

TOWN OF
MIDDLESEX, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT

Current Reports of the Town Officers
for the year ended June 30, 2014

Town School District for year ended
June 30, 2014

Please bring this book to Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

TOWN MEETING DINNER

Enjoy a delicious dinner with your neighbors after Town Meeting, and help support a good cause at the same time!

When: Tuesday, March 3

(meal begins right after Town Meeting)

Where: Rumney School

Suggested donation: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids under age 12

Proceeds will benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf.

Menu:

Spaghetti with your choice of topping (meat sauce made with local grass-fed beef, marinara sauce, or pesto). Homemade whole wheat rolls with butter • Fresh green salad • Dessert smorgasbord!

Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Middlesex Food Shelf will be collected on Town Meeting Day—please bring an item.

Do you have a fabulous cake or cookie recipe? Or perhaps a fruit salad or cheese plate that can't be beat? Please contribute your favorite after-dinner treat to the dessert smorgasbord! If you can help, please contact Liz Scharf at 223-9189, liz.scharf@gmail.com.

COVER: Painting by the late Middlesex artist Connie D'Anna, mother of Town employees Cindy Carlson and her brother, Joe D'Anna, the newest member of the Middlesex Road Crew.

DEDICATION



Frank and Priscilla (Pat) Allen were pioneers in Middlesex government. Frank was the town's first zoning administrator back in the 1960s and 1970s, while Pat served as the first woman Select Board member. On July 11, 2014, Frank succumbed to cancer at age 90; a few months later, Pat sold their Church Street house and moved to Montpelier. In honor of their devotion to the town and to the Middlesex community, this town report is dedicated to them.

Many knew Frank and Pat from their tireless dedication to the Middlesex Food Shelf which they rescued when it was about close down its center in the Middlesex United Methodist Church due to lack of volunteers. The couple hustled to line up able bodies to provide the much-needed service - at the time the only area food shelf opened on Saturdays. It is still active today.

Frank and Pat moved to the Allen family home at the end of what was then 100b and is now Church Street when Frank's father died in 1962. Frank, a decorated World War II veteran, took over his parents' water pump and well-supply company, The Frank A. Allen Co., while Pat, a nurse with degrees in public health nursing administration, became the director of the Vermont State Board of Nursing, joined the faculty of the University of Vermont and worked for the Vermont State Nurses Association, often as a lobbyist.

Middlesex was changing in the 1960s and 1970s. Family farms were being divided and sold and it became clear that old way of divvying up property by marking paces from rock walls and old trees would no longer suffice. Zoning arrived in fits and starts with Frank taking on the role as the first town official to execute the new laws, a job he loved because he had come to love farming.

Meanwhile, in 1974, Pat was appointed to the Select Board after losing a race against an incumbent who then resigned. Ed Weed, one of the three Select Board members, personally changed the town stationery from Selectmen to Selectpersons. Pat laid down only one law: she would not be made secretary. The two other members agreed and so began a new chapter in Middlesex history, with at least one woman serving on every board almost every year since.

In 1989, the couple sold their home and moved into their renovated garage where they built a swimming pool that Pat said saved Frank's life. Having suffered a heart attack at age 53, he swam fifty laps twice a day, occasionally walking through the snow to get to the pool. When it got too cold even for him, they wintered in Florida.

But unlike their snowbird friends, Pat and Frank chose to move back north. "We made up our minds that we wanted to spend our end-of-life years in Middlesex because of the people," Pat said recently, noting with particular fondness her neighbors on Church Street. "The people in Middlesex are friendly, giving and caring. It will always be our home."

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MIDDLESEX FACTS AND ASSISTANCE

Zoning and Access Permits:

Zoning permits are required for erecting, constructing, enlarging or moving any buildings or structures, excavation or landfill, any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land.

Zoning Fees:

Residential, commercial or industrial project under \$25,000	\$75
Residential project over \$25,000	\$200
Commercial or industrial project over \$25,000	\$325
Sub-Division Fees (per lot)	\$125
Home Industry	\$125

(Above fees include a \$10 recording fee: there will be an additional \$10 recording fee if a Certificate of Occupancy is required)

*plus the costs of professional reviews, etc. required by the Selectboard.

FEEs DOUBLE FOR PROJECTS WHICH HAVE INITIATED CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT.

Hearings:

Planning Commission Hearing.....	\$75
Board of Adjustment Hearing	\$75

Access Permits:

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

Access Permit Fees	\$35
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Applications for Zoning Permits and Access Permits are at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Licenses:

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1.

Dog Fees

Neutered/Spayed	\$8
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$12

After April 1, there is a late fee of 50% of the registration fee.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS - HANG ME UP!

Middlesex Fire Department.....Emergency.....	911
Middlesex Fire DepartmentStation	223-5525
Middlesex Fast Squad	911
Montpelier Ambulance.....Emergency.....	911
Vt. State Police	Emergency.....911
Vt. State Police	K Troop.....229-9191
Animal Control Officer	Erika Holm.....249-2127
Health Officers.....Elizabeth Fortman.....	249-1058
	Jeff Koonz (Asst).....229-6907
Zoning Administrator	Cindy Carlson.....223-5915
Fire Warden.....	Jason Merrill.....229-4797

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE:

Office.....	223-5915
Fax	223-1298
Clerk Email	middlesxtwnclrk@comcast.net
Asst. Clerk Email.....	mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net
Treasurer/Tax Collector Email	middlesxtreas@comcast.net
Road Foreman	229-0838
	middlesexhgw@comcast.net
State Representative, Tony Klein	
Office.....	828-2424
Home	224-9097
Cell	793-6032

MEETING SCHEDULES

Middlesex Select Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Middlesex School Board.....	1st Monday
Fire Department.....	1st & 3rd Tuesday
U-32 School Board.....	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Conservation Commission	1st Thursday
Planning Commission	3rd Wednesday
Cemetery Commission.....	3rd Monday

MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

Animal Control Officer	Erika Holm, 249-2127
.....	Shane Grace (If Erika is unavailable), 498-4312
Auditor	Helen Weed, 223-5818
.....	Vacancy (2)
Bandstand	John Puleio, 229-0881
Cub Scouts	Eric Benedict, 223-0969
Budget Committee	George Longenecker, 229-9787
.....	Kelly Sullivan, 223-0725
.....	Vacancy
Cemetery Contacts	Gary Lamell, 223-2710
.....	Janet McKinstry, 223-5997
.....	Michael Patterson, 229-9940
Central VT Regional Planning Commission Rep.	Ron Krauth, 229-5496
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep.	Anita Krauth, 229-5496
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Offices	www.cvswwd.com
.....	229-9383
Conservation Commission	Dave Shepard, Chair, 229-1744
.....	Barry Goodman, Secretary, 223-4660
.....	Scott Gurley, Treasurer, 229-0177
.....	Eric Seidel, 223-1406
.....	George Longnecker, 229-9787
.....	Rich Langdon, 229-5975
.....	Charles Merriman, 249-8096
.....	Lee Rosberg, 229-5378
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson, 498-7475
Fire & Emergency	In Case of Emergency, 911
Use these numbers for non-emergencies:	Fire Chief: Doug Hanson, 229-6361
.....	Fire Warden: Jason Merrill, 229-4797
Emergency Management Chairperson	David Jablonski, 9892864
Fishing Derby	Duane Sorrell, 229-9404
Food Shelf (Middlesex United Methodist Church)	David Carkeet, 229-9496
.....	Liz Scharf, 223-9189
Girls/Boyz First! Community-based Mentoring Program	
.....	Wendy Freundlich, 229-4798
Girl Scouts & Studio B	Tammy Hoermann, 223-4257
Green Up Day	Green Up Vermont, 229-4586
Health Officers	Liz Fortman, 249-1058
.....	Jeff Koonz (Asst.), 229-9607
Highway	Paul Cerminara, Foreman, 778-0404
.....	Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, 229-4832
Historical Society	Patty Wiley, 229-0499
.....	Sarah Seidman, 223-4828

Justices of the Peace	Janet Heyman, 229-4979
.....	Doug Lombard, 229-9600
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Peter Hood, 223-6518
.....	Charlie Merriman, 249-8096
Learn to Swim Program	Debbie Goodwin, email: debgoodwin@lycos.com
Listers	Richard Alderman, 223-3953
.....	Caleb Deane, 223-5752
.....	Eric Young, 229-9908
Moderator	Susan Clark, 223-5824
Planning Commission	Steve Martin, Chair, 229-4832
.....	Richard Alderman, Secretary, 223-3953
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748
.....	Thea Schwartz, 229-4184
.....	John Krezinski, 223-6875
Recreation Committee	Jason Merrill, 793-6069
.....	Mark Campbell, 229-5610
.....	Tammy Joslyn, 223-3146
.....	Brian VanHoy, 229-6199
.....	Jeff Pryce, 793-9530
Rumney Memorial School	Adam Rosen, Principal, 223-5429 x302
.....	Sorsha Anderson, Secretary, 223-5429 x 301
Rumney School Board of Directors	Beth Holtzman, Chair, 229-1206
.....	J. Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair, 223-9189
.....	Mark Bushnell, Secretary, 223-5824
.....	Chris McVeigh, WCSU Rep, 272-7871
.....	Julie Moore, 223-4254
Rumney Community School Partnership	Adam Rosen, 223-5429 x302
Rumney Community Connections	
.....	Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator, 223-5429 x322
Rumney PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)	Emily Leader, 249-6572
Select Board	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
.....	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair, 223-7123
.....	Bill Callnan, 223-5794
.....	Steve Martin, 229-4832
.....	Liz Scharf, 223-9189
Service Officer	Liz Scharf, 223-9189
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell, 223-6483
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman, 223-5915
.....	Maryke Gillis (Asst.), 223-5915
Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson, 498-7475
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida, 223-8672
Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board	Jane Dudley, 229-0177

Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters Reservations

- Collin O’Neal, Beach Mgr., 223-7774
-Laurie Emery, CVRPC, 229-0389
- Zoning Administrator**..... Cindy Carlson, 498-7475
- Zoning Board of Adjustment**..... Charles Merriman, Chair, 249-8096
- Roger Hirt, 223-0531
- Doug Lombard, 229-9600
- Charlene Bohl, 229-9908
- Dennis Nealon, 229-0870

Middlesex Town Clerk’s Office

Town Clerk: Sarah Merriman, Email: middlesxtwnclrk@comcast.net
 Assistant Town Clerk: Maryke Gillis, Email: mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net
 Treasurer: Cindy Carlson, Email: middlesxtreas@comcast.net
 Bookkeeper: Patti Lewis
 Address: 5 Church Street, Middlesex VT 05602
 Telephone: 802-223-5915 Fax: 802-223-1298
 Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 4:30. Closed on Friday.
 Website: middlesexvermont.org – A great place to go for events, election results, updated contacts, committee minutes, maps, history and lots more. Check it out!

School Contacts

Rumney School	U-32 High School
433 Shady Rill Rd.,	930 Gallison Hill Rd.,
Middlesex VT 05602	Montpelier VT 05602
Phone: 223-5429 Fax: 223-0750	Phone: 229-0321
Email: office@rumney.org	Website: www.U32.org
Website: www.rumney.org	

Vermont General Assembly

You can call legislators at home or send messages to them at the State House,
 Mail: Vermont State House, 115 State St. Montpelier, VT 05633-5501.
 Phone 828-2228 or 1-800-322-5616. Fax 828-2424.
 E-mail addresses available at: www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/e-mail.cfm

Vermont State Senators (Washington County)

- Sen. Ann Cummings (D)..... Phone: (h) 223-6403; (w) 229-0345
24 Colonial Drive, Montpelier VT 05602
- Sen. William “Bill” Doyle (R)Phone: (h) 223-2851; (w) 802-635-2356
Murray Road, Montpelier VT 05602
- Sen. Anthony Pollina (I)..... Phone: 229-5809
93 Story Road, North Middlesex, VT 05682

Vermont State Representative (Middlesex/East Montpelier)

Rep. Tony Klein (D) Phone: 224-9097
 965 Powder Horn Glen, Montpelier VT 05602

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Expires</i>	<i>Term</i>
Moderator	Susan Clark	2015	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2015	3 yr
	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair	2016	3 yr
	Steven K. Martin	2015	2 yr
	William Callnan	2017	3 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf	2016	2 yr
Rumney School Board	Beth Holtzman, Chair	2016	3 yr
	Jonathan Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair	2017	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2016	2 yr
	Julie Moore	2015	3 yr
	Mark Bushnell	2015	2 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2016	3 yr
Budget Committee	George Longenecker	2015	3 yr
	Kelly Sullivan	2015	3 yr
Auditors	Helen Weed	2017	3 yr
	vacancy		3 yr
	vacancy		1 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2015	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2017	3 yr
	Eric Young	2016	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2015	1 yr
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2015	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2015	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson	2015	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2015	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Janet McKinstry	2015	3 yr
	Michael Patterson	2016	1 yr
	Gary Lamell	2016	3 yr
Planning Commission	Steve Martin, Chair	2017	3 yr
	Theo Kennedy	2016	3 yr
	John W. Krezinski	2015	3 yr
	Thea Schwartz	2016	3 yr
	Richard Alderman	2015	3 yr

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Road CommissionerSteve Martin

Zoning AdministratorCindy Carlson

Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis

Animal Control OfficerErika Holm

Health Officers..... Elizabeth Fortman
Jeff Koonz

Board of Adjustment.....Charles Merriman
Roger Hirt
Charlene Bohl
Doug Lombard
Dennis Nealon

Town Service Officer.....Liz Scharf

CV Regional Planning Commissioner Ron Krauth

Emergency Management Coordinatiior..... David Jablonski

Fire Warden..... Jason Merrill

Wrightsville Beach Board Member.....Jane Dudley

CV Solid Waste Management DistrictAnita Krauth

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015**

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 4:30p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Clerk	1-year term
Treasurer	1-year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1-year term
Select Board	3-year term
Select Board	2-year term
Auditor	3-year term
Auditor	1-year term
Budget Committee	3-year term
Budget Committee	3-year term
Budget Committee	3-year term
Cemetery Commission	3-year term
Lister	3-year term
Planning Commission	3-year term
Planning Commission	3-year term

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 15th and February 15th, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 15th and February 15th. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)

- ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500.00 to help support the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to help support Community Connections? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 to help support The Family Center of Washington County? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3400 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to help support the Waterbury Area Senior Center?
- ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,160 to support the following organizations:
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American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
CV Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$200.00
Circle	\$199.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$249.00
GMTA	\$249.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$200.00
RSVP	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$249.00
Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

Mary Hood Alexander

William Callnan

Steven Martin

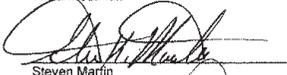
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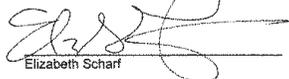
Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

William Callnan



Steven Martin



Elizabeth Scharf

I attest that this Warning for the 2015 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Town of Middlesex land records on January 27, 2015.



Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING BALLOT

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT MARCH 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (x) in the square at the right of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

For TOWN CLERK for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. SARAH MERRIMAN..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For BUDGET COMMITTEE for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. GEORGE LONGENECKER..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For TREASURER for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. CINDY CARLSON..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For BUDGET COMMITTEE for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. WILLIAM E. DORIGAN..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. CINDY CARLSON..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For BUDGET COMMITTEE for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. WRITE IN..... []

For DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. CINDY CARLSON..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For CEMETERY COMMISSION for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. JANET MCKINISTRY..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For SELECT BOARD for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. PETER O. HOOD..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For LISTER for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. RICHARD ALDERMAN..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For SELECT BOARD for a 2-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. STEVEN MARTIN..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For PLANNING COMMISSION for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. RICHARD ALDERMAN..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For AUDITOR for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. WRITE IN..... []

For PLANNING COMMISSION for a 3-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. JOHN W. KREZINSKI..... [] WRITE IN..... []

For AUDITOR for a 1-year term. Vote for not more than ONE. WRITE IN..... []

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SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board welcomed new member Liz Scharf who was elected at the 2014 Town Meeting. Having never served on the board, Liz conquered a steep learning curve with the help of her fellow board members, lots of questions and a burst of fresh energy.

First and foremost, the Select Board would like to thank those members of the community who volunteer their time and talent for the betterment of Middlesex. Whether putting out fires, serving on town committees, maintaining our recreation areas, conserving our green spaces, chipping in at community events, or helping neighbors in other ways, you make Middlesex the special place it is and this board is deeply grateful.

The big issues facing the Select Board in 2014 included supporting the Highway Department's efforts to keep the roads safe and easy to travel, creating an Emergency Management Committee, closing out the final stages of a FEMA grant to turn a formerly flooded lot on Three Mile Bridge Road into a conservation space, finalizing a village-improvement grant, dealing with various public concerns and, as always, accomplishing the above while staying within budget.

Last spring, Mike Morissette informed the board that he planned to resign as the town's Emergency Management Coordinator. Warning the town should prepare for an ice storm that could prove disastrous, Mike encouraged the formation of an Emergency Management Committee. Four months later, the board did just that, creating a committee made up of School Board Member Chris McVeigh, Select Board Member Liz Scharf, Health Officer Liz Fortman, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, Animal Control Officer Erika Holm, Fire Chief Doug Hanson and the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator David Jablonski. In addition, Select Board Chair Peter Hood met with Rumney School representatives and a coordinator from the American Red Cross to discuss how to turn the school into an emergency shelter, a project that will take shape during the Rumney renovations.

Usually, summer is a time for the Highway Department to fine tune roads in preparation for the eventual winter and mud seasons. Last May, however, the town experienced an unexpected blow when Paul was severely injured on his motorcycle while returning from a Vermont League of Cities and Towns equipment presentation. Though his injuries were severe, Paul quickly made a full recovery. (Ah, the blessings of youth!) Meanwhile, the Road Crew worked with Road Commissioner Steve Martin to implement summer projects. The board also accepted the retirement of Road Crew member Buster Porter in September and hired in his place Middlesex resident Joseph D'Anna in October.

Once again, the Select Board worked hard to keep the town tax rate level, and actually set it at a slight decrease for last fiscal year. While it's not possible to set tax rates until July, the Select Board budget being presented to voters at the 2015 Town Meeting reflects an increase of a little over 2% from 2014. Among other highlights,

the board is allocating more money to roadside mowing to lessen the impact of spreading the seeds from invasive weeds. In addition, the town plans to use money from the building fund to improve the energy efficiency of town buildings such as the town hall and the town shed.

In other news, the board held a public hearing and approved transferring to the Conservation Commission a conservation easement on two small parcels on Three Mile Bridge Road purchased through a FEMA grant. The board also approved the installation of three Welcome to Middlesex signs that mark the village at entrance points on both directions of Route 2 and 100b (Ryan Road).

The board signed off on three equipment purchases: a Komatsu loader to replace an old rusted model that was deemed unsafe, a pickup truck to be used by the Road Crew to check road conditions, run errands and haul equipment, along with a 1995 KME pumper that formerly was owned by the US Air Force. It was bought for the fire department at a steep discount from Vermont State Surplus Property.

Finally, it was the board's pleasure to approve a proposal by U-32 High School senior Austin Weed to construct a picnic shelter by the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department station in Welch Park as part of an Eagle Scout project. Austin finished the shelter last fall and was made Eagle Scout at a Town Hall ceremony in December.

You can read more about the Select Board's actions by checking out the minutes and agendas which are posted online at middlesexvermont.org, in addition to being available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Select Board meetings are public and held the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the town offices on 5 Church Street, Middlesex. All are welcome!

Sincerely, the Middlesex Select Board:

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

William Callnan

Steven Martin

Elizabeth Scharf

Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant.

FIVE-YEAR SIGN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Town of Middlesex Highway Department is in the midst of implementing a five-year mandatory sign-updating schedule. Starting in the summer of 2012, the Highway Department has been upgrading all street and regulatory signs to the current MUTCD standards, which include size, placement, and retro reflectivity. We have allocated funds in our budget and have allotted time for this project in order to complete it in a timely fashion.

Here is an overview of the estimated schedule in which the signs are to be replaced in Middlesex.

Summer 2012

TH#1 - 3 Mile Bridge Rd.

TH#2 – Brook Rd./Molly Supple Hill Rd./Shady Rill Rd.

TH#3 – East Hill Rd.

TH#4 – Knapp Rd.

TH#5 – West Hill Rd./Story Rd.

TH#6 - Chase Rd.

TH#7 – North Bear Swamp Rd.

Summer 2013

TH#8 – Macey Rd.

TH#9 – Wood Rd.

TH#10 – Norton Rd.

TH#11 – Merritt Rd.

TH#14 – East bear Swamp Rd./South Bear Swamp Rd.

TH#16 – Bushey Rd.

Summer 2014

TH#17 – Government Hill Rd./French Rd.

TH#18 – Culver Hill Rd.

TH#19 – Horn of The Moon Rd.

TH#20 – LeLand Farm Rd.

TH#21 – Daniels Farm Rd.

TH#22 – Center Rd.

TH#23 – Warren Rd.

TH#24 – Dolan Rd.

Summer 2015

TH#25 – Bolduc Rd.

TH#26 – Tangle Town Rd.

TH#27 – Portal Rd.

TH#29 – Zdon Rd.

TH#32 – (D’Anna Rd.) Continuation of Notch Rd.

TH#33 – Notch Rd./Mead Rd.

TH#34 – Gallagher Rd.

TH#35 – Ryan Rd.

Summer 2016

TH#36 – McCullough Hill Rd.
 TH#37 – Barnett Hill Rd. (Upper & Lower)
 TH#38 – Davy Rd.
 TH#39 – Sunny Brook Rd. (Upper & Lower)
 TH#40 – Lower Sunny Brook Rd. Extension
 TH#42 – Bolio Rd.
 TH#45 – Old Brook Rd.
 TH#46 – Rich Rd.
 TH#47 – Colby Rd.

This list is based on time and money appropriated for this project. Like any estimate, they are subject to change depending on weather, funds, and time available to complete the project.

This report was completed by;
Paul A. Cerminara – Road Foreman
Steve . Martin – Road Commissioner

FIVE-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN

Summer 2015

May – Mud Season Mitigation: Center Road – 500’ & 200’ stretches
 June – Full Service: North Bear Swamp Road
 July – Pavement Reclaim & Culvert Replacement
 Shady Rill Road & Herrick Brook Bridge #5

NOTE: There will be a two month road closure/detour from June 16 to Aug. ?) on Shady Rill Road

August – Mud Season Mitigation: Molly Supple Hill Road – 1,000’ stretch
 September – Service Work: South Bear Swamp Road
 October – Full Service: West Hill Road

Summer 2016

May – Mud Season Mitigation: Molly Supple Hill Road – 1,000’ stretch
 June – Full Service & Mud Mitigation: Bolduc & Tangle Town Road
 July – Full Service & Mud Mitigation: McCullough Hill Road
 August – Full Service: Upper Barnett Hill Road
 September – Mud Season Mitigation: Portal Road
 September – Full Service: Dolan & Warren Road
 October – Full Service: Macey Road

Summer 2017

May – Full Service: Macey Road

June – Full Service: Wood Road

July – Mud Season Mitigation: East Hill Road

August – Mud Season Mitigation & Full Service: French Road

September – Full Service: Notch Road

October – Service Work: East Bear Swamp Road

Summer 2018

May – Mud Season Mitigation: Portal Road

June – Service Work: Center Road

July – Service Work: East Hill Road

August – Service Work: Brook Road

September – Mud Season Mitigation: To Be Determined

October – Service Work: Culver Hill Road

Summer 2019

May – Service Work: Molly Supple Hill Road

June – Service Work: Shady Rill & Center Road Pavement

July – Service Work: Lower Sunny Brook Road & Lower Barnett Hill Road

August – Service Work: 3 Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road, Rich Road

September – Service Work: Upper Sunny Brook Road & Davy Road

October – Mud Season Mitigation: To Be Determined

Note: *All structures/paving projects are pending grant funding and/or permitting approval.*

Full Service = Minor gravel, brush cutting, culvert replacement, ditching

Mud Season Mitigation = Excavation, drainage, fabric, gravel

Service Work = Shoulder cutting, ditching, culvert replacement

CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Replacement Schedule	Year
1968 GMC 6500 Chloride Truck	As Needed	No Date
1989 Morbark Chipper	As Needed	No Date
2007 Caterpillar 420E Backhoe	As Needed	No Date
1997 Caterpillar 140H Grader	10 Years	2020
2008 Kobelco 140SR Excavator	10 Years	2022
2014 Komatsu WA-270 Loader	12 Years	2026
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	7 Years	2021
2010 International Dump Truck	7 Years	2017
2009 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	7 Years	2016
2014 GMC Sierra 2500 Pick-Up	8 Years	2022

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Election years are always exciting at the Town Clerk's office where local democracy kicks into high gear thanks in large part to early voting. With an August Primary, a November General Election and a special bond vote to raise \$3.5 million for Rumney School renovations, this was particularly true in 2014.

I am happy to report that Middlesex bucked the trend of statewide voter apathy; 58.3% of the checklist (14 percentage points higher than the state average) voted in the November 4, 2014 General Election and the bond vote, which passed 533 to 350. Of those, 308 took advantage of the early/absentee voting that was made available to anyone 45 days before the polls open, including one military member employed out of state.

This year we also tried something new – Sunday voting. To be honest, I did not expect as many as 55 voters to show up (often with their children) for those three hours. It was heartwarming to witness the community spirit of people coming in on their day off to endure the slight extra hassle of voting early. And it was eye opening, too. I now wonder how many more of us would cast ballots if Election Day were, say, on a Saturday instead of a Tuesday.

When we weren't sending out early/absentee ballots, Assistant Clerk Maryke Gillis and I were busy licensing dogs, processing tax payments, recording deeds, helping Middlesex residents locate important land records and dealing with a new state law that went into effect July 1, 2014 mandating greater transparency in government. To this end, we regularly update our town's website – middlesexvermont.org – with minutes, agendas, warnings and even this town report! Please check out the wealth of information you can find there including an interactive zoning map with grand list information and measuring tools.

It has been an honor to serve you this year and, I hope, in the year(s) to come. Middlesex is a fantastic community!

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

MIDDLESEX BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Town Proposed Budget for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2015 is \$1,024,306. This budget proposal

Town Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

The select board's proposed budget for FY 2016 of \$ 1,052, 974 is a 2.16 % increase from the FY 2015 budget of \$1,024, 306. While the 2015 budget was a .86% increase from the previous year, this budget is the result of careful work by the board to save costs. The select board worked diligently to bring up employee salaries, improve road maintenance and keep the budget increase moderate. The rate of increase is comparable to other towns' increases. This budget does not include special articles, which are subject to voters' approval at town meeting. The budget committee thanks the select board and recommends approval of this budget. Please feel free to contact any member of the select board with your questions on the budget.

Budget Committee Member Needed

The budget committee will be short one member, even after this year's election. If you would like to serve the town with a modest amount of work, please contact the town clerk or any member of the select board. This would be an interim appointment by the select board until town meeting, 2016

Rumney School Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

The proposed Rumney School Budget of \$ 3,032,670 is a 16.49% increase over last year's budget. The effect on the tax rate will be moderated by favorable numbers on the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Middlesex and an increase of only 0.55% in the Union 32 budget.

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the Rumney School articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen and the other on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

George Longenecker
Budget Committee

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

Account	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Actual FY-2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 % Change
REVENUE						
Property Taxes	\$821,863.00	\$846,305.50	\$829,678.00	\$664,480.18		
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$2,653.80	\$0.00	\$823.39		
Discounts Property Taxes	-\$21,000.00	-\$23,787.00	-\$20,000.00	-\$25,456.52		
Fund Balance Reduction	\$27,490.00	\$0.00	\$15,050.00	\$0.00		
Delinquent Interest	\$5,000.00	\$9,713.61	\$4,000.00	\$3,256.01		
Delinquent Penalty	\$10,000.00	\$10,947.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00		
Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$149.46	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Hold Harmless Payment	\$47,000.00	\$50,871.00	\$51,929.00	\$51,871.00		
Pilot Property Tax Payment	\$32,000.00	\$30,782.20	\$32,000.00	\$30,976.65		
Dogs \$0.00	\$1,462.00	\$0.00	\$387.00			
Town Clerk Fees	\$32,000.00	\$14,958.91	\$34,000.00	\$10,379.75		
Railroad Tax	\$1,200.00	\$1,669.68	\$1,600.00	\$0.00		
Town Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$1,946.00	\$0.00	\$905.00		
Fire Dept. Service Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00		
State Aide - Highway	\$110,000.00	\$114,741.40	\$114,610.00	\$85,957.81		
Middlesex School Dist.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00		
Zoning/Hearings	\$0.00	\$3,209.00	\$0.00	\$2,290.00		
Traffic Fines	\$0.00	\$710.00	\$0.00	\$560.95		
Interest	\$2,000.00	\$2,235.62	\$2,000.00	\$1,404.00		
Recreation Committee				\$1,829.00		
Restoration TR Account				\$934.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,071,553.00	\$1,072,568.18	\$1,080,867.00	\$831,168.22		

Account	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Actual FY-2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 % Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Selectboard Salary	3150	3150	3150	0	3213	102.00%
Selectboard Clerk	18989	18576.25	18084	8956.89	18450	102.02%
Selectboard Clerk Asst	0	126	0	869.6	0	
Advertising/Printing	2300	121.73	2300	1560.22	2300	100.00%
Selectboard Courses	0	60	0	0	0	
Discretionary Fund	11000	7640.74	11000	820.31	10000	90.91%
Legal Fees	3000	392.7	4000	725.5	4000	100.00%
Town Report	4000	2239.75	3000	0	3000	100.00%
VLCT Dues	2541	2541	2600	2750	2827	108.73%
County Tax	15161	15161	14247	15348	15602	109.51%
CV Solid Waste	1731	1735	1735	1735	1757	101.27%
CV Reg Planning Comm	1818	1817.55	1818	1904.1	1904	104.73%
Conservation Commission	1000	137.16	500	50	500	100.00%
Tree Warden	100	0	100	0	0	0.00%
Elections	400	1087.92	550	349.2	450	81.82%
Misc. Expense	0	750.94	0	145	0	
Tax Abatements	0	43.3	0	423.7	0	
TOTAL	65190	55581.04	63084	35637.52	64003	101.46%

TOWN INSURANCES

Workers Comp	9000	7555	11909	16575	13000	109.16%
Unemployment Comp	2000	692	1488	513	1500	100.81%
Property & Casualty	18000	21226.66	13853	17520	22000	158.81%

