles, RSWSU Technology Integration Specialist and Technology Coordinator and PHS Principal Jim Frail among several other faculty and staff at the school levels.

I invite you to share your thoughts with us about our schools. We welcome hearing how you think we are doing with regard to students being prepared for college or the job market. It is also important for us to know what you think we could do better or differently. We generally have some questions at budget time. We would appreciate your input and welcome your questions.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the pleasure to serve your communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Paustian, Ed.D

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Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (RSWSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and the Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations, which ensures that all students with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2014 our Child Count for special education recognized 142 eligible students in a multitude of disability categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

RSWSU provides special education services from Early Essential Education (EEE) serving identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22.

Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as Speech and/or Language instruction, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling. Any one or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special day program may be required. Also, on occasion, a student may require a residential treatment facility to meet their needs.

To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do it in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, I would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professional and dedicated to meeting the student's needs. They take their responsibilities with the students very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at RSWSU.

Sincerely,
Tammy Rescott, Director of Student Support Services
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

Summer Fun at the Library

Building Robots at Summer Story Hour with
Heather Heitkamp (seated)

Leif Larson, Kiara Larson, Keaton Tarbell show
off their projects.



Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest Income CB Checking	\$0.00	\$19.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$0
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT				
Ira	\$41,113.82	\$37,393.50	\$32,862.55	\$36,147.49
Middletown Springs	\$77,570.32	\$75,047.34	\$84,115.03	\$97,792.14
Poultney	\$278,697.77	\$253,493.75	\$270,561.81	\$296,966.06
Tinmouth	\$59,446.54	\$58,560.55	\$60,998.18	\$0.00
Wells	\$91,697.30	\$87,899.53	\$99,804.16	\$101,009.27
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$548,526	\$512,395	\$548,342	\$531,915
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$1,248.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. - Fingerprinting	\$0.00	\$823.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$2,072	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$548,526	\$514,486	\$548,342	\$531,915
	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT				
Curriculum K Marcoux.50	\$14,000.00	\$6,500.10	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Group Health Insurance	\$3,683.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fica & Medi	\$1,071.00	\$148.86	\$765.00	\$0.00
Municipal Retirement	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prof Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Supplies	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Dues & Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,500.00
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$20,200	\$6,649	\$15,865	\$2,100
TECHNOLOGY				
Technology G Styles .40	\$47,277.00	\$15,394.00	\$0.00	\$26,265.00
Tech Gary Ackerman	\$0.00	\$20,400.09	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Insurance Buyback	\$1,500.00	\$995.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,960.50
Fica & Medi	\$3,731.44	\$2,776.31	\$2,352.38	\$2,009.27
Municipal Retirement	\$1,951.08	\$635.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$425.00	\$380.00	\$242.50	\$194.00
Professional Services	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Communication	\$200.00	\$179.40	\$200.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$2,000.00	\$548.39	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00
Supplies-Tech Related	\$3,000.00	\$1,592.12	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	\$1,000.00	\$2,427.10	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$62,585	\$45,328	\$46,045	\$40,779

