

# middle TOWN NEWS letter

## January 2020

### Facilities Questionnaire Results

The Selectboard received over **150 responses** to their facilities questionnaire. The response was strong and the comments many. Those **comments have been posted, in their entirety, on the Town's website**; find them by clicking the link called "Facilities Survey Data" on the left side, immediately below the photo. (Note: the first column is a serial number. Those beginning with C were submitted via computer; those with L submitted at the library; those with O submitted at the town office; and those with V submitted at Vicki's.) The portions of comments that specifically target individuals have been removed. Otherwise, they are direct transcriptions of what was written.

#### Which of the projects is the highest priority?

- 56% replied that the town office, though simplified and probably without the library, was the highest priority
- 24% replied that the town yard (garage, salt/sand, transfer station) was the highest priority
- 14% replied that the firehouse was the highest priority
- 6% did not choose a top priority

#### Which projects should be supported at all?

(Calculated by counting the number of times a project was chosen as top priority plus the number of times it was chosen individually as a second priority plus the number of responses who said that all three should be done.)

- 93% of responses supported the town office
- 76% of responses supported the town yard
- 51% of responses supported the firehouse

The Selectboard is still working their way through the results and comments, and their implications. They will determine in the next month what measures (if any) they will put on the Town Meeting ballot.

### Toddler Time

Toddler Time starts back up in January! Join Melissa & friends for stories, songs, and a snack. Tuesdays at 10:30 am, January 7-February 11. Designed for tots and toddlers and their caregivers.

For more information, contact the Library at 235-2435 or [middle-townspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middle-townspringslibrary@gmail.com)



### NEW at the Library

#### DVDs

*Mary Poppins Returns*

*Yesterday*

*The Public*

#### Adult Fiction

*City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert

*The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern

*Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout

*Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson

#### Adult Non-Fiction

*The Body* by Bill Bryson

*A Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Egan

*In the Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado

*So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

#### Children's Fiction & Graphic Novels

*Mighty Zack and Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke

*Sunny Rolls the Dice* by Jennifer Holm

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball* by Jeff Kinney

*Lu* by Jason Reynolds

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

*Unicorn Crossing* by Dana Simpson

*Elephant & Piggy: Biggie-Biggie!* by Mo Willems

#### Picture Books

*The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander

*River* by Elisha Cooper

*The Shortest Day* by Susan Cooper

*Firefighter's Handbook* by Meghan McCarthy

*Nine Months Before a Baby is Born* by Miranda Paul

*My Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero

*Why?* by Adam Rex

### Snowshoes at the Library



SNOWSHOES at the Library?

Check them out!!!

The Library has 5 pairs of adult shoes (3 large & 2 medium, 4 pairs of poles) and 6 pairs of children's snowshoes to circulate. They go out for three days at a time like the park passes. The person checking them out must be 18+ and is responsible for any pairs checked out. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We just need some snow!



# Calendar of Events

## January

Historical Society	Thurs 2	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 6	4:30 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 6	7 - 9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 7	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 8	6 pm	MSES
Selectboard	Thurs 9	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 14	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 14	7 pm	Library
Friends for Education (FFE)	Wed 15	7 pm	School
First Response	Sun 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 22	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 23	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 28	6:30 pm	Firehouse

## February

Planning Commission	Mon 3	4:30 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 3	7 - 9 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Wells Springs Board	Wed 5	6 pm	WES
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 11	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 11	7 pm	Library
Friends For Education (FFE)	Wed 12	7 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 13	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Sun 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 25	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 26	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 26	7 pm	Town Office

*Calendar Events – subject to change.*

*When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.*

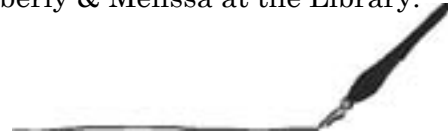
## TOWN NEWSLETTER

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

This supplements and enhances the Town website & Front Porch Forum and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted to FPF or the Town website or is sent free via e-mail to those who sign up. It is also available in hard copy, delivered by USPS, to those who subscribe for \$6 a year postage. Copies are posted at the Town Office, Grant's Village Store, and the Library.

**Questions:** Call 235-2435, or e-mail [middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com) to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.



## Submit News & Events to:

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for inclusion in upcoming issue.