TOTAL	29000	29473.66	27250	34608	36500	133.94%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
Social Security	16700	14719.22	16500	6883.58	16500	100.00%
Medicare	3900	3433.91	4000	1609.97	3900	97.50%
Retirement	12421	10476.83	12000	5430.85	12000	100.00%
Life/ADD Insurance	950	410.96	2000	394.69	2000	100.00%
Health Insurance	35000	25359.12	18000	16848.58	34500	191.67%
Long Term Disability Ins	950	1071.84	0	0	0	
TOTAL	69921	55471.88	52500	31167.67	68900	131.24%
ADMINISTRATION						
Office Salary	39088	17246.22	24607	9849.48	53353	216.82%
Office Staff Salary **	17085	22912.71	27700	9297.99	0	0.00%
Lister Wages	7500	7847.05	7000	735.78	7500	107.14%
Treasurer	0	336.86	0	0	0	
Clerical Mileage	250	0	250	0	250	100.00%
Office Supplies	2300	2712.95	2600	2215.03	2600	100.00%
Equipment Repair	250	130	0	0	0	
Equipment Purchase	2500	1641.12	2000	0	1000	50.00%
Telephone	3800	4191.23	4200	2147.76	4200	100.00%
Postage	3000	2897.43	3000	1410.11	3000	100.00%
Auditing	3400	3525	5000	4025	3800	76.00%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	2000	2390.86	2400	1458.66	2500	104.17%
Clerk's Office Seminars	500	120	300	145	300	100.00%
Listing Mapping	750	1655	750	0	750	100.00%
Copier Lease	2200	856.33	2500	938.35	2500	100.00%
Computer Maintenance	5900	7566.91	5000	3047.57	5000	100.00%
TOTAL	90523	76029.67	87307	35270.73	86753	99.37%
TOWN HALL						
Electricity	2100	2161.71	2600	855.54	2600	100.00%
Heat 4500	3901.03	3000	938.14	4500	150.00%	
Grounds	1500	1453.75	1500	1965	1500	100.00%
Building Repairs	5000	4200.15	5000	1993.65	4000	80.00%
TOTAL	13100	11716.64	12100	5752.33	12600	104.13%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Constable	1000	0	1000	0	0	0.00%
Health Officer	500	570	250	0	250	100.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL	0	1185	0	60	750	
Courses/Seminars	500	0	100	0	100	100.00%
Ambulance	55738	55738	57694	57694	59720	103.51%
Speed Enforcement	5000	4772.63	7500	3001.07	7500	100.00%
Dog Pound	800	15	800	450	800	100.00%
Emergency Management	0	0	0	0	750	
TOTAL	63538	62280.63	67344	61205.07	69870	103.75%
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
FD-Admin Asst.	1500	477.02	1000	0	0	0.00%
FD-Supplies	300	63.75	300	62.74	200	66.67%
FD-Equipment Repair	6500	4906.05	6250	9737.01	7250	116.00%
FD-Equipment Purchase	2225	2482.8	2260	44.19	2100	92.92%
FD-Telephone	1000	988.19	1000	510.44	1000	100.00%
FD-Fast Squad	1600	291.3	1600	192.21	1000	62.50%
FD-Electricity	1400	1554.46	1400	614.84	1600	114.29%
FD-Fuel-Heat	5500	7909.56	5500	355.67	6000	109.09%

FD-Building Maintenance	2600	2865.56	2600	934.94	2500	96.15%
FD-Radio Dispatch	10562	12164.88	13200	6416.98	17864	135.33%
FD-VSEA Dues/Legal Fees	1975	968	1455	200	1825	125.43%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	250	0	250	0	250	100.00%
FD-Admin. Assistant	0	1282.37	0	0	1000	0.00%
FD-GAS	5000	1889.79	5000	613.37	2500	50.00%
FD-Stipends	2000	3955	3000	3920	3000	100.00%
FD-Communication/Radio	1200	69	1200	28.9	1200	100.00%
FD-Tanker Payoff	2500	2500	0	0	0	
TOTAL	46112	44367.73	46015	22919.95	49289	107.12%

PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries	172200	166279.18	176430	78424.54	179959	102.00%
Winter Maintenance	65650	79884.71	71500	70556.25	69000	96.50%
Summer Maintenance	26000	24295.46	26725	18462.94	29575	110.66%
Equipment Maintenance	40000	53656.72	39050	27351.25	41300	105.76%
Courses/Seminars	300	120	300	93.5	300	100.00%
Utilities	3000	12529.27	3000	3184.09	4000	133.33%
Garage Maintenance	6000	17405.77	9325	6255.7	15175	162.73%
Street Lights	2000	2141.1	2200	1070.59	2200	100.00%
Gas/Diesel/Oil	63000	63014.57	67400	25666.85	64000	94.96%
Culverts	4000	214.46	2000	11427.95	4000	200.00%
Signs	3500	2985.19	3500	722.4	3500	100.00%
Bridge Fund	2000	2000	2000	0	2000	100.00%
Paving Fund	12000	32000	32000	0	30000	93.75%
Construction & Paving	90000	56490.11	84125	47716.09	64125	76.23%
Equipment Purchase	2000	2688.95	1750	7658.74	1750	100.00%
Green-Up	0	231.85	0	0	0	
TOTAL	491650	515937.34	521305	298590.89	510884	98.00%

CEMETERY

Labor	4300	5060	4300	3520	4300	100.00%
Materials	1300	15	1300	0	1300	100.00%
Equipment Repair	0	0	1300	0	0	0.00%
Repair to Cemetery	1300	0	0	0	1300	
TOTAL	6900	5075	6900	3520	6900	100.00%

RECREATION

Wrightsville Beach	904	904	904	904	904	100.00%
Town Bor	2725	2725	3000	1604.98	3000	100.00%
Learn to Swim	1300	1300	1300	0	1300	100.00%
Bandstand Mowing	500	450	750	0	750	100.00%
TOTAL	5429	5379	5954	2508.98	5954	100.00%

DEBT SERVICE

2010 International Dump	20040	20370.92	20000	20000	0	0.00%
2010 Int Dump Interest	2180	1582.26	1500	1214.36	0	0.00%
2004 Fire Truck	15000	15000	15000	15000	0	0.00%
2004 Fire Truck Interest	301	894.75	602	300.75	0	0.00%
Fire Station Bond	45000	45000	45000	45000	40000	88.89%
Fire Station Interest	26858	26857.35	24585	13181.08	24585	100.00%
2008 Kobelco Excav	21000	21000	0	0	0	
2008 Kobelco Excav-Int.	500	402.13	0	0	0	
2014 Western Star 4700 TR	0	0	29010	33053.7	29010	100.00%

MIDDLESEX TOWN AUDITOR

The Town Auditor met with the Middlesex Select Board and CPA William Yacavoni to review the annual Audit Report. The town books are in balance and there were no findings.

In an effort to save resources along with printing and postage costs, we have decided to no longer print the full Audit Report in the Town Report. If you would like a copy of the complete Audit Report it is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for review by all townspeople. A copy is also available on line at: <http://middlesexvermont.org/>.

We would like to thank all of the staff at the Town Clerk's Office for their excellent work during the past year.

Helen Weed, Auditor

TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

The Treasurer's office continues with the goal of bringing transparency to the department. We have continued with the day to day duties being carried out by Patti Lewis and oversight by not only myself, but the Select Board, the Town Auditor and having an outside independent audit completed by William Yacavoni, Certified Public Accountant. A full copy of the audit report is available on the Town's website: <http://middlesexvermont.org>.

For the year ending June 30, 2014, a budget was approved for the General Fund for \$1,030,487. Actual expenditures for this budget period were \$1,030,487 or \$41,198 less than budgeted. While most of the savings are in the salary and health insurance expenses, every department worked hard to control expenses. We worked with the Select Board and all the departments to present a fiscal year 2016 budget in the amount of \$1,052,974 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 2.16% increase over 2015.

For the year ending, June 30, 2014, delinquent taxes were \$39,141. Payment agreements are in place for a portion of these funds and the balance has been turned over to the Tax Attorney for collection. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney in June of each year. The delinquent tax payer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A Section 3258)

We look forward to a productive 2015 as we continue to serve the Town of Middlesex, Thank you for your continued support.

Cindy Carlson, Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	2014 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	1,445,320.00	1.5074	2,178,675
Non-Residential	508,412.00	1.4991	762,160
Municipal Property Valuation	1,949,534.00	0.4231	824,848
Less: Veteran's Exemptions			-3,166
Total Billed			3,762,518
Add: Delinquent Taxes Receivable 7/1/2013			65,553
Total to be Accounted For			3,828,071
 Taxes Accounted For			
Property Taxes Collected			3,765,007
Delinquent Taxes Receivable 6/30/2014			39,141
1.5% Discount Taken			23,787
Adjustment/Abatements			136
Total Accounted For			3,828,071

NOTES PAYABLE

As of February 2015

Item	Original Issue Date	Original Amount	Principal Payment	Interest Rate	Matures
Fire Station	2009	\$825,000	\$40,000	4.19%	11/15/29
2010 International	2009	\$140,280	\$20,040	1.98%	11/13/16
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	2013	145036	29007	2.79	6/28//2018
2014 Komatsu Loader	2014	\$118,289	\$23,657	2.95	6/28/19
2015 GMC Pick Pickup	2014	\$29,350	\$5,870	2.95	6/28/19
1998 KME Fire Truck	2014	\$30,000	\$6,000	2.23%	10/28/19
Equipment Note for 1995 KME Fire Truck	2015	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	3%	2/1/20

2014-2015 TAX EFFORT

2014-2015 General Government**Expenses**

Budget	509451.00
Special Articles	50061.00
1.5% Discounts	20000.00
BCA Adjustments	
Total	579512.00

Receipts

Interest	2000.00
School Reimbursement	4000.00
Licenses and Fees	34000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	4000.00
RR Tax	1600.00
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	51929.00
PILOT/Agency y of Natural Resources	32000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	12000.00
Fund Balance Reduction	15000.00
Total	156529.00

Total General Government**\$422,983.00****2014-2015 Highway****Expenses**

Budget	521305.00
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Receipts

State Aid to Highways	114610.00
Other	

Total Highway**\$406,695.00****Sub-total****\$829,678.00****Total Municipal Tax Effort****\$829,678.00**

2014 Grand List	1970057.34
2014 Homestead Tax Rate	1.6328 (State of Vermont)
2014 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.5846 (State of Vermont)
2014 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4211
Local Agreement Rate	0.0020
Total Town Tax Rate	0.4231

Total Non- Residential Rate 2.0077**Total Residential Rate 2.0559**

2014 DOG REPORT

# Registered 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Total Fees	Fees to State
287	\$2,784.00	\$920

The Town Clerk's office receives many calls throughout the year by residents asking us to provide owners names based on a registration tag number. The fees paid to the State of Vermont help administer the State Rabies and Spay & Neuter Programs. All dogs are required to be registered with the Town by April 1 of each year. The State of Vermont mandates this requirement, but is really in the best interest of your pet.

DEATHS

Name	Date	Age
Lawrence William Kennison, Sr.	February 1, 2014	68
Frederica J. Ring Jones	February 5, 2014	86
Edmond W. LaFond	February 16, 2014	91
Donald Edward Bean Jr.	March 30, 2014	70
Gregory Kent Abner	April 18, 2014	67
Frank Albert Allen, Jr.	July 11, 2014	90
Barbara C. Hull	December 19, 2014	83

MARRIAGES

Spouse	Spouse	Date
Shawn P. Potter	Laura Joy Marvin	February 28, 2014
Ivan Poljasevic	Suzanne Marie Picard	May 18, 2014
Deanna Lynn Jones	Anneke Edson	June 7, 2014
Mary Lee Crider	Philip Armand Wells	June 22, 2014
Jonathan Udis	Keli Yang	July 16, 2014
Stephanie Marie Gregg	Benjamin Bogardus Klein	August 24, 2014
Maya Rose Wolf-Pollina	Brett Andrew Marquis	September 6, 2014
Kimberly Rae Duprey	Kyle Stephen Chapman	October 4, 2014
Elizabeth Brown Semler	Spencer James Lambert	October 20, 2014

BIRTHS

Parents	Gender	Month
Jill Lynne Drury Randy George Drury	Girl	February
Jasmine Yvonne Blair Jesse Christopher Lubold	Boy	February
Hillary Elizabeth Christian Robert Charles DeForge	Girl	March
Alison Nicole Cornwall Jeremy Vane Cornwall	Girl	April
Katherine Anne Chabot Brian David Cotterill	Boy	April
Penne Dodge VanderBush Gilbert Luther VanderBush	Girl	May
Julianne Erickson Bond John Allen Bond, Jr.	Girl	May
Lydia Slocum Russell William George McDade	Girl	June
Brittany Lynn Hallock Nicholas Wayne Lawliss	Girl	September
Heather Marie Faillace Aaron Joseph Fournier	Girl	September
Marlaina Marie Montgomery Brian James Montgomery	Boy	November
Charity Newlun Joshua David Newlun	Boy	November

**There is a change this year in how births are listed in the Town Report in that only the names of the parents, the genders of the babies and the months born are identified. While the full details are a matter of public record, a concern has been raised that the previous format provided too much personal information for a document that is posted online.

**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014**

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business (Voting by Australian Ballot will be from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m.)

Meeting convened at 4:35 pm

Susan Clark reviewed the Roberts Rules of Order.

2013 Select Board Chair Peter Hood honored outgoing Select Board Member Mary Hood Alexander for her 17 years of service on the Select Board and ten years on the School Board.

The civil invocation was read by U32 senior Corey Kline.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Greg Whitchurch moved to elect Susan Clark. Neely Washington seconded. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year. Charlie Merriman moved to elect Larry Mandell. Jeff Koonz seconded. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (Voted by Australian ballot. Passed over.)