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CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
ADMINISTRATION				
Admin Asst J Dente	\$33,404.80	\$35,256.00	\$35,256.00	\$39,388.02
Board Secretary	\$1,000.00	\$833.30	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Group Health Insurance	\$13,739.83	\$13,258.56	\$13,855.66	\$14,548.38
Fica & Medi	\$2,631.97	\$2,622.46	\$2,773.58	\$3,089.68
Municipal Retirement	\$1,376.19	\$1,463.44	\$1,450.24	\$1,615.52
Dental/Eye Care	\$425.00	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$485.00
Professional Services	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Fees	\$6,000.00	\$12,314.90	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Legal Fees - Special Ed	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Repair/Maint Services	\$4,000.00	\$3,269.06	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$2,414.32	\$2,750.00	\$2,414.32	\$2,500.00
Communications	\$8,000.00	\$7,807.49	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Advertising	\$2,750.00	\$1,982.08	\$2,750.00	\$2,500.00
Travel	\$350.00	\$845.74	\$700.00	\$700.00
Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$4,735.12	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$300.00	\$340.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$86,392	\$88,098	\$89,035	\$93,677
SUPERINTENDENT				
Superintendent J Paustian	\$107,161.00	\$109,304.26	\$109,304.00	\$115,960.49
Group Health Insurance	\$13,739.83	\$13,258.56	\$13,855.66	\$14,548.44
Fica & Medi	\$8,197.82	\$8,319.59	\$8,361.76	\$8,870.98
Life Insurance	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$425.00	\$423.00	\$485.00	\$485.00
Travel	\$2,250.00	\$1,246.37	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Supplies	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$4,850.00	\$5,006.00	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00
SUPERINTENDENT	\$138,239	\$138,798	\$140,721	\$148,580
FISCAL SERVICES				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	\$28,431.00	\$30,106.35	\$29,991.00	\$33,501.78
RSWSU Treasurer	\$1,772.00	\$1,807.44	\$1,807.00	\$1,916.83
Business Mgr L Milazzo	\$68,508.00	\$69,888.09	\$69,878.00	\$75,190.00
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	\$25,760.80	\$28,265.69	\$28,197.00	\$31,595.04
Group Health Insurance	\$32,400.35	\$31,263.96	\$32,669.84	\$34,303.50
Fica & Medi	\$9,522.09	\$9,417.14	\$12,434.53	\$10,878.59
Municipal Retirement	\$4,978.87	\$5,169.88	\$5,122.64	\$5,688.15
Workman's Comp	\$4,056.14	\$5,151.29	\$4,695.77	\$3,344.41
Unemployment	\$4,490.80	\$3,102.00	\$4,490.80	\$1,209.22
Dental/Eye Care	\$1,275.00	\$1,384.03	\$1,455.00	\$1,455.00
Professional Services	\$1,000.00	\$696.50	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Prof Svs - Finger Print	\$0.00	\$657.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Audit	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	\$2,000.00	\$1,832.16	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
FISCAL SERVICES continued				
Travel	\$2,250.00	\$1,671.95	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.61	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$1,500.00	\$631.24	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00
Misc. Expenditures	\$13,296.50	\$0.00	\$16,414.48	\$0.00
FISCAL SERVICES	\$209,342	\$198,895	\$224,006	\$213,183
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Prof Services - Cleaning	\$1,500.00	\$1,322.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Prof Service - Shoveling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Rent	\$30,019.35	\$30,019.44	\$30,919.57	\$31,847.16
Supplies	\$250.00	\$105.87	\$250.00	\$250.00
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$31,769.35	\$31,447.81	\$32,669.57	\$33,597.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$548,526	\$509,216	\$548,342	\$531,915

* .5 FTE Director Educational Advancement and .5 FTE Curriculum Coordinator are funded through Federal Title Grant and are not showing in the local budget.

ITN BUDGET

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
Middletown Springs	\$70,763.87	\$68,902.19	\$76,752.38	\$76,083.65
Tinmouth	\$57,565.04	\$59,298.79	\$57,683.29	\$52,172.26
Wells	\$41,557.43	\$37,156.37	\$37,685.61	\$66,588.44
ITN ASSESSMENTS	\$169,886	\$165,357	\$172,121	\$194,844
TOTAL REVENUE	\$169,886	\$165,357	\$172,121	\$194,844
ITN ART PROGRAM				
ITN Art T MacDonald .55	\$22,084.13	\$22,084.00	\$22,084.13	\$23,576.99
Insurance Buyback	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$825.00
Fica & Medi	\$1,689.44	\$1,752.60	\$2,402.44	\$1,866.75
Tuition Reimbursement	\$907.50	\$0.00	\$907.50	\$907.50
Dental/Eye Care	\$233.75	\$0.00	\$266.75	\$266.75
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	\$500.00	\$325.35	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues & Fees	\$350.00	\$381.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$27,090	\$25,368	\$27,836	\$28,793
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Teacher T Tinsley .80	\$42,947.81	\$42,947.06	\$44,044.00	\$47,021.59
Group Health Insurance	\$10,991.86	\$10,606.77	\$11,084.32	\$11,638.70
Fica & Medi	\$3,285.51	\$2,872.01	\$4,791.37	\$3,597.15
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00

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	<u>ITN BUDGET</u>			
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION continued...	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Dental/Eye Care	\$388.00	\$372.00	\$388.00	\$388.00
TSA Match	\$858.96	\$858.94	\$880.88	\$940.43
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	\$500.00	\$542.25	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$198.21	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues & Fees	\$350.00	\$495.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$60,842	\$58,892	\$63,559	\$65,956
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
ITN Music M Barron .55	\$34,400.14	\$25,357.80	\$25,357.00	\$27,071.26
Group Health Insurance	\$7,556.90	\$(1,255.55)	\$3,876.69	\$0.00
Fica & Medi	\$2,631.61	\$1,939.86	\$2,758.81	\$2,070.95
Tuition Reimbursement	\$907.50	\$0.00	\$907.50	\$907.50
Dental/Eye Care	\$233.75	\$0.00	\$266.75	\$266.75
Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	\$500.00	\$108.45	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues & Fees	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$46,780	\$26,151	\$34,217	\$31,366
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse A Arlen .60	\$20,739.62	\$24,072.95	\$20,736.00	\$28,025.70
Insurance Buyback	\$879.00	\$439.50	\$879.00	\$900.00
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$4,570.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fica & Medi	\$1,653.82	\$1,875.12	\$2,323.55	\$2,212.82
Tuition Reimbursement	\$966.90	\$0.00	\$966.90	\$966.90
Dental/Eye Care	\$249.05	\$0.00	\$284.00	\$291.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Communications	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$125.00	\$343.38	\$300.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dues & Fees	\$350.00	\$165.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$25,501	\$31,466	\$26,239	\$33,446
ITN COUNSELOR				
ITN Counselor R Murphy.70	\$8,985.69	\$12,197.05	\$17,800.00	\$27,647.77
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,180.28
Fica & Medi	\$687.41	\$933.19	\$2,470.70	\$2,115.05
Dental/Eye Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$339.50
ITN COUNSELOR	\$9,673	\$13,130	\$20,271	\$35,283
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$169,886	\$155,007	\$172,121	\$194,844

Town of Middletown Springs
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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
Ira	\$4,427.38	\$4,476.25	\$4,227.03	\$2,417.44
Middletown Springs	\$18,594.98	\$18,800.43	\$17,753.52	\$20,145.31
Poultney	\$56,670.42	\$57,296.70	\$63,405.44	\$64,464.98
Tinmouth	\$6,198.33	\$6,267.21	\$8,454.06	\$0.00
Wells	\$27,449.73	\$27,752.85	\$26,207.58	\$28,203.43
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$113,341	\$114,593	\$120,048	\$115,231
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK				
Special Ed Billbacks	\$0.00	\$16,526.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Middletown Springs	\$48,342.21	\$33,941.69	\$103,010.95	\$123,948.84
Poultney	\$152,662.11	\$215,323.94	\$576,178.98	\$644,076.02
Tinmouth	\$25,583.05	\$20,238.24	\$67,414.92	\$0.00
Wells	\$69,885.86	\$78,732.76	\$153,613.58	\$164,471.11
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK	\$296,473	\$364,763	\$900,218	\$932,496
TOTAL REVENUES	\$409,814	\$479,356	\$1,020,266	\$1,047,727
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
SpEd Director T Rescott .75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,392.50
SpEd Director P Eaton	\$53,550.00	\$54,856.12	\$54,621.00	\$0.00
Teacher K Hansen	\$0.00	\$1,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admin Asst M Muratorri	\$25,350.00	\$26,618.80	\$26,619.00	\$29,645.46
Insurance Buyback	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.02	\$1,500.00	\$2,625.00
Group Health Insurance	\$13,212.09	\$13,330.35	\$15,233.10	\$7,400.40
Fica & Medi	\$6,035.85	\$6,156.26	\$6,329.61	\$6,782.72
Municipal Retirement	\$1,014.00	\$1,124.76	\$1,124.76	\$1,245.82
Workman's Comp	\$1,580.02	\$1,253.72	\$1,580.02	\$1,467.75
Unemployment	\$1,755.12	\$2,494.00	\$1,755.12	\$472.77
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,300.00	\$2,760.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,000.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$743.75	\$536.00	\$848.75	\$848.75
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$523.07	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Communications	\$1,300.00	\$1,684.97	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Advertising	\$750.00	\$114.50	\$750.00	\$750.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$582.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$148.33	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Misc. Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,786.26	\$0.00
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$113,341	\$114,903	\$120,048	\$115,231
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED				
Tinmouth Teacher	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,571.00	\$0.00
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,383.32	\$0.00
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,543.56	\$0.00
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Dental & Eye	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED	\$0	\$0	\$51,498	\$0