Town Clerk	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Budget Committee Member	1 year of a 3-year term
Auditor	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Auditor	1 year term
Lister	3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year term
Planning Commissioner	3 year term

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Anita Krauth moved to accept the reports. Jeff Koonz seconded. Michael Levine thanked Road Foreman Paul Cerminara for “keeping the town moving during difficult times” and asked Paul to elaborate on his five-year plan in the 2013 Town Report. Paul said his department tries to improve roads through a five-year rotation concentrating on the most troublesome issue – Mud Season. Last year, his crew

improved a part of Center Road near Brook Road that had been problematic. He said next his crew hopes to focus on portions of East Hill Road. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1.5% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

Jeff Koonz moved. Bill McManus seconded. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 15th and February 15th, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before September 15th and February 15th? (32 VSA Sec. 4773). Jeff Koonz moved. Chris McVeigh seconded. Jeff inquired about which days of the week those dates fall on. Treasurer Cindy Carlson confirmed that since February 15, 2015, is a Sunday, taxes will be due on Monday, February 16. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will charge interest at the rate of .7% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136) Bill McManus moved to approve. Lisa Carlson seconded. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 8: (This article was considered as a special order of business at 5: 15 PM)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By petition.) Ron Krauth moved and Maribeth Domanski seconded. Larry Mandell, speaking on behalf of his wife, Marcie Andres who is involved with CVABE, said the program began as an adult literacy effort and has since expanded to serving students of all ages, including high schoolers despite very little government support. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town Voters authorize an expenditure of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By petition.) Chris McVeigh moved and Ruth Dockter seconded. Mary Hood spoke on behalf of CVHHH and noted the request amount is the same as last year. Harry Domanski, speaking from home via a remote connection, said he has personally benefitted from CVHHH and urged the town to support it. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$500 to help support The Family Center of Washington County? (By petition.) Dave Smith moved. Lisa Carlson seconded. Mary Hood Alexander, on behalf of Donna Russo, urged support. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By petition.) Sam Merriman moved. Elliot Burg seconded. Elliot, a former mentor, said Girls/Boyz First Mentoring specifically helps children who are at risk from single-parent families. This year the group lost its funding. Susan Clark noted a correction in Community Connections's annual report that erroneously stated Girls/Boyz was part of Community Connections. That is no longer true. Lynne Walther, a mentor, stood with her mentee, Derek Campbell, and attested to the benefits of the organization not only for Derek – whom she has mentored from second grade to U32 – but for her, too. Linda Jackson, a former mentor for eight years, spoke in support. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$26,800 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition) Eric Benedict moved. Martha Harris seconded. Michael Katzenberg, a member of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Board, said the good news was that the library's request was the same as last year. He said it is the second largest and second busiest library in the state and that a library card provides discounts to other activities such as state parks and museums. Greg Whitchurch, referring to a handout that had been distributed detailing the financial effect on property taxes for each special article, noted that approving Kellogg-Hubbard Library's request would add approximately \$27 to the tax bill of a \$200,000 home. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM) Chris McVeigh moved. Jeff Koonz seconded. Peter Hood noted that the increase in the town budget was only .86% over the previous year and that the Select Board worked very hard to level fund it. Dave Shepard inquired about the increased payments to the Washington County Sheriff's Department. He wanted to know if that was due to a rise in fees or more patrolling. Peter said that speeding – along with mud and dogs – is one of the top complaints made to the Select Board. Therefore, the increase is intended to ramp up enforcement of local speeding ordinances. Gordon Grunder asked if that kind of work could be performed by a town constable. Peter said due to a change in state statutes which required even part-time constables to have all the training of police, the town no longer had one. The motion carried, thereby approving a FY2015 budget (before special articles) of \$1,024,306.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,400 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within

the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015? (By petition.) Barbara Buckley moved. Jeff Koonz seconded. Speaking on behalf of the Montpelier Senior Center, Barbara said that while the request is a slight increase from 2013, this is because the Montpelier city government would like to see more contributions from surrounding towns. She and Lynne Walther, who also spoke in support, listed the numerous activities the senior center provided, many of which are listed in the 2013 Town Report. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By petition.) Ron Krauth moved. Lisa Carlson seconded. Anita Krauth urged support, noting that the executive directors of North Branch Nature Center, Chip Darmstadt, was a Middlesex resident. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$75 to support (RSVP) The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program? (By petition.) Mary Just Skinner moved. Anita Krauth seconded. Mary Skinner spoke in support and urged those over age 50 to considering volunteering their time and expertise to RSVP. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By petition.) Eric Benedict moved and Jane Dudley seconded. Emily Smith said she had heard that U32 was eliminating Community Connections and she wondered if the program would continue to exist at Rumney. Adrienne Magida, chair of the U32 School Board, confirmed that funding for Community Connections was cut at the high-school level because the plan was to bring the program in house. Julie Moore, chair of the Middlesex School Board, said Rumney will continue to use the program. Michael Levine said he was supportive of Community Connections but questioned why there wasn't more coordination between the elementary and high school regarding CC's future. Mary Jo Lamell, who identified herself as employee of Community Connections, said she had been told the program might not continue next year because federal funding had dried up. She touted its advantages, especially for working parents who need safe, quality care for their children before and after school and during school vacations. Kimberly Jessup said Community Connections makes use of school facilities when they would otherwise be vacant. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3411 to support the following organizations:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
CV Community Action	\$249.00
CV Council on Aging	\$250.00
CV Economic Development Corp	\$250.00
Circle (Battered Women)	\$199.00
GMTA	\$199.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$249.00
Vt. Cares	\$250.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00
Total	\$3411.00

Jeff Koonz moved. Eric Benedict seconded. Sue Bettman asked what the Rural Fire Protection Task Force's Dry Hydrant Program did. Jeff said accessing water is always a challenge for Middlesex Fire Fighters so this program paid for two dry hydrants to be installed on East Hill and McCullough Hill roads. He strongly supported it. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board) Mary Just Skinner moved. Chris McVeigh seconded. Mary ceded the floor to Conservation Commission Chair Dave Shepard after noting that the Select Board placed this article on the ballot. Dave said the fund began in 2004 with the first \$5,000 appropriate and, after acquiring the Town Forest, has about \$12,454 left. Right now, the Commission is trying to pinpoint all the boundary lines and hope to coordinate with an adjoining landowner for timber management. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the following resolution to protect our children's privacy and control over their own personal information? (By Petition)

WHEREAS:

1. especially in the digital age, a child's personal information cannot easily be retracted once shared or seized; and
2. existing law and school policy provide that individual student information belongs primarily to each student and his/her parents or guardian; and
3. without consent or strict legal requirement, transferring student records outside the school offensively mocks and effectively denies students' ownership

- and privacy interest in their own information; and
4. protecting our students' ownership and privacy interests in their own records is a solemn public trust that cannot credibly or effectively be fulfilled without direct, exclusive physical control of those records; and
 5. our school officials have publicly stated that local management of student data is technically feasible without significant cost or operational disruption; and
 6. widely-reported data theft, information sharing, cyber-attacks, and warrantless data collection threaten the security of our student records, especially when pooled with millions of others;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town strongly urges the Middlesex and U-32 school boards to adopt firm policies requiring that all information about individual students be stored only on local school or district premises and not be shared outside school or district staff except:

1. by specific vote of the local board for each release, or
2. to the least degree strictly necessary to comply with law, or
3. with the prior written consent of the student/parent/guardian.

Bennett Shapiro moved. Dave Shepard seconded. Randy Brown, a science teacher at U32, said that if approved, the article would place an unnecessary burden on the schools and students. He said student data was secure and encrypted and that if this article went into effect, it could potentially jeopardize students' ability to access online courses. Chuck Davin, who circulated the article in the U32 District, requested permission to speak since he is from Calais. He was permitted by a vote of 92-12. Chuck said he was a father of two U32 students and that he was not part of any large corporation. He was motivated to draft the article because the school's data system stores a lot of information about students on a server in Minnesota. He said he's been trying to get U32 to adopt a policy that would insure student data was stored locally, separate from the 6.5 million other student records stored in Minnesota. He said that would reduce the chances a cyber-attack on U32 students. Lauri Scharf said it sounded to him as though Chuck's main concern was the Infinite Campus software which allows parents to check their students' grades in real time. He said a lot more legwork would be needed to retain this software in house. He was opposed. Lisa Parrish, who said she works for a company that develops software for colleges, agreed that storing data in house was costly and labor intensive. She spoke against it. George Longenecker said he uses an online grading system for Vermont state colleges and that he was concerned because Chuck would not respond to his emails about who was paying for his website and mailings. He was concerned about a lack of transparency.

Katie Farber, a teacher at Rumney, agreed that it was an important issue but felt the language of the article was inflammatory and worried about limits it might place on educational activities as well as increased administrative costs. Mary Jo Lamell said that as an information technology specialist at IBM, it was her opinion that the data was safer in Minnesota.

At the request for comment from Michael Levine, U32 School Board Chair Adrienne Magida said that Chuck had attended every one of their meetings for the past 18 months, always speaking on the issue for five minutes or more at each. She said the Board continues to monitor the situation and is very concerned about the privacy and security of student data.

Martin Pincus was confused on what the article wanted. Susan Clark explained.

Charlie Merriman proposed rewording the Article 20 to the following:

Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the following resolution regarding our children's privacy and control over their own personal information? (By petition.)

WHEREAS:

1. especially in the digital age, a child's personal information cannot easily be retracted once shared or seized; and
2. existing law and school policy provide that individual student information belongs primarily to each student and his/her parents or guardian;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the town urges the Middlesex and U32 school board to continue work on addressing the storage of information about individual students.

Paul Zabriskie said the town shouldn't try to draft a new policy with a committee of 200. This was not the proper forum for vetting this solution. Jeff Koonz said a bigger threat to students' privacy was Facebook. He encouraged everyone to vote down Article 20 without the amendment. Bennett called the question on the amendment. A vote was called on whether to call the question and the motion passed. The amendment failed.

Tim Hayward moved that the article be tabled . Anita Krauth seconded. Susan restated the motion as a motion to "postpone indefinitely." Chris McVeigh wondered if the article would automatically appear on the 2015 Town Warning if it was passed over that this meeting. Susan Clark and Peter Hood said no. It could only appear again if it were re-petitioned. Chuck Davin asked to speak again and was denied by a voice vote. The motion passed and Article 20 was passed over.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

'Mary Just Skinner noted that Middlesex Fire Chief Doug Hanson, a Montpelier resident, was at the meeting if anyone wanted to discuss fire business. Also, she congratulated the Middlesex "Team Floodtastic" Robotics team for winning first place in the FIRST Lego League Robotics Tournament.

Don Dockter asked if \$200 could be awarded to the Montpelier Veterans Council which the town has historically funded. This year his organization didn't submit a request by the January deadline. Susan Clark explained that towns are not allowed to take binding action under the "Other Business" portion of the meeting. Peter Hood, a veteran himself, said he was very much in favor of the organization. However, that request needed to be submitted as an amendment to Article 18. Janet McKinstry of the Cemetery Commission said her group might help the Montpelier Veterans since part of the Cemetery Commission's duties include marking graves, some as far back as the Civil War. Charlie Merriman asked for a straw poll in favor of supporting the Montpelier Veterans as an advisory measure for the Select Board. By a large majority, the voters gave their approval of the MVC.

Richard Miller asked if a policy could be created requiring the Listers to provide notifications for site inspections during the spring assessment season since he was surprised one Sunday morning to find two Listers on his lawn. In response to a question by Chris McVeigh, Charlie Merriman, as a former assistant attorney general for the Vermont Tax Department, said by law the Listers are their own elected entity and the Select Board has no control over them. However, he suggested Richard send a letter to the Listers and that the Lister draft a rational policy for visiting. Mary Just Skinner said the Listers might want to consider doing something since this has been an ongoing concern.

Susan Clark noted it was a Town meeting of two firsts and as second. It was the first time Corey Kline and Sam Merriman voted and, as far as she knew, Harry Domanski was the first in Vermont to speak at Town Meeting via remote town meeting participation technology. This meeting marked the second time he had done so. She said Middlesex is the only town in Vermont to use this remote technology for a town meeting.

Town Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Approved by the following:



 Peter Hood, Middlesex Select Board Chair

3/11/14

 Date

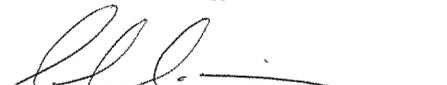


 Susan Clark, Moderator of the 2014 Town Meeting

3-11-14

 Date

I so attest that the above approved minutes have been recorded in the Middlesex Town Records:



 Town Clerk/ Select Board Assistant

3.12.14

 Date

MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT 2014

The Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by a group of dedicated members who responded to 79 calls in 2014. Some interesting numbers for residents of Middlesex to take away from these calls are: 29 were vehicle related on I-89, 16 vehicle related on the roads of Middlesex, 7 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 6 alarms, 4 brush/wild land fires, 4 hazards, 5 mutual aid structure fires, 2 other calls, and 4 mutual aid other calls. Responding to these calls resulted in 592.5 firefighter hours provided by the members of the Fire Department. This time only includes the hours on calls, it doesn't include the hours spent training, going to business meetings, equipment and vehicle repair and maintenance, fire station upkeep and maintenance, and fire protection training to all the students at Rumney School.

The most exciting news of the year for us has been the addition of a new to us fire engine. This truck became available through the federal government to local government equipment transfer. The fee to the state was \$30,000 which was the transportation cost to get the engine from an US Air Force Base in Japan to Vermont. The engine will be going into service once we have taken care of all the required maintenance.

We are looking for residents of Middlesex to join the Fire Department. You do not have to have experience, we will arrange to get you trained. We are also looking for people to join who are interested in supporting the Fire Department by doing jobs that need to be done in order for the firefighters to continue serving the community. Some of the jobs we need people to help us with are: vehicle maintenance and inspection, equipment maintenance and repair, and building maintenance. If you are interested in joining as a firefighter or to help with the behind the scenes jobs, come to Station 1 across from the State Police Barracks on St Rt 2. We meet at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Koonz, President
Douglas Hanson, Chief

MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

Middlesex fast Squad had another busy year. The call came to our pagers 177 times during 2014, for a potential medical emergency within the Middlesex area. When you call 911 for help with an illness or injury, members of the Middlesex Fast Squad and Montpelier Ambulance are notified. Fast squad members who are available to leave their jobs, family or warm beds respond in their cars, at the same time the ambulance leaves Montpelier. Middlesex Fast Squad has 4 EMT members, and 90% of the time one or more fast squad members respond. The town of Middlesex has a contract with Montpelier Ambulance to provide transporting ambulance service to Middlesex.

Upon arrival of the Fast Squad to the emergency, EMT's have the training to provide immediate emergency care, stopping bleeding, utilizing oxygen therapy, obtaining vital signs and most importantly taking a history of what happened that initiated the 911 call. Having a list of current medications and list of medical conditions and allergies to give to emergency responders is very important and saves possibly precious time in an emergency. Many times the ambulance arrives before the Fast Squad, and Fast Squad members then may focus on clearing a path and selecting the proper equipment to help get the patient into the ambulance.

Of the 177 Fast Squad calls in 2014, 84 calls for medical conditions, 22 for trauma, plus 39 calls for motor vehicle crashes. We were called 6 times to VSP barracks for trauma and medical reasons and called for 21 lift assists and the remaining were cancelled prior to arrival on scene. We assisted at some level with 107 patients who were transported. This compares to 143 calls last year, and assisting with 89 patients transported by ambulance to the hospital. We provide first response to the back side of the River area of Moretown, and appreciate the assistance of Worcester Fast Squad for calls in the Shady Rill/Putnamville area.

Fast squad members are EMT's Jeff Koonz, Doug Hanson, Bob and Marge Bower. We would welcome new members. We are looking for someone who lives in the Middlesex response area, and is interested in helping their neighbors by providing emergency medical aide. Fast Squad members respond when able, any hour of the day or night. You do not need medical experience, just the willingness to learn and serve the community in this capacity.

The Fast Squad/Fire Department is considering offering community CPR classes at the Fire Station. If you are interested in learning CPR, becoming a Fast Squad member, or need any other EMS information contact the Fast Squad Director, MargeBower@comcast.net

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Middlesex Town Forest – During 2014 the Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) continued scouting a trail route on the Town Forest including laying out two flaglines for possible routes to reach the ridgeline of Chase Mountain. Next field season the goal is to extend the flagline to a previously located viewpoint on the ridgeline and then work on fine tuning the route followed by construction of the trail. Committee members participated in a walk with a neighboring landowner and the landowner's forester to discuss the potential for future coordination on timber harvesting activities. Committee members in 2014: Dick Alderman; Planning Commission Liaison; Steve Juiffre; George Longenecker; Brian Redmond; Bill Rossmassler, Dave Shepard, and Eric Seidel. The Committee also thanks John Buddington for his continued support in the field and with mapping and recording information from field trips.

Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area – The MCC participated in a work hike in the spring improving drainage and hardening of the trail section south of the boat launch. MCC members joined park manager Collin O'Neal for this outing. The MCC also provided letters of support for two grants that Collin applied for to support the park.

Green Up – MCC members staffed the Town Garage to accept roadside trash cleaned up by town residents and make sure it was put into the proper town truck or pile for later removal to a landfill. MCC member Barry Goodman handled the coordination and provided the data for the report to the Green Up Vermont organization. Thanks to the Middlesex road crew for providing the trucks and hauling the collected trash to the transfer station and to Bolduc's Salvage for the metal recycling roll-off.