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
WELLS SPECIAL ED				
Wells Teacher	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,157.00	\$53,317.26
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,854.61	\$14,548.80
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,565.63	\$4,078.77
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Dental & Eye	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
WELLS SPECIAL ED	\$0	\$0	\$72,627	\$73,995
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED				
Middletown Teacher	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,618.00	\$42,296.37
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,939.52	\$18,837.00
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,310.24	\$3,235.67
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Dental & Eye	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED	\$0	\$0	\$63,868	\$66,369
PES SPECIAL ED				
PES Teacher Dunleavy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,654.00	\$40,580.00
PES Teacher - Lloyd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,010.00	\$40,580.00
Teacher S Kinney .40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,148.80	\$25,780.53
PES Teacher - Pease	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,656.00
Insurance Buyback	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,975.83	\$23,232.30
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,170.93	\$11,788.38
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$5,100.00
Dental & Eye	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,212.50	\$1,649.00
TSA Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$515.61
PES SPECIAL ED	\$0	\$0	\$143,422	\$196,382
PHS SPECIAL ED				
PHS Teacher - Chase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,748.00	\$40,445.00
PHS Teacher - Kerber	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,884.00	\$41,838.00
PHS Teacher - Colutti	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,629.00	\$44,354.00
PHS Teacher - Burch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,723.00	\$44,443.00
Insurance Buyback	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,554.00	\$1,500.00
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,951.66	\$41,451.90
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,491.66	\$13,202.37
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Dental & Eye	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,940.00	\$1,940.00
PHS SPECIAL ED	\$0	\$0	\$214,921	\$235,174
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
ITN Counselor	\$0.00	\$8,605.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fica & Medi	\$0.00	\$658.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$0	\$9,264	\$0	\$0

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
SPEECH SERVICES				
Speech Services H Weeden	\$81,000.00	\$82,890.00	\$81,000.00	\$85,932.90
Speech Services K Stedman	\$85,312.50	\$77,563.35	\$85,312.50	\$90,508.16
Speech Services K Riley	\$0.00	\$42,923.10	\$33,095.15	\$32,120.50
Group Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$11,265.78	\$10,215.03	\$4,796.93
Fica & Medi	\$12,722.91	\$15,419.58	\$21,236.91	\$15,954.96
Dental/Eye	\$0.00	\$468.35	\$266.75	\$242.50
Misc. Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.81	\$0.00
SPEECH SERVICES	\$179,035	\$230,530	\$232,195	\$229,556
OT SERVICES				
OT Services B Tyler	\$49,000.00	\$39,708.47	\$49,980.00	\$53,019.25
Substitute	\$0.00	\$7,507.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Health Insurance	\$14,052.10	\$13,148.10	\$13,854.61	\$19,501.65
Fica & Medi	\$3,748.50	\$3,233.82	\$5,322.87	\$4,055.97
Municipal Retirement	\$1,960.00	\$1,646.64	\$1,999.20	\$2,120.77
Dental/Eyecare	\$425.00	\$372.00	\$485.00	\$485.00
OT SERVICES	\$69,186	\$65,617	\$71,642	\$79,183
PT SERVICES				
PT M Duffy .80	\$35,437.50	\$48,286.41	\$36,146.00	\$38,349.99
Group Health Benefits	\$8,431.26	\$10,606.77	\$8,312.98	\$8,728.65
Fica & Medi	\$2,710.97	\$3,196.00	\$3,849.55	\$2,933.77
Retirement	\$1,417.50	\$1,927.86	\$1,445.84	\$1,534.00
Dental/Eyecare	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$291.00	\$291.00
PT SERVICES	\$48,252	\$64,017	\$50,045	\$51,837
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$409,814	\$484,331	\$1,020,266	\$1,047,727

* The Assistant Special Ed Director, Special Ed Team Leader and 25% of the Special Ed Director are funded through Federal IDEA-B Grant and are not showing in the local budget



Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

Summer Fun at the Library

Blowing up Volcanoes at the Library

Jaxson Decelle, Eliot Smid,
Cadish Smid, Kiara Larson

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns cooperatively work to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

Thank you to all citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Remember the **4 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and REFUSE.**

Your town was represented by Mike Lamson.