3 Mile Bridge Road Parcel – The town acquired a small parcel along the bank of the Winooski River on Three Mile Bridge Road via a tropical storm Irene buyout by the Federal Emergency Management Association. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board holds a conservation easement on this parcel, one provision of which provides for public access. The MCC completed an interim management plan for the property that was approved by the Selectboard. A final management plan will be prepared after a public meeting to be held in 2015. During two work outings the MCC mowed a portion of the property, cut back some vigorous burdock plants and seeded and mulched a drainage swale.

Middlesex Village – Some years ago the Town received a Vtrans Enhancement Grant for roadway improvements in Middlesex Village. Some aspects of the project did not come to pass but welcome to Middlesex signs on the approaches to the village were installed in 2014.

Agendas and minutes for MCC meetings are posted on the Town of Middlesex website at <http://middlesexvermont.org>. If you would like to find out more about the MCC, please feel free to get in touch with any one of us. Monthly meetings of the MCC occur on the first Thursday of every month, except July, at 7:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Goodman

George Longenecker

Eric Seidel

Scott Gurley

Charlie Merriman

Dave Shepard

Rich Langdon

Lee Rosberg

BOY SCOUT TROOP 777

Boy Scouts is for boys ages 11 to 18. We teach the boys many things some of which are: camping, backpacking, fire building, canoeing, citizenship, and leadership. All this while having fun and meeting other boys from around Vermont and the US. They also can learn new things while earning any of over 130 merit badges.

In 2014 we had one Scout, Austin Weed, earn his Eagle Rank. This is the highest rank a Scout can earn. His leadership project was to continue developing the Walter Kelley Park. He organized the construction of a picnic shelter for the park. Austin is the fourth scout from Troop 777 to earn his Eagle Rank over the last five years.

The sad news this year is; Austin was the last youth in Troop 777. The Troop has closed its doors due to a lack of interest of boys in Middlesex. It is my hope that the Troop can be restarted in the near future. If there are any parents with boys between the ages of 11 and 18 and would like to join Boy Scouts please contact me at: 229-6907 or cjkoonz@myfairpoint.net. It would be a wonderful thing if we could restart the Troop

Yours in scouting,

Jeff Koonz, Scoutmaster



MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Middlesex Historical Society was incorporated in November, 1993, to help townspeople understand and preserve the history of the people who have lived and worked in Middlesex, and the buildings, roads, cemeteries, institutions and culture of this community. Our current membership stands at over 200. Members meet three times per year in January, May, and September to share photographs, memorabilia and stories; dates and times are posted on the Middlesex town website, as well as on the Front Porch Forum community email service and on radio station WDEV. We welcome donations of old photos and documents; they are stored safely and are available to anyone who wishes to study them.

The highlights of 2014 included members' creation of an exhibit called "The Lost Village of Wrightsville" for the Vermont History Expo June 20-21. Many Middlesex and area residents also enjoyed hearing about researcher Brian Lindner's detailed investigation of the 1944 plane crash on Camel's Hump at our fall community event. Despite a couple inquiries, the future of the village railroad station remains gloomy—who will step up to help save this building before its 100th birthday in 2018?

We still have about 70 copies of the first complete history of our community, *Middlesex in the Making*, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman. Designed by resident Kate Alberghini, the book includes over 200 photographs as well as over 70 interviews with the town's oldest residents. It traces the history of the town from its earliest Abenaki roots to the changes of the 1950s and 60s. Copies can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office, at the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting, at the Red Hen bakery in the village, or through Bear Pond books in Montpelier.

The Society still needs a home to display its growing collection of Middlesex documents, photos and artifacts. Our 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic sites is available at the Middlesex website. A traveling exhibit about Middlesex past and present is available for educational uses by any resident.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Middlesex history and costs one dollar (\$1) per person per year, \$15 for businesses. We hope our efforts will help citizens increase their sense of pride in our town's past traditions and their sense of responsibility in planning for the future. Please help us preserve our town's history by renewing your membership at the Middlesex Historical Society table in the Town Hall on Town Meeting Day or by sending dues or donations to Dick Alderman, Treasurer, 422 Center Rd, Middlesex, VT 05602. Book orders may also be sent to this address.

Patty Wiley, President

Sarah Seidman, V.P./Secretary

Dick Alderman, Treasurer

MIDDLESEX LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Middlesex Learn to Swim Program offers Middlesex children the opportunity to learn correct swim techniques and water safety skills. There are 6 levels for lessons, and children may start as young as age 4. The forty-five minute lessons are held inside at the First in Fitness pool.

A session of swim lessons runs for two weeks, giving the children 10 lessons each. Each level consists of a 1:5 ratio: 1 instructor for every 5 children. At least one of these instructors per level is a certified swim instructor. The instructors have been positive, energetic, and skillful in teaching the children to swim.

For the last three years, two swim sessions have been offered, but only one has been filled, allowing us to run only one session to nearly full capacity. Last summer, 37 Middlesex children participated in Learn to Swim. Thank you to the town residents for supporting this important program and to First in Fitness for offering swim lessons at a reduced price.

Balance from 2013:	\$1115.50
Total Expenses:	\$1350.00 (for one swim session)
Town Contribution:	\$675.00
Income	
2014 Town Contributions:	
Fees Collected from Swimmers:	\$735.00
Payment made from funds:	\$675.00
End Balance:	\$1175.50

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Goodwin goodwin.debbie@comcast.net

TOWN LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

The Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 97.39 % for 2014. This compares with 95.6% for 2013. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), which provides an indication of the uniformity of the Grand List assessments, computed at 8.83% for 2014. In comparison, the 2013 COD value was 10.97%. Both COD and CLA values are well below the Vermont average.

Taxable properties in town numbered 904 as of April 1, 2014, with a total town assessment of \$209,655,800. In comparison, as of April 1, 2013, there were 901 properties with a total town assessment of \$207,583,900.

Twelve residential sales were recorded in Middlesex during the year ending March 31, 2014. The residential sales ranged from a house on a 0.31 acre lot on Private Road #5 for \$39,500, to a house and 25.15 acres on McCullough Hill Road for \$720,000. These sales indicate a very stable residential market existed in Middlesex for 2014. There were five land sales in this same period ranging in price from \$600 for .23 acres off Brook Road to \$93,000 for a 96-acre parcel on the class four section of Bushey Road. There was one sale of a commercial property on Route 2 for \$250,000.

Overall, the real estate market in Middlesex remained fairly active during 2014 with residential sales holding their own and land sales tending generally on the downside.

The Listers are available Wednesday mornings in the Town Clerk's Office to answer questions from property owners either in person or by phone: (802) 223-5915.

Middlesex Listers,

Dick Alderman

Eric Young

Caleb Deane

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Middlesex Planning Commission continues its work on the revision of the town's zoning regulations. As part of its revision, the Commission is reviewing the regulations to make sure that they are consistent with the Town Plan. It also is attempting to make them more user-friendly. The Commission met with state Agency of Natural Resources staff to learn more about river corridor mapping and flood hazard management.

The Middlesex Planning Commission:

Steven K. Martin, Chair

Dick Alderman

Theo Kennedy

John Krezinski

Thea Schwartz

TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee is an ad hoc community group that has met since 2001 with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. We generally meet once a month (except in the summer), get a lot accomplished, and there are cookies at every meeting. Please drop in anytime—everyone is welcome.

Remote Town Meeting Participation

Do you know someone who would like to come to town meeting but doesn't, whether due to health or mobility issues, or perhaps because they are abroad in the military or public service? The Solutions Committee has an answer. Since 2008, the Solutions Committee has made it possible for Middlesex voters in remote locations to participate in town meeting. The goal of this project is to allow participation for these citizens while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room.

Via phone and internet, remote participants are able to see, be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, hear and speak to the assembly from afar. Responses from both town meeting participants and remote participants have been very positive. If you or anyone you know would like to use this free service, please contact Janette Shaffer, rtpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-989-2477 (by Feb 20 if possible). No technological expertise is necessary, and we can set you up with a computer if you need it.

Community Communication

- **Front Porch Forum:** Middlesex's use of Front Porch Forum (FPF), our free online "bulletin board," has continued to grow every year, with timely postings about our road conditions, town clerk announcements, lost and found pets, local services, and of course lots of great yard sale items. This year Middlesex residents posted approximately 2,577 messages and added about 100 members. As of January, 2015, Middlesex's FPF had 1,000 members out of an estimated 690 households. Middlesex's use of FPF began in June, 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum; it's free. Go to www.FrontPorchForum.com.

Front Porch Forum staff note that while FPF is a great place to air ideas and begin conversations, it's not the right place for ongoing, in-depth deliberation or debate. Vermont communities have found that this format is not designed for controversial discourse – that is better accomplished at face-to-face, facilitated meetings. The Solutions Committee is committed to creating additional venues for in-depth discussion of key issues (for example, the round-table discussions we have hosted in the past) and we welcome your ideas for improving communication in Middlesex.

- The Solutions Committee's *Middlesex Operator's Manual: A Citizen's Guide to Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Town* was last updated in 2008,

but the content remains relevant and copies are still often picked up by citizens at the Town Clerk's office and the Rumney School. It includes useful information on town regulations, voting, resources for recreation and youth, and more. The contents are also available on the **Middlesex Website**, www.middlesexvermont.org, adeptly maintained by our excellent Town Clerk's office. For updated contact information see the Middlesex website, or phone the Town Clerk's office at 223-5915.

And more...

Other Solutions Committee pursuits have included: working with the Town Clerk's office to create charts that help make Middlesex's budget information clearer (thanks to Middlesex resident John Riley of Capital Accounting Services for donating his services to this project!); promoting child care for town meeting with the Rumney Community Connections program; helping coordinate the town meeting dinner hosted by the Rumney School that benefits the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf for volunteering her culinary skills!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Selectboard on a "welcome new voter" letter sent to people who were added to the Middlesex checklist this year, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing "Town Meeting Tidbits" via Front Porch Forum and information on how to use "Robert's Rules of Order" at town meeting; and more.

Many thanks to the people who have served actively on the committee this year, including Ron Krauth, Tim Murphy, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, and Barb and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of the Middlesex Selectboard, Middlesex School Board, and others.

Please join us! Middlesex's democracy can always use fresh ideas! Your participation can range from simply being on our email list, to having a cookie and sharing an idea, to getting involved in specific projects. For more information or meeting notices, please contact Susan Clark, phone 223-5824, e-mail sclark@sover.net.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Clark, Chair*

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Permits	49	42	31	37	47	29
Fees Collected	\$6,565	\$7,610	\$4,500	\$4,425	\$6,035	3460
New Single Family Dwellings	8	7	6	3	5	4

MIDDLESEX BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES ENTERS ITS TENTH YEAR

This summer, the annual concert series at the Martha Pellerin – Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand in Middlesex will celebrate its tenth anniversary! For six consecutive Wednesdays from July 8 to August 12, 2015, starting at 6:30 p.m., local residents will be treated, at the One- Decade mark, to performances by some of the best musicians in Vermont. Once again, families will gather in a wide arc around the Bandstand stage, set out their picnics, listen to great music, and watch kids from the community run and dance. There's simply nothing like it.

Over the years, the Bandstand has hosted the likes of Tammy Fletcher, Will Patton, Myra Flynn, the Sky Blue Boys, Dave Keller, Afinque, Colin McCaffrey, Kat Wright, Dave Grippo, Chad Hollister, Patti Casey, Vorcza, Michele Choiniere, Barika, and many other top performers. Their styles have spanned blues and bluegrass, folk and funk, classical and country, traditional Quebecois and good-time American—and all of it for free.

This year, in honor of the Bandstand's tenth birthday, we aim to bring to Middlesex our finest lineup ever, and to sponsor one or more special events at the Bandstand site.

Last year's concert series was made possible through the generosity of many people and businesses, including:

Our season-long gold sponsors—

Align to Health Chiropractic, Bear Creek Environmental, Bear Swamp Veterinary, Creative Carpentry & Construction, Flywheel Communications, Freelance Automotive, Mad Tech Sound and Lovetown Recording, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Montpelier Construction, Noyle W. Johnson Insurance, Red Hen Baking, and Weathering Heights.

And our concert sponsors--

Athena's Boutique & Splash Naturals, Bolduc Salvage, Brian P. Graphic Arts, Capitol Copy, Hartigan, Highland Gardens, and Pease Farm Stable.

Please thank them and patronize their businesses. And thanks to all of you who have contributed in other ways to the success of the Bandstand.

For more information, or to be a sponsor, please call John Puleio at 229- 0881 or Elliot Burg at 223-7525.

The Middlesex Bandstand Committee,

Dick Alderman

Elliot Burg

Wendy Freundlich

Jerry Gormley

Deorsha McDade

Mary Nealon

Margot Prendergast

John Puleio

Ron Sweet

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities since 1967 through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. CVRPC is governed by appointed representatives from each municipality in the region.

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and consultations with local officials. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of LEOP's (Local Emergency Operations Plans). The Commission's work continued this year with providing assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC continued its work with towns on assessing green infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws, as well as finalizing the draft Forest Stewardship Plan. CVRPC is updating the Regional Plan with its "Plan Central Vermont" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town of Middlesex through administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, assistance with the Mad River Byway, development of the local emergency operations plan and local hazard mitigation plan, updating the Town's parcel maps, updating the GIS-based road map and other GIS maps, updating the bridge and culvert inventory, and assisting with development of the Town's web site.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Significant staff time this year was spent working with municipalities on mapping and analysis of current bylaws to understand how they influence future development patterns. CVRPC can also provide model bylaws and assist municipalities with the administration of grants.

Thank you for your continued support for local and regional planning. Please call us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org and Find us on Facebook!

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CVSWMD is made up of 18 member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. Anita Krauth represents Middlesex on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors.

In FY14, CVSWMD provided \$17,827 in School Zero Waste and Walbridge Reuse Grants, \$18,987 in Municipal Assistance Grants, and \$3,709 in Green Up Day Grants to member municipalities. The Town of Middlesex received a \$500 Green Up Day Grant. Rumney Memorial School received a \$432 School Zero Waste Grant to purchase reusable bags for the cafeteria.

The district continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soilsaver composting units and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has 83 participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated 1,245 tons of food scraps to composting facilities in FY14.
- **School Composting (part of our School Zero Waste Program):** All 25 public schools in the district participate in this program. Over the course of the 2013-2014 school year, our schools diverted an estimated 249,150 pounds (or 124.575 tons) of high quality food scraps.
 - Rumney Memorial School has diverted 3.3 tons of food scraps in FY14 alone!
 - U-32 High School has diverted 6.1 tons of food scraps from the landfill in FY2014
- **Special Collections:** In 2014, nine events were held, in which CVSWMD collected household hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
 - Two collections were held close to Middlesex, one in Barre and one in Montpelier.
 - 74 visitors to our Additional Recyclables Collection Center came from Middlesex.
- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information about what can be recycled, how to dispose of hazardous waste, and about our goal to move toward Zero Waste, including the “A to Z Guide,” new Paint Care guidelines, dates and times of our special collections, and strategies for achieving a Zero Waste household.

For more information go to www.cvswwmd.org or contact us at 802-229-9383 or comments@cvswwmd.org

MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF

The Middlesex Food Shelf offers a range of boxed and canned food, meats, prepared foods, bread, beverages, toiletries, and pet food to residents of Middlesex and neighboring towns. Housed in the Middlesex United Methodist Church, it is open every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. On arrival, clients identify their town of residence and the number of people in their household. In 2014, the food shelf had 597 such visits by a household (not necessarily distinct households since most clients are returning visitors). Based on the clients' reports of household size, in 2014 the food shelf assisted individuals with their food needs a total of 1,713 times.

The food shelf is reaching more people every year, as these numbers indicate:

total households assisted—2013: 515; 2014: 597

total individuals assisted—2013: 1,447; 2014: 1,713

weekly average—2013: 10 households, 28 individuals; 2014: 11 households, 33 individuals.

About 37% of the food shelf clients come from Middlesex. It is quite common for residents of a community to seek out food shelves elsewhere, for reasons of privacy, and the open-door policy works well in reciprocity with other area food shelves.

As a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, the food shelf benefits from Foodbank training sessions and is able to acquire food every week from the South Barre distribution center, some items at no cost, others at discounted prices. The food shelf derives most of its revenue from the Middlesex Community Fall Harvest Dinner at Rumney School, supplemented by individual monetary donations throughout the year. To make a deductible donation, look for the handy jar on the Town Clerk's desk, or send a check payable to "Middlesex Food Shelf" to the Middlesex Food Shelf, Middlesex United Methodist Church, 10 Church St., Middlesex, VT 05602. Food donations are always welcome, especially tuna, soups, peanut butter, and toiletries. A food donation box is in the lobby of Rumney School. Fresh produce and eggs are best delivered to the food shelf just before the beginning of a Saturday session—between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

If you would like to consider volunteering at the food shelf, contact Dave Carkeet (information below). Presently about 25 Middlesex volunteers handle the Saturday morning distribution on a rotating basis—setting up, helping clients, and restocking. Many of them are Rumney parents assisted by their children. Volunteers work in pairs.

We would like to thank the following for their help in 2014: the Middlesex United Methodist Church for housing the food shelf and helping in many other ways; Red Hen Bread and the Middlesex Country Store for their food donations; Settlement Farm for produce donations through the summer and fall; Rumney School staff, parents, and kids for the always-spectacular fall food drive; the Vermont State Police troopers in the Middlesex barracks for a food donation in December; Pat

Allen and the late Frank Allen for their many years of dedication to the food shelf; and the residents of Middlesex whose generosity makes the food shelf possible.

Hunger and food insecurity are huge problems worldwide, and it is good to know that here in Middlesex, with our ever-growing food shelf, we are giving an assist to an extremely grateful clientele.

Dave Carkeet (davidcarkeet@gmail.com)

Liz Scharf (liz.scharf@gmail.com)

THE MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Milford M. Leonard Memorial Scholarship funds were created in 1999 by bequest of Milford M. Leonard, who spent his life as a farmer, master mechanic and welder in Bear Swamp.

Designees from the Middlesex Select Board and Rumney School administer this bequest directly, offering scholarships totaling \$1,000/year to individual or groups of Middlesex residents. It was Mr. Leonard's intent that the scholarship money could be used for two purposes. One purpose would be to help someone interested in learning more about welding or mechanics, and another purpose would be to allow Middlesex children an opportunity to attend a camp that provides programs in animal husbandry, agricultural or forestry practices, or conservation.

Applications for these scholarship funds should be made by April 1, 2015, directly to the Middlesex Select Board.

Mr. Leonard was a master mechanic who could "make something out of nothing," but he was not a man who particularly liked schools or formal education. He never married, and except for his service as an airplane mechanic in WWII, he took care of his farm at the base of Mt. Hunger all his life. During his last years, he had to go to a nursing home and sell his most precious possession, his land. Mr. Leonard had no relatives except a sister, also in a nursing home. He knew if he didn't make a decision, the money from his farm would go to the town or the state, and he said he'd already paid them plenty in taxes. So although he never thought much of schools, he agreed to use the proceeds from his land to offer someone who needed it the money to learn about mechanics, welding or agriculture.

*Submitted by,
Sarah Seidman, executrix*

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Washington County Sheriff's Department is very involved in both local and State wide issues. We partner with other agencies to foster positive change for the State of Vermont. One of the many involvements is with legislature, supporting legislative initiatives, and testifying before legislature when requested.

The 2014 Legislative Session was a very busy one, as we all are aware. Several bills were passed that are considered "Law Enforcement" Bills, that I feel I should pass on, as they affect us all. Here is a summary of a few of the "Law Enforcement" Bills:

Senate Bills

S.184: Requires that all Law Enforcement agencies, including Constables, adopt a "Fair and Impartial" policing policy and begin collection of race data during roadside stops, by September 2015, and adopt an Eye Witness Identification policy, by January 1st, 2015

S.314 Requires hands free cell phone use as of October 1, 2014.

House Bills

H.225 Requires that all Law Enforcement agencies, including Constables, adopt an "Electronic Controls Devices" policy (commonly referred to as "Taser policies", by January 15, 2016, whether or not the department issues/uses a Taser device.

H.501 Defines operating "under the influence of a drug" as operation where a person's ability to operate safely is diminished or impaired in the slightest degree.

H. 735 Established a provision for storage facilities for storage of firearms and dangerous weapons, for those charged with and convicted of crimes where continuing violence or harm is an issue and in cases of Relief from Abuse Orders.

H.765 Establish new definitions of part-time and full-time certification of Law Enforcement Officers. Officers/Deputies/Troopers will now be certified as a Level 1, 2 or 3 certification, with Level 3 being what we know commonly as full-time certified Law Enforcement Officers. Level's 1 and 2 will be lower levels of Law Enforcement Certifications, with allowable duties (scope of practice) and responsibilities attached to each. This will effect what we now consider part-time certified officer (including constables who are currently part-time certified) as to what authority they will have and what duties they will be allowed to perform. The Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council must report to Legislature by January 15, 2015, with recommendations and the changes are set to go into effect on July 1, 2014.

These bills show Law Enforcements commitment to better serve and protect the citizens of our State.

On a more local note, the Sheriff's Department currently contracts with 9 towns for varying amounts of motor vehicle patrol, as well as performing our statutory

requirements of transporting prisoners, juveniles and mental health patients and serving civil process. We transport between 550 and 700 persons annually and receive over 2700 requests to service civil process. During FY 14 the Department wrote 906 Vermont Traffic Citations and documented involvement in 391 incidents.

The Department has a full time staff of 10 deputies and two office staff and a part time roster of 28 deputies. With this staffing the Department transports prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles; provides court security; provides construction and security details and serves civil process. We also make a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the ten (10) patrol contracts with towns within the County and through Grant Funding from The Governor's Highway Safety Program for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). The Department is also involved in START patrols, to curb teen alcohol use. We also have an active Snowmobile Patrol program, with the Department having two marked patrol sleds and trailer. We continue to offer Hunter Ed programs, hosting classes in both East Montpelier and Worcester.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Middlesex, many vehicles were stopped and at times warnings were given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town: (does not include warnings)

Violation	Description	Total
23V1007A	Local Speed Town Highway	13
23V1048	Stop/Yield Intersections	4
23V1221	Condition Of Vehicle	2
23V1222	Inspection Of Registered Veh	8
23V301	No Registration	4
23V3206B#19	Sm-Liability Insurance Require	1
23V601	Operating Without A License	1
23V612	Violation Of Restricted Licens	2
23V676AB	Driving License Suspended	2
23V800A	Insurance Certificate	1
Report Totals		38

The Sheriff's Department also dealt with or assisted with several incidents in Middlesex.

Observed Offense	Total Incidents
[No code entered]	1
3200 Accident-Damage - DMV Report	1
ASST Agency Assist	1
MAST Motorist Assistance	2
THAZ Traffic Hazard	1
VIN Vehicle Serial # Inspection	1
Total Incidents for This Agency:	7

We at the Sheriff's Department are proud of the work we do and hope to continue serving the Town of Middlesex

*Professionally,
W. Samuel Hill, Sheriff*

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The summer of 2014 was a great summer and very enjoyable for everyone who came out to enjoy the beach and other recreational facilities. This was our 3rd year with the full 18 hole disc golf course that brought people from around VT to come and play. The nice weather continued all the way into August and the attendance at the beach was consistent allowing for the highest grossing year.

The WBR District also continued its popular canoeing and kayaking program along with two paddle boats, as well as improved and expanded hiking trails, the 18 hole disc golf course, hosted a weekly disc golf league, hosted a variety of day camps and community programs, held the 5th annual Wrightsville Beach Disk Golf Tournament and the 6th annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament.

We also made more improvements to the access paths to the ticket booth and beach by adding a third bench for people to sit and rest.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreational experience for all recreation area users. This required continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements. The following figures summarize the District's financial operations from January 1, 2014 through year's end:

Revenue

Washington Electric	\$ 9,500
Municipal Assessments	\$ 6,683
Season's User Fees	\$25,261
Prior year's carryover	\$ 1,658
Sponsorships	\$375
Total Revenue	\$43,477

Expenditures

Personnel	\$33,996
Maintenance	\$3,052
Operating	\$3,775
Total Expenditures	\$40,823

Any carryover from operating revenue and expenditures that is realized in any year is used to fund the next year's operating expenses. Since a successful beach season is contingent on the weather, it is difficult to predict what the user fees will be and whether there will be a carryover from one year to the next.

The Board thanks the member communities for their continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

*Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair
Jessica Chaves, Montpelier
Jane Dudley, Middlesex*

*Daniel Currier, Montpelier
Bill Merrylees, East Montpelier
Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager*

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

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. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Between 2013 and 2014, Community Connections and Central Vermont New Directions Coalition were awarded two Health Department grants totaling approximately \$200,000. These funds are being used to create the conditions that reduce physical inactivity, inadequate nutrition, tobacco use and substance abuse in Middlesex and five surrounding towns.

Promoted school gardens: Working in partnership with Central Vermont Food Systems Council, we recently achieved our collective vision to have a garden in every Washington County school. We will provide technical assistance to sustain these efforts in the years to come.

Helped improve access to summer meals: We collaborated with Hunger Free Vermont to establish more summer meal sites and remove barriers to participation. In your district, 30,902 meals were served at 30 sites. This represents a 35% increase in the number of meals served as compared with 2013.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Middlesex, 36 women, infants, and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September 2014 we responded to 149 cases of infectious disease in Washington County. In 2013, approximately \$13 million of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$1.4 million of which was in your district's area.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state including 529 in-person participants. Central Vermont has created a community steering committee. We are exploring many needs, including a statewide 211/United Way web page to help navigate resources and information.

ARTICLE 10: CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided free basic education and literacy instruction to adults and teens in Middlesex for 49 years. Last year, CVABE served six Middlesex residents.

CVABE provides literacy instruction in reading, writing, math, and/or English as another language. It also helps students earn their high school credentials and prepare for employment, college and/or technical training. Nearly all students are low income earners.

CVABE's funding request of \$1,000 represents 6% of CVABE's 2013-14 fiscal year cost for tutoring the six Middlesex students and is the same amount Middlesex voters approved at the 2014 Town Meeting. This request is on par with the average funding from nearby towns such as Moretown, Waterbury and Montpelier. State and federal government contributions make up 77% of CVABE's funding. To secure the remaining 23% - more than \$312,000 - CVABE must rely on local community support which includes funding from individual towns, individuals, businesses and other sources of income.

Last year, three volunteers from Middlesex were among CVABE's 107-volunteer network. There are six CVABE learning centers, including one in Waterbury and another in Montpelier that have provided free instruction to 500-600 people annually. Through CVABE, many Middlesex residents have gained academic skills and credentials for employment so they can improve their lives.

Contact:

Joanne Fitzgerald, Development Coordinator

CVABE, Inc.

46 Washington St.

Barre, Vermont 05641

(802) 476-4588

Website: www.cvabe.org

Email: info@cvabe.org

Funding request: \$1,000

**ARTICLE 11: CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation is one of twelve non-profit regional development corporations in the State of Vermont. It was organized in 1976 to provide an impetus for the region's economic development. Its funding primarily comes from the State of Vermont, municipalities and business members who pay annual dues.

CVEDC assists in the retention and expansion of area businesses. It also provides advisory services, education and information to the local business community through informational workshops, seminars and confidential one on one meetings. For example, CVEDC is in contact with the owners of Red Hen Bakery and Don and Lise Wexler, developers who are revamping and expanding the former Camp Mead on Route 2.

In addition, CVEDC promotes Central Vermont and its resources to businesses and industries contemplating new facilities in the region through joint regional marketing in conjunction with the State Department of Economic Development, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

CVEDC employs a staff of one full-time and one three-quarter-time people. Middlesex Select Board chair Peter Hood is serving his second term as the chair of the CVEDC board.

CVEDC is most grateful for the town's support.

Contact:

Sam Andersen, Executive Director
CVEDC
PO Box 1439
Montpelier, Vermont 05602-1439
(802) 223-4654
Website: www.central-vt.com/cvedc
Email: cvedc@sover.net

Funding request: \$500

ARTICLE 12: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice is in its second century of providing home health and hospice care throughout Central Vermont. Town funds help patients rehabilitate after injury or illness, avoid or reduce hospitalizations – which helps reduce overall health-care costs – and prevent or delay nursing home admissions, as well as allow the terminally ill to die with dignity at home.

In 2014, approximately 27 Middlesex residents received 640 home visits for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. Of those total visits, 319 related to home health care, 215 were for hospice, 87 provided long-term care and 19 visits were maternal child health help. The total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefitted from health promotion activities such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings.

The fund-raising goal of CVHHH is to request funds from all 23 towns CVHHH serves based upon population. There is a consistent correlation between the size of the towns and the numbers served by CVHHH in those towns. CVHHH believes that \$2.00 per capita will enable them to properly serve each town's residents, though visit numbers vary annually. Some years, CVHHH subsidizes much more care than is covered by the town's allocation or less, depending.

Other sources of funding include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, grants and three annual CVHHH-sponsored fund-raising events as well as private donations from the community.

Contact:

Daniel Pudvah, Development Director
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice
600 Granger Road
Barre, VT 05641
(802) 223-1878
Website: www.cvhhh.org
Email: dpudvah@cvhhh.org

Funding request: \$3,750

ARTICLE 13: RUMNEY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Last year, Rumney Community Connections enrolled 84 Rumney students in before and after-school care, representing 55% of the elementary school population and 7,917 hours. Also, 33 Rumney students signed up for a variety of CC summer camps and in-service day camps. With academic assistance as a core goal, 14 Rumney students enrolled in Community Connections Homework Club after-school program.

From academics and enrichment, to fitness and wellness, Middlesex kids took part in a wide variety of CC activities in 2014 including archery, fitness, swimming, Brazilian Capoeira dance, African Kokoba drumming, international studies, book making, community service, arts and crafts, yoga, team building games, literary magazine, skiing/snowshoeing, and more.

With Community Connections on site, the building was kept busy from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., as well as during school year and summer vacations. Rumney Community Connections employs the current site coordinator and a part-time care provider. Volunteers also participated last year to help with, among other activities, constructing a chicken coop.

Rumney Community Connections thanks the Middlesex community for supporting these programs in 2014 and many years before.

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Funding request: \$3,000

ARTICLE 14: THE FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Family Center of Washington County fosters the positive growth and development of young children and their families. The Family Center's array of services includes: infant, toddler and preschool child care, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities for mothers and fathers, training for child-care providers, assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care, and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

Among the 70 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 were:

- Five who consulted the center's child care and resource referral services
- Five families who received assistance paying for child care
- Three licensed and registered child-care providers who consulted the center's Provider Support services
- Seven children and 7 adults who participated in the center's playgroups which are free, open to all families with children ages birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements
- Four children who attended the center's 4 STARS Early Childhood Education Program
- Twenty individuals served by the center's specialized Home Visiting services

The Family Center is grateful to the support shown by the voters of Middlesex.