Pamela Clapp, Administrator

www.rutlandcountyswac.org - Telephone: (802) 342-5701 - Email: info@rutlandcountyswac.org

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Since our state has an aging population, many of them are experiencing age-related vision loss. Visual impairments can make performing daily tasks, staying mobile, and enjoying leisure activities very difficult. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter those facing similar challenges, thus creating feelings of isolation and depression. We counter this trend by providing the tools, services, and support necessary to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be independent, confident, and productive.

During Fiscal Year 2014 VABVI served 1,409 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 130 adult clients and 22 students from Rutland County.

VABVI has offices in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or general@vabvi.org. Learn more about us at www.vabvi.org or "like" us at www.facebook.com/vabvi.org for updates.

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Middletown Springs who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 54 individuals in the Town of Middletown Springs. In addition, our Economic & Workforce Development Program worked with 3 residents interested in starting or expanding a small business. BROC also created partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with economic instability and continuing rise in prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference. 802-775-0878

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 935 volunteers. From April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 158,796 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,425,230.

Currently, there are Bone Builders classes offered in Middletown Springs FREE of charge to area residents. 802-775-8220

Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter

The Women's Network and Shelter provides safety and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence. It provides shelter, counseling, support groups, relocation assistance and a 24 hour crises line.

Business: (802) 775-6788; Crisis (802) 775-3232.

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

In Middletown Springs two households had energy audits, and three completed energy improvements through NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad. Two families requested help with health and safety repairs to their homes. Four families received budget and credit coaching as they prepared to purchase a home of their own.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Rutland Mental Health Services

Rutland Mental Health Services is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. Services provided to town residents include individual counseling for children, adults and families with substance abuse treatment, and emergency/crisis services.

During fiscal year 2014, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,331 hours of services to 22 Middletown Spring's residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support. (802) 775-2381

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. We continue to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence or complexity of health issues.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 92,168 visits to 2373 patients. In the town of Middletown Springs, we provided 656 visits to 26 individuals. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services. 802-775-0568

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Mission is to develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs while remaining consistent with our federal and state requirements.

In 2014 in Middletown Springs the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- Assisted the town to successfully apply and receive a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont for \$6,000 to begin work on a town-wide economic development initiative.
 - Provided Brownfields Reuse Program assistance to the Building Committee at the former Parker's Service Station property.
 - Assisted town update and submit the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
 - Applied for Municipal Planning Grant for the Solid Waste Alliance Communities.
 - Provided Act 250 project review and comments to the District Commission.
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Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency! The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

Mark your calendars for the next **Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years!** Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

ARC Rutland Area

ARC Rutland Area advocates for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. In 2014 there were a total 826 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. (802) 775-5915.

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to the goal of helping citizens make their communities more humane. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs and events that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animals neglect and abuse. The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,250 animals in 2014

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding and donations or special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Middletown Springs.

In 2014, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 17 animals from Middletown Springs and received 2 complaints of animal cruelty.

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs for landowners and the general public that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. We have been providing environmental education and outreach for over 70 years and currently have office space at Green Mountain College and the Stonebridge in Poultney, VT.

Programs include:

- Environmental Education Opportunities
- Stormwater Management
- Agricultural Programs
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery
- EZ Lawn Hydroseeder
- LEAP (Lake Education Action Program)

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain. (802) 287-8339

Rutland Region Transportation Council

The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning, the development of regional transportation planning and priorities for the Region, assistance on transportation projects, coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to: Susan Schreiber, Assistant Director (775-0871 ext. 204) or Richard Baker, Chair (247-6366) or check the website: <http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php>.

Rutland County Parent-Child Center

Rutland County Parent-Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of child care for families ineligible for subsidy. In 2014 the RCPCC provided service to 4 members of the Middletown Springs Community. (802) 775-9711.

**Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS**

Poultney Community League

The Poultney Community League express their appreciation to the Town of Middletown Springs in support of our efforts to keep our softball, baseball and tee-ball programs running each spring and summer. We attribute much of the success of the league to the participation of families and the generous contributions from participating towns.

We are in hopes that the commitment and interest increases as we move into another season. Your consideration of a contribution would be once again highly appreciated.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. During the 16 years of the program, 968 grants totaling \$2 million have been provided to 213 Vermont towns for installation of new dry hydrants and other fire protection systems. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities. (802) 828-4582.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

VCIL is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. During FY '14, two residents of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs: Home Access Program and Information Referral and Assistance. (800) 639-1522.

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging helps individuals 60 years and older to meet the challenges of aging. It provides meal support, case management, information and assistance, and other social support. In 2014 in Middletown Springs the Council helped provide 610 meals to the homes of 3 elders and SVCOA case management staff helped 8 elders with assessments and addressing needs. (800) 642-5119 is our Senior Help Line.

Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.

The Regional Ambulance Service provides necessary medical service. "Medic One" or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances meets incoming patients who require advanced support when need and requested.

The Middletown First Response is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely with your personnel. Business: (802) 773-1746.

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley

The American Red Cross is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year serving individuals, families and communities with disaster response services. In fiscal year 2014, the Red Cross provided vital services to the community, responding to 206 emergencies, assisting 163 military and their families, training 1200 volunteers, collecting 45,000 pints of local blood, and providing free babysitter training to over 250 youth. Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

Vermont Department of Health Report for Rutland County

Your Health Department district office is in Rutland at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. (802) 786-5811

Town of Middletown Springs TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

Article 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 last once every five years and to raise \$5,000 to be placed in said restricted fund?

The auditors are looking at the financial records, but we are not auditors. We should be planning for an outside audit.

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

Article 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 counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?

Article 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?

Article 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 bond building classes?

Article 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

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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 & New Hampshire Upper Valley determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency services?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Town of Middletown Springs TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

A new manager has been hired and they are working with the 5th & 6th Grade students.

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 32: To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting?

Meeting recessed at 10:15 until March 4, 2014.

Attest: *Laura Castle*, Town Clerk



Participants line up in anticipation of the starting gun. Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

**Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS**

March 4, 2014

Article 2	Yes – 282	No – 21	Blank – 9	
Article 3	Yes – 214	No – 92	Blank – 6	
Article 4	Yes – 200	No – 111	Blank – 1	
Article 5	Yes – 166	No – 143	Blank – 2	Spoiled – 1
Article 6	Yes – 280	No – 29	Blank – 3	
Article 7	Yes – 134	No – 170	Blank – 8	
Article 8	Yes – 141	No – 159	Blank – 12	
Article 9	Yes – 145	No – 163	Blank – 4	
Article 10	Yes – 170	No – 137	Blank – 5	
Article 11	Yes – 219	No – 85	Blank – 8	
Article 12	Yes – 153	No – 148	Blank – 11	
Article 13	Yes – 223	No – 82	Blank – 7	
Article 14	Yes – 189	No – 114	Blank – 9	
Article 15	Yes – 178	No – 126	Blank – 8	
Article 16	Yes – 204	No – 100	Blank – 8	
Article 17	Yes – 192	No – 111	Blank – 9	
Article 18	Yes – 207	No – 97	Blank – 8	
Article 19	Yes – 188	No – 111	Blank – 13	
Article 20	Yes – 197	No – 104	Blank – 11	
Article 21	Yes – 206	No – 97	Blank – 9	
Article 22	Yes – 205	No – 98	Blank – 9	
Article 23	Yes – 195	No – 108	Blank – 9	
Article 24	Yes – 246	No – 62	Blank – 4	
Article 25	Yes – 229	No – 77	Blank – 6	
Article 26	Yes – 161	No – 140	Blank – 11	
Article 27	Yes – 165	No – 137	Blank – 10	
Article 28	Yes – 166	No – 134	Blank – 12	
Article 29	Yes – 273	No – 36	Blank – 3	
Article 30	Yes – 243	No – 65	Blank – 4	
Article 31	Yes – 188	No – 112	Blank – 20	Spoiled – 1



Photo by Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson

2014 Memorial Day Parade

Middletown Springs Girls Scout Troop #30289
L-R: Julia Worland, Rachel Clark,
Meara Morgan, and Annabelle Mahar
Troop Leader Kathy Clark in back.

**Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2014 TOWN MEETING**

Moderator – 1 Year	Write-In – 102	Blank – 210	
Town Agent – 1 Year	Write-In – 12	Blank – 300	
Town Constable – 1 Year	Write-In – 41	Blank – 270	
Tax Collector:			
Laura Ann Castle – 294	Write-In – 3	Blank – 15	
Auditor – 1 Year			
James Georg – 247		Blank – 65	
Selectmen – 3 Years			
Herb Childress – 146			
Jim Webber – 131		Blank – 33	Spoiled – 2
Selectmen – 2 Years			
Shirley Moyer – 236	Write-In – 52	Blank – 24	
Selectman – 1 Year			
Terry A. Redfield – 265	Write-In – 5	Blank – 42	
Lister – 3 Year:			
Randy Kniffin – 270	Write-In – 6	Blank – 35	Spoiled – 1
Town Grand Juror – 1 Year			
David Munyak – 260	Write-In – 2	Blank – 50	
Library Trustee – 3 Years			
Lois Dansereau – 266	Write-In – 1	Blank – 45	
Library Trustee – 3 Years			
Patricia McWilliams – 281	Write-In – 1	Blank – 29	Spoiled – 1
Trustee Copeland Church Fund – 1 Year			
Daniel McKeen – 280	Write-In – 1	Blank – 30	Spoiled – 1
Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund – 1 Year			
	Write-In – 22	Blank – 67	Spoiled – 1
Trustee Louis Fund and Other Public Monies – 3 Years			
	Write-In – 54	Blank – 258	
Planning Commission – 4 Years			
	Write-In – 19	Blank – 293	
Planning Commission – 3 Years (Unexpired 4 Year Term)			
	Write-In – 14	Blank – 298	
Planning Commission – 2 Years (Unexpired 4 Year Term)			
Maureen McCormick – 253	Write-In – 1	Blank - 58	

Town of Middletown Springs
SCHOOL PRE-TOWN MEETING

MONDAY EVENING – MARCH 3, 2014

School Directors: *Clarence Haynes, Clerk* *Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair*
 Christopher Smid, *Sarah Haley*

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M The warning was read. The newly revised Roberts Rules 10th edition will apply unless superseded by state law. No objection. Mr.Beal, Mr. Milazzo and Joan Paustian

Article 1: To elect school district officers as provided by law.
The Moderator read the positions that are open this 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?
Once we change the year on the school district clerk to 3 years that will coincide with the Town Treasurer.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs 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 2014-12015 fiscal year?
Mr. Beal explained the Mission for the school which is to develop a successful learner and well rounded responsible citizen in a mutual environment. The Kindergarten created a rich environment and great skills. The Pre-K developed special skills in Art and what fractions mean. We have had work done on the asphalt and slate roof, upgraded the water system and driveway paving.

Louis Milazzo explained the budget breakdown, with a 10% increase over last year. We have a increase in Education Spending so the total expenses are 129% due to increase. Tinmouth switching to SU was approved. The amount in the budget will stay the same as we still have a lot we are not sure about. Mill River tuition will increase, Long Trail is not asking for an increase. We have no projection on students moving in, so it is hard to say what the projection for next year will be.

Article 4: To transact any other lawful business.
No questions asked

The meeting recessed at 8:40 PM until March 4, 2014

Attest: *Laura Castle, Town Clerk*

RESULTS OF SCHOOL BALLOT

Article 2	Yes – 204	No – 91	Blank – 17	
Article 3	Yes – 152	No – 157	Blank – 3	
School Moderator – 1 Year				
Clarence Haynes – 223		Write-In – 48	Blank – 38	Spoiled – 3
School District Clerk – 1 Year				
		Write-In – 30	Blank – 282	
School District Treasurer – 1 Year				
Jennifer Talke Munityak – 264		Write-In – 5	Blank – 42	Spoiled – 1
School Director – 3 Years				
Sarah Haley – 273		Write-In – 11	Blank - 28	
School Director – 2 Years				
Meredith Morgan – 270		Write-in - 1	Blank – 41	

Town of Middletown Springs
2014 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Special School District Meeting - April 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Clarence Haynes, Chairman School Board reading the Warning.