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Funding request: \$500

ARTICLE 15: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring is a community-based mentoring program serving Central Vermont youth for the past 17 years. In that time, 22 Middlesex youth have benefited from mentors of whom 10 were Middlesex adults. Last year, 10 Middlesex youth were mentors and two Middlesex adults volunteered. One Middlesex mentee was recently the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Mentoring is research-based, cost effective and simple. The high school graduation rate for youth who have been served by Girls/Boyz First is 92.3%, which is higher than the state average. Mentoring is cultural enrichment, teen suicide prevention and life skills/work force development all rolled into one.

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring receives no federal funds, relying on a few small grants along with community and individual donations for support. The \$1,500 amount that Girls/Boyz First Mentoring is requesting represents the cost of one mentoring match for one year. This cost covers recruitment, matching, background checks, events and programs and supervision. With the support of the central Vermont community, Girls/Boyz First will be able to sustain its program and build a diversified and stable base.

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Funding request: \$1,500

ARTICLE 16: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is a private, non-profit corporation that serves as a free public library. Founded in 1894, the granite library at the corner of Main and School streets in Montpelier is open six days a week.

In addition to very actively using their library cards to borrow books, DVDs, CDs and magazines, many Middlesex residents attend the numerous programs offered by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library for children and adults. Last year, the library ran 591 programs with a total attendance of 10,653. Some patrons use the library's computers or bring their own laptops to access the internet through the library's free Wi-Fi. Many downloaded e-books from home (or any other location) simply by using their KHL library card.

Between January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2015, 795 Middlesex residents used their library cards and checked out a total of 37,062 items. Except for Montpelier, which pays a higher rate, community support is calculated at \$16 per capita (vs. the statewide rate of \$27 per capita).

The library's current budget is \$876,300 and the library hopes to raise \$453,087 from the six surrounding communities, though this is only 52% of the total revenue the library needs to raise. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is asking Middlesex to cover 3.2% of its operating costs.

Middlesex resident Michael Katzenberg is the town's representative for the library and a member of its Board of Trustees.

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Funding request: \$27,760

ARTICLE 17: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center is a non-profit municipal organization with a long history located at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. Welcome to anyone age 50 and over, the goal of the center is to promote healthy aging and lifelong learning while maintaining socialization, reducing isolation and preventing physical and mental health issues.

The center offers foreign language classes, yoga, crafts lessons, various exercise courses, a film series, day trips and many other activities, including discounted use of First in Fitness. The Barre Street facility houses a free coffee lounge, six computers with wireless internet, an extensive game room and billiards.

In 2014, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center served 41 Middlesex residents, though that number did not include the estimated 20 others whom the center estimates attended the free events and meals.

Middlesex members pay lower annual dues than do members from non-supporting towns. The center's funding request of \$3,400 is calculated on the \$20,000 the center needs to raise to serve eight different towns and then divided proportionally. Middlesex represented 16% of those who use the center. Though the number of Middlesex residents accessing the center has increased from the prior year, the center is not increasing its request from Middlesex taxpayers.

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Funding request: \$3,400

ARTICLE 18: NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER

The North Branch Nature Center (NBNB) offers a wide variety of nature programs attended by Middlesex residents. While most programs are held at the nature center on Elm Street, Montpelier, in the fall of 2014 NBNC began offering programs for Rumney Elementary students.

Many of the educational programs are free, including owl-banding demonstrations in the fall, training in amphibian crossing and a new nature playgroup. NBNC strives to make its programs affordable and scholarships are available for Middlesex children to attend nature camps and other events.

The trails at the Nature Center are open all year, 24-hours a day, at no fee. There is also trail access to Hubbard Park and the North Branch River Park (via a footbridge over the North Branch) offering extended opportunities for hiking and exploring. The Nature Center also has a “Critter Room” with live reptiles, amphibians and other animals which is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no admission fees.

While the Nature Center does not record the town of residence for short-duration programs, most of these participants come from Montpelier and surrounding communities. One full-time employee is from Middlesex, as are three board and/or standing committee members and many active volunteers. In 2014, NBNC employed three teenage Middlesex residents to be camp counselors in training.

The Nature Center is grateful for continued support from the Town of Middlesex.

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Funding request: \$1,000

ARTICLE 19: WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER

The purpose of the Waterbury Area Senior Center (Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association) is to enrich the lives of older persons by providing services and activities that sharpen the minds and improve the physical and emotional health of its members by keeping them active in the community. In addition, the WASC participates in Meals on Wheels.

In the past year, the WASC has delivered meals to approximately 30 clients in Middlesex and served 15 different clients in other ways. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals, as well as low-impact exercise classes, bingo, Wii games, Mexican train dominoes, cribbage, book discussions, computer classes and canasta.

Monthly foot-care clinics are offered, as are annual AARP safe driving classes and AARP tax return assistance. Holiday activities are always popular.

The center is free to all with no membership, though it does request a \$4 donation for meals from those age 60 and older, though Title III of the Older Americans Act forbids charging them. However, those under age 60 are charged \$7.50 per meal because there is no federal reimbursement.

While the Town of Middlesex appropriated \$10,000 to the center in 2013 and nothing in 2014 (because the article was not received for warning), the center is again asking for \$10,000. Historically, the Town of Waterbury has appropriated \$30,000 while Middlesex a third of that. The Waterbury Select Board would like neighboring towns to share more of the costs.

Investing in Meals on Wheels keeps community members in their own homes out of nursing homes and hospitals. The WASC is actively looking for Middlesex residents to participate on its board.

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Funding request: \$10,000

ARTICLE 20:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
CV Council on Aging	\$250.00
Children's Room	\$200.00
Circle	\$199.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$249.00
GMTA	\$249.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$200.00
RSVP	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$249.00
Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Vermont & The New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

Supported primarily by volunteers, the American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses.

Over the past two years, the Red Cross has been focusing on disaster preparedness, specifically working to help communities become better prepared through the Local Disaster Shelter Initiative. The program's purpose is to offer training, support, and supplies to local towns so they can open their own emergency shelters during disasters if outside assistance is not available.

From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, Washington County Red Cross volunteers responded to 14 incidents involving Middlesex's neighbors.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, it relies on the financial support of individuals, businesses and local communities.

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Funding request: \$250

CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC helps people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

Programs and services accessed by 39 Middlesex households representing 83 individuals this past year included:

- Thirty-four individuals in 14 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the local food shelf.
- Eight households with 21 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from CVCAC Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- Three individuals worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe and secure housing.
- Four individuals continued to receive case management services related to ongoing disaster recovery from spring 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene flooding, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- One household received emergency furnace repairs and one furnace was replaced at no charge. Two households were weatherized at no charge and seven people attended classes on financial management and budgeting.

Capstone employs five staff members from Middlesex and two Middlesex residents serve on the Board of Directors.

This year, Capstone is requesting \$249 in funding and thanks the residents of Middlesex for their generous support of their organization in the past.

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Funding request: \$249

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization that last year provided free services to 20 Middlesex residents in addition to answering the calls of 45 older Middlesex residents who requested assistance from the CVCOA Senior HelpLine. Case managers served 20 seniors over the course of more than 120 hours to assess client needs, access benefits and services and work to promote their long-term care and service coordination.

Some senior citizens participated in the congregate and/or home-delivered meals program. Additionally CVCOA's contract with GMTA provides rides to and from meal programs, doctors' appointments and medical treatments (cancer, dialysis, etc.) or for other needs such as shopping and trips to the pharmacy.

CVCOA uses funds from Middlesex and the other 53 towns in its service area to support its Case Management Department – employing, training and supervising case managers to provide assistance to the area's older population. Its staff includes one Middlesex resident while the CVCOA board, a majority of which is comprised of members 60 years of age and older, is made up of members from the 54 towns it serves.

CVCOA is grateful to the town of Middlesex for its continued support.

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Barre, VT 05641

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Website: www.cvcoa.org

Email: srobbins@cvcoa.org

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

Funding request: \$250

CIRCLE

Circle is a small, community-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic violence by providing services to all victims regardless of their gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or ethnicity. This year, Circle is requesting \$199 in funding from the Town of Middlesex.

During the previous fiscal year of 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) Circle provided the following services to Middlesex residents. (Due to confidential reasons, details are non-specific.):

- Advocates responded to 21 hotline calls from callers who self-identified as being Middlesex residents
- Two individuals residing in Middlesex received assistance filing for temporary protection orders
- One woman from Middlesex received housing advocacy
- Two Middlesex individuals received support during final hearings for a protection order.
- One Middlesex resident received support as his or her ex-partner faced criminal charges.

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 5,026 hotline calls, an average of 418 calls per month. Shelter services were provided to 29 women and 21 children for a total of 1,121 bed nights which is 795 more bed nights than last year.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 106 plaintiffs during hearings to see final relief from abuse orders and assisted 102 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

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Funding request: \$199

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The mission of The Children's Room is to support children, their families and care givers by providing opportunities for playing, learning and gathering with other community members. It is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that serves children from birth to age six and their caregivers. The drop-in center, located in Waterbury, is a support facility that provides parenting. The goal of The Children's Room is to promote children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development.

According to The Children's Room sign-in sheets, 16 Middlesex families – out of a total of 275 – visited the center, though those numbers do not include attendance at special events or monthly weekend playgroups.

The budget for The Children's Room is made up of the following sources: town contributions (20%), fundraising (40%), Annual Fund letter (20%), Central Vermont Building Bright Futures (10%) and yet unidentified sources (10%).

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Website: www.childrensroomonline.org

Funding request: \$200

GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

Good Beginnings provides education, resources, hands-on-help, and community connections to expecting parents and parents with newborn birth or adopted infants. Its services are free to all families in central VT, serving a wide range of families across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Nine Middlesex residents participated in Good Beginnings's Family Home Visiting program. Due to an increase in popularity here, Good Beginnings is requesting funding from the town for the first time, in this case \$249.

Through the program, home visitors are trained to be attuned to signs and symptoms of postpartum mood disorder, identify immediate and critical needs and connect families with the proper resources in their communities. They help support parents to form healthy bonds with their newborns through modeling in-arms care, supporting early breastfeeding challenges, and promoting baby wearing.

Emergency funding is available through an application process for families enrolled in Good Beginnings's services who are experiencing crises. The organization's In Loving Arms initiative - a collaboration with Central VT Medical Center - supports mothers in recovery by offering caring, in-arms cuddling by specially trained volunteers for newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (born dependent on substances) who must board in hospital for evaluations after birth. The 'Nest' parenting resource center is open to the community every Thursday at 174 River St. in Montpelier and offers a multitude of resources for parents, as well as a warm place to meet up and play, have a free warm drink and access free internet. Fatherhood events are free to all dads and male role models and provide opportunities for bonding with children.

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Funding request: \$249

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (GMTA)

GMTA is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities it serves, including commuter, deviated fixed routes, demand response shuttles, and individual services for shopping, health care shuttles and daily needs. Green Mountain Transit Agency is a municipal corporation which is supported through local, state and federal funding.

In addition, GMTA provides medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid or Elderly and Disabled funds, or both. It offers rides to individuals receiving critical care such as radiation and dialysis treatments and partner with human service agencies to support client needs. Individual services include trips to medical appointments, meal site programs, senior and adult day care, to pick up prescriptions and groceries as well as to receive other social services.

In fiscal year 2014, 12 Middlesex residents received ongoing Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled transportation services, equaling 390 trips and 7,296 total miles traveled. Service included trips to essential locations such as those listed under Individual Services.

GMTA's funding requests are based on fair-share calculations to the towns it serves. GMTA thanks the taxpayers of Middlesex for their continued financial support and their commitment to affordable and efficient transportation solutions.

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Tawnya Kristen, GMTA Community Relations Manager

GMTA

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Funding request: \$249

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for Green Up Day. Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014. The success of Green Up 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. Green Up Vermont is not a state agency.

Green Up Vermont plans to use town funds to continue Vermont's annual tradition of caring for its beautiful landscape while promoting civic pride. According to Green Up coordinators, most of their volunteer force is made up of families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

For towns with populations between 1,000 and 2,000 people, such as Middlesex, Green Up respectfully requests funding of \$100.

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015 the first Saturday in May. Middlesex's coordinators are Barry Goodman and Dave Shepard.

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Funding request: \$100

HOME SHARE NOW

Home Share Now helps Central Vermonters develop successful home shares in order to create affordable housing options with positive community and environmental impacts. Often, a combination of services and money are exchanged for affordable housing, thereby making Home Share Now unique in Central Vermont.

In the last fiscal year, Home Share Now helped 640 people find affordable housing and supported 82 people in home sharing matches. In 2041, eight people from Middlesex received general assistance from Home Share Now; of those, two people secured housing through Home Share.

Home Share Now's annual operating expenses for the most recent fiscal year were \$194,998. Of that, 23% came from foundations, corporations and community organizations, 64% from the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, 3% municipal appropriations, 6% individual donation and 4% participant fees.

Home Share Now's request of \$250 is based on \$0.15 per Middlesex resident. A contribution from the Town of Middlesex will directly support the enrollment process for Middlesex residents.

Home Share Now does not charge the full cost of its services in order to make home sharing accessible to everyone so that vulnerable and financially insecure individuals can receive services.

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Funding request: \$250

MONTPELIER VERMONT VETERANS COUNCIL

The Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council has been placing flags and markers at local cemeteries for the past several years. Each year, the organization places over 2,500 flags in Central Vermont cemeteries. The cost of these flags and marker has been covered by personal contributions and funds from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 792, American Legion Post #3 in Montpelier and the Montpelier Elks. Due to the escalating costs of flags and markers, the Montpelier Veterans Council needs to ask towns to assist in these costs.

The council is asking for a donation of \$250. Last year, the Montpelier Veterans Council placed 249 flags and four markers. The flags cost \$1.35 apiece and the markers cost \$8.50 apiece. The individuals who place these flags and markers each Memorial Day are unpaid volunteers so none of the money donated will go for payment or salaries to individuals.

Thank you for considering this request.

Contact:

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Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council
1 Pioneer Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
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Funding request: \$250

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured Central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. While patients must have household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, 86% of patients at the People's Health & Wellness Clinic are below 185% of that limit. This equates to a gross income of \$15,521 for an individual, \$20,921 for a couple.

In addition to medical visits, People's Health & Wellness assists with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, free pharmaceuticals and enrollment in health-care programs as well as smoking cessation and diabetes education classes.

In 2013, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic treated 654 patients, a 19% increase over 2012. Of these, 363 were new patients. Sixteen Middlesex residents visited the clinic a total of 27 times. The clinic also helped ten resident Middlesex residents negotiate the intricacies of the new healthcare law. Since beginning an oral health program in July of 2013, the clinic has screened five Middlesex residents.

The Barre clinic is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as well as evening clinics on Mondays and Thursdays and day clinics on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Patients are seen by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call (802) 479-1229

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Barre, Vermont 05641
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Funding request: \$200

RSVP

RSVP is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over, providing them with a vehicle to use talents they've acquired over the years or to learn new skills while volunteering. During the previous year, RSVP of Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom involved 445 volunteers who contributed over 73,408 hours of service by performing a wide range of tasks, from tutoring to volunteering in hospitals, transporting patients and participating in blood drives – even flood recovery.

Last year, six Middlesex residents delivered meals, volunteered as museum aids and helped at food shelves.

Other funding sources include the federal government (48%), the state of Vermont (11%), United Way of Lamoille County (4%), town funds (6%) and in-kind contributions as well as local fundraising. Middlesex residents Mary Just Skinner and Sara Semler are involved with RSVP.