The Board Chairman and Superintendent explained the school budget of \$2,289,728.34 which is the amount that the School Directors are asking for to operate the school in 2014-2015.

No questions asked.

Meeting was recessed at 7:45 PM until 7:00 AM April 10, 2014 at which time voting by Australian Ballot will be at the Middletown Springs Fire Hall.

Attest:

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

Results

Yes – 122

No - 94

Special Election September 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Chairman of the Selectboard. Carl Haynes read the Warning.

The previous request was for \$50,000.00 which included a new heating system as well as the roof. At the present time the roof is more important.

Mark McManus showed pictures of the roof as to how rusty the roof is and you can see several holes. They have worked on the roof, replacing the ridge cap and painting. Several lights have been damaged. The Fire Department is not able to apply for a loan since the town owns the land the Fire Department owns the building.

Peter Stevenson has looked at this project and has helped with the pricing. He figures the cost would be \$25,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for interest.

The roof will be replaced with the same type of material but they are fastened with screws and not nails. We looked at a standing seam roof, but it is a lot heavier and the cost is more.

The Town will be taking out a short-term loan, which will be in the 2015-2016 budget.

Meeting recessed at 8:15 P.M. until Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 10 AM.

Attest:

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

Results of Election

Article 1:

Yes – 61

No – 83

Blank – 0

Spoiled - 0

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING

Town Meeting—March 2-3, 2015

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 2, 2015, 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 3, 2015. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 3, 2015 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 3, 2015, 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 \$257,228 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$190,800 to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
4. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$363,917 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$294,917 to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
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 Town of Middletown Springs vote to establish a contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department in order to provide law enforcement services, animal control, and safety to the town of Middletown Springs for 520 hours in Fiscal Year 2016 effective July 1, 2015.
7. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for contract law enforcement to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
8. The Selectboard has discussed the possibility of creating new walking and biking routes in the town. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs support the Selectboard in conducting a feasibility study for the creation of a hardpack walking-running-biking trail along areas of the Poultney River?
9. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs appropriate up to \$20,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund to conduct an external financial audit of Town and Highway finances pertaining to the 2014-2015 fiscal year?
10. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to allow the use of vote tabulator machines?
11. 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?
12. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$80,000 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
14. 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?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Rutland Area Community Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
16. 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?

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17. 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?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fuel assistance, USDA commodities, emergency food and financial assistance?
19. 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?
20. 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?
21. 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?
22. 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?
23. 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?
24. 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?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$375 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?
26. 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?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Rutland County Parent Child Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with child visitation services?
28. 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?
29. 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?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,500 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?
31. 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?
32. 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?
33. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

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WARNING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Carl P. Haynes Chair

Carl Haynes, Chair

Terry Redfield

Terry Redfield, Vice Chair

Shirley D. Moyer

Shirley Moyer

Mike Lamson

Mike Lamson

Herb Childress

Herb Childress, Clerk

**Town of Middletown Springs
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

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 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 3, 2015, 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:


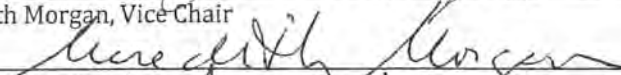


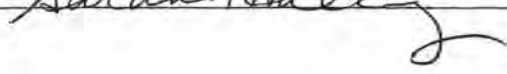
- School Director for a 2-Year Term
- School Director for a 3-Year Term
- Moderator (1-Year)
- School District Clerk (3-Year)
- School District Treasurer (3-Year)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$2,380,730.92 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

Article 3: To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 3, 2015.

Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont January __, 2015

Clarence Haynes, Chair	
Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair	
Jennelle Carr, Member	
Christopher Smid, Member	
Sarah Haley, Clerk	

A true copy Attested and duly recorded as required by law.


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DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Monday, March 2: Pre-Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the School**
Please bring this Town Report with you.
- **Tuesday, March 3: Town Meeting Vote!**
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Firehouse.
- **Wednesday, February 5: Deadline to Register to Vote**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.
- **Monday, March 2: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot.**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.