Although RSVP's funding has been cut by 20% over the past two decades, it has pledged not to increase its per-town requests. RSVP needs town funding in order to receive matching federal funds.

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Funding request: \$250

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is a private, non-profit organization that offers free advocacy for male and female victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support through individual counseling or in groups, a 24/7 emergency hotline, legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and other services for survivors and their non-offending family members.

In 2014, the SACT received 2,002 service calls. In fiscal 2013, the organization provided shelter for 41 people including 31 women, three men, three girls and four boys for a total of 952 bed nights.

Due to a federal funder's guidelines, the SACT is not permitted to divulge detailed information about what towns the victims are from. The organization's funding request is the same as last year.

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The Sexual Assault Crisis Team
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Barre, Vermont 05641
Office: (802) 476-1388

Funding request: \$245

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is the only non-profit organization providing hands-on training and support services to blind and visually impaired Vermonters, who often must deal with isolation and misunderstanding due to the rural nature of their environment.

During 2014, VABVI served 103 adults and 20 students in Washington County, though no one from Middlesex.

A non-profit corporation, VABVI has pursued a mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence since 1926. It is the only private agency in this state to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired clients at no cost to them.

Such services include rehabilitation, helping the visually impaired adapt to daily life, providing white cane and guide dog instructions, supplying adaptive aids and technology, social networking, transportation to places like the grocery store and doctor's offices, and many other forms of support. VABVI helps visually impaired children learn Braille and take advantage of adaptive technology so they can grow up to be independent adults and advocates.

VABVI has four offices statewide in Montpelier, South Burlington, Rutland and Brattleboro.

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Website: www.vabvi.org

Funding request: \$249

VERMONT CARES

Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters with HIV/AIDS and their family members for over 20 years with the help of the Town of Middlesex. Though confidentiality precludes Vermont CARES from identifying which municipalities have been served, according to the organization's statistics, 170 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and 550 additional family members have directly benefited from the services Vermont CARES provides.

In addition, Vermont CARES provides education at area schools, rapid-result HIV tests, and hot prepared meals to those living with HIV/AIDS, along with a spectrum of free, anonymous, HIV-preventions services to help prevent the spread of new infections. The prevention of a single HIV infection within a community can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in health care costs and lost income, not to mention pain and loss for families and communities.

Vermont Cares's funding request represents 5.3% of the organization's total municipal funding request for 2015.

With Middlesex's support, Vermont CARES was able to serve an additional Vermonters who are at risk of HIV infection. This is crucial because the idea that HIV is a curable and easily manageable disease is a myth. The truth is that HIV still takes lives each year and costs tens of thousands of dollars to minimally treat.

Vermont CARES appreciates the town's consideration of its request for \$250 in funding.

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Funding request: \$250

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. Since 1979, VCIL has been teaching the deaf and people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, and individual advocacy.

For fiscal year 2014 (October 2013 to September 2014), VCIL responded to over 2,383 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 304 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 215 households with information on technical assistance and 447 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

During FY 2014, two residents of Middlesex received services from the Peer Advocacy Counseling Program. VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier. There are also five branch offices around Vermont.

Contact:

Sarah Wendell Launderville, Executive Director
Vermont Center for Independent Living
11 East State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602
(802) 229-0501
Website: www.vcil.org
Email: info@vcil.org

Funding request: \$195

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

For the past 15 years, the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council has been managing the Vermont Dry Hydrant Program. During this period, 968 grants totaling \$2 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair after the floods of 2011.

Unfortunately, Northern Vermont RC&D has closed down this program after the termination of federal support three years ago. Fortunately, the Dry Hydrant Program has found a new home with the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) based in Waitsfield starting in January 2014.

On behalf of the Dry Hydrant Program, the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is respectfully requesting \$100 from the Town of Middlesex to aid in this transition.

Dry hydrants assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life and damage to property by providing sources of water that might otherwise be inaccessible to fire department tankers. Between 1998 and 2014, four dry hydrant grants were awarded to Middlesex residents out of 824 Dry Hydrant Grants statewide. An affiliated task force estimates that the program will need to exist for at least three years to accomplish its goals state wide.

Contact:

Troy Dare, Manager
VACD Rural Fire Protection Program
PO Box 566
Waitsfield, Vermont 05673-0566
(802) 828-4582
Website: www.vacd.org
Email: dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Funding request: \$100

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

Incorporated under the Vermont Non-Profit Corporation Act on February 23, 1982, by the Vermont Office of Secretary of State, the purpose of the Washington County Diversion Program, Inc. is to provide an alternative to formal court adjudication for certain offenders from Washington County.

Diversion is a voluntary and confidential alternative to the formal court process for certain juvenile and adult offenders over age ten. Cases are referred to Diversion by the State's Attorney on an individual basis.

In fiscal year 2014, seven Middlesex residents participated in the Diversion program, making amends to all wronged including the victim, the community and even the offender. Of those, three participated in the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP). YSASP participants are held accountable for violating under-age drinking laws by participating in community service, undergoing substance abuse testing and attending several classes. They are referred to treatment if needed.

While Washington County Diversion receives funding from the state and participants, there is a gap of approximately \$30 per individual that is not covered by base funding. The request this year is level funded from last year.

Contact:

Catherine Kalkstein
Washington County Diversion Program, Inc.
322 North Main Street, Suite 5
Barre, VT 05641
(802) 479-1922
Website: www.wcdp-vt.org
Email: Catherine@wcdp-vt.org

Funding request: \$250

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit organization that has assisted young people and families since 1974. Supported by private, local, state, and federal grants, Medicaid and other insurance, donations, and fundraising, most of its services are free. No one is turned away because he or she cannot pay.

The bureau's mission is to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont.

In 2014, 22 Middlesex citizens were served by the bureau in various ways. Of those, six were teenagers who accessed the Basement Teen Center and two were teens who received ongoing substance abuse treatment. Five were youths and their families who were assisted by the County Roads Program which provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling and temporary shelter for youths who are runaways, homeless or in crisis, and one teen participated in the Transitional Living Program for people between the ages of 16 and 21 who are learning to live on their own.

The Youth Service Bureau's request of \$175 roughly represents \$8 per Middlesex person served. Most of the bureau's funding comes from federal government and state grants, private foundation grants, insurance, private donations, fundraising and towns. No funds from Middlesex will be used to pay for administrative expenses; they will go entirely to youth services.

Contact:

Kreig Pinkham
Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club
PO Box 627
38 Elm Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05601
(802) 229-9151
Website: www.wcysb.org
Email: wcysb@wcysb.org

Funding request: \$175

TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES

**Town Projected Salaries Fiscal
Year 2016**

Alderman, Richard	\$3,500
Dean, Caleb	\$0
Young, Eric	\$4,620
Constable	\$1,694
Cerminara, Paul A	\$51,561
Fitch, Bruce	\$41,870
D'Anna, Joe	\$41,303
Files, Jay	\$41,870
Gillis, Maryke	\$11,253
Carlson, Cindy	\$4,224
Merriman, Sarah	\$37,697
Lewis, Patti	\$13,305
Health Officer	\$500
Fire Warden	\$250
Fire Department Assistant	\$985
Hood, Peter	\$765
Skinner, Mary Just	\$612
Callnan, William	\$612
Alexander, Mary	\$612
Martin, Steve	\$612
Fire Department Stipends	\$3,000

Rumney Memorial School

Salary & Benefit Projection

As of November 22, 2014

	Projected Salaries
Anderson Sorsha	\$30,290
Babcock Christine	\$42,935
Blodgett Diane	\$4,000
Breidenstein Joanne	\$23,698
Brower Margaret	\$10,261
Campbell Jennifer	\$40,637
Caspari April	\$18,907
Caswell Lauren	\$41,705
Collier Heather	\$13,762
Comtess Peter	\$20,646
Copeland Joh	\$5,000
Costello Diana	\$60,820
Danyew Christa	\$22,866
Dillon Sara	\$30,581
Dion Heather	\$60,442
Donovan Jennifer	\$33,513
Emmons Linda	\$59,579
Farber Katherine	\$63,278
Grossi Sharon	\$35,003
Hait Theresa	\$53,393
Hedler Chip	\$49,616
Israel Martha	\$38,262
Johnson Leslie	\$42,382
Joslyn Tamara	\$23,135
Lowe Randi	\$17,473
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$26,850
Lynde Debra	\$25,311
Lynde Robert	\$5,198
Pelkey Matthew	\$57,097
Pratt Haley	\$18,472
McGlynn Margrith	\$36,779
Morse Sabrina	\$13,221
Rosen Adam	\$88,511
Sheldon Megan	\$39,770
Smart Julie	\$53,935
Smith-Wade Susan	\$16,663
Trapani Paul	\$34,410
Weiss Benjamin	\$59,579
White Tamara	\$19,651
Woodard Lynne	\$36,498
Total	\$1,434,503

U32 School District

Salary & Benefit Projection
As of November 24, 2014

Benefits include the cost of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.

Projected Salaries

Abbiati Judy	\$64,099	Cook Vicki	\$23,008
Albee Brian	\$52,895	Cooke Ellen	\$64,099
Allen Beth	\$19,974	Crossett Paula	\$52,895
Angel Laure	\$52,133	Cueto Linda	\$21,277
Antonucci John	\$54,615	Cushman Kyle	\$12,107
Balch Stephen	\$41,447	Dalmasse Denise	\$68,884
Barwicz Jessica	\$50,792	David Beatrice	\$52,895
Barrows Stephen	\$64,826	Davis Elizabeth	\$22,926
Bashaw Mary	\$22,472	Dean Fletcher	\$22,571
Bazis David	\$49,934	Decker Anne	\$57,428
Beanland Cairsten	\$47,169	Deguzzman Jodi	\$19,253
Bennett Eric	\$43,339	Dentith Susan	\$66,078
Bickford Judy	\$66,078	Desch Marguerite	\$66,078
Bird Alden	\$52,133	Devries Aanika	\$64,219
Blackburn Christopher	\$61,329	Divelbliss Brian	\$60,537
Blakely Xiomara	\$31,278	Downey Kevin	\$81,020
Blodgett Diane	\$10,927	Dugger Lloyd	\$48,693
Boulanger Chantal	\$31,905	Dunn William	\$39,672
Brown Ronald	\$62,020	Dwire Jody	\$9,529
Bruno Barbarann	\$23,494	Dwyer Colleen	\$34,882
Bushey Charles	\$65,776	Dy Krista	\$52,133
Carey Bodo	\$69,295	Emerson Jody	\$74,520
Carpenter Kelly	\$19,253	Emery Paula	\$53,621
Cate Weston III	\$27,691	Falby Meaghan	\$52,895
Chaloux Sandra	\$49,934	Fair Patricia	\$31,516
Chaplin Mark	\$67,303	Ferguson Kristie	\$43,034
Chartrand Kristine	\$45,928	Ferris Sheryl	\$37,212
Chase Betty	\$20,840	Fitch Lesley	\$49,313
Chouinard Bonnie	\$33,940	Flynn Timothy	\$87,607
Christiana Kendra	\$20,003	Fournier Dennis	\$46,333
Clark-Warner Heather	\$25,552	French Adam	\$54,645
Collier Rachel	\$53,853	Gadapee Bonnie	\$59,579
Cook George	\$60,820	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$52,896
		Garand Laura	\$22,136
		Garand Travis	\$19,644
		Garcia Joan	\$26,936
		Garrity Leigh	\$0
		Gilman Tina	\$16,048
		Gora Peter	\$24,941
		Grace Caroline	\$54,645
		Greene Daniel	\$71,799
		Griggs Janine	\$20,061
		Grow Roger	\$49,934
		Guiffre Catherine	\$58,338
		Gunther Grant	\$46,862

Hannigan David	\$41,113	Papineau Amy	\$23,750
Harris Scott	\$50,892	Paris Maria	\$64,871
Heintz Benjamin	\$58,338	Parker Samantha	\$21,723
Hendershot Daniel	\$28,513	Pate Stephen	\$105,000
Hilferty John	\$58,338	Perry Brittany	\$56,335
Hill MaryEllen	\$29,148	Pollock Pamela	\$21,277
Hiller Johanna	\$49,651	Poplawski Virginia	\$23,968
Hoermann Tammy	\$26,850	Pryce Susan	\$25,428
Horowitz Michael	\$59,579	Randall Nanci	\$26,465
Houston Glenn	\$55,120	Reichert Jason	\$60,537
Hungerford Richard	\$54,018	Saxe Kenneth	\$66,078
Hurley Kevin	\$31,643	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$50,413
Ingersoll Jennifer	\$47,648	Simmons Mary Ellen	\$61,778
Jackson Sarah	\$47,437	Singleton Dorothy	\$19,253
Jarvis Katie	\$47,931	Skoglund Benjamin	\$57,656
Jarvis Lucas	\$17,696	Slade Jodie	\$20,061
Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$49,934	Slopey Brian	\$66,603
Kalman Abbey	\$44,687	St. Peter Hollis	\$60,553
Keefe Brienne	\$41,247	Stevens Debra	\$21,277
Kelley Rebecca	\$23,584	Thomas Gillian	\$44,295
Keys Margaret	\$55,856	Towne Stephen	\$60,358
Kiefer Julie	\$67,486	VanDeren Lauren	\$41,830
Koenigbauer Amy	\$51,862	Verchereau-Staab Suzanne	\$39,317
Lakey John	\$40,653	Volinsky Sarah	\$67,336
Lakey Sam	\$33,847	Wade Adrian	\$44,208
Lamberti Sheryl	\$22,818	Walker Katherine	\$67,828
Lang Roderick	\$18,907	Weiss Eric	\$25,428
LaPlante Lisa	\$87,412	Wendel Devin	\$39,674
Leiberman Karen	\$26,067	Wheelock Ann	\$42,840
Levine Judd	\$67,828	Wiese Kathy	\$67,828
Magoon Heather	\$25,771	Williams Christopher	\$60,820
Martin Tracy	\$41,447	Williams Dylan	\$52,612
Mayette Sue Anne	\$66,078	Wolf Sara	\$20,668
McCann Katherine	\$65,028	Wourinen Jeffrey	\$23,105
McCord Denise	\$66,078		
McGinnis Devan	\$28,898	Total	\$7,014,268
McMahon William	\$31,905		
McNaulty William	\$33,199		
Mitchell Susan	\$20,458		
Molina Amanda	\$79,610		
Mooney Erin	\$59,296		
Newcomb Sharon	\$70,250		
Orellana Riena	\$28,334		
Palmer Victoria	\$52,894		

MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 10 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following School Directors:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| One (1) School Director | Two (2) Year Term |
| One (1) School Director | Three (3) Year Term |

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Middlesex Town School District will vote to adopt a budget of \$3,032,670 for the 2015-2016 school year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen and the other on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

The legal voters of Middlesex Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

School Directors


Beth Holtzman, Chair


Jonathan L. Scharf, Vice-Chair


Mark Bushnell, Clerk


Christopher McVeigh


Julie Moore

Town of Middlesex, VT

**OFFICIAL ANNUAL MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 3, 2015**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

ARTICLE 1

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, for a Two (2) Year Term.
Vote for not more than ONE

BRIAN TAGLIAFERRO

Write-in: _____

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, for a Three (3) Year Term. Vote for not more than ONE.

JULIE MOORE.....

Write-in: _____

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Middlesex Town School District adopt a budget of \$3,032,670 for the 2015 – 2016 school year?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

YES

NO

PRINCIPAL RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

I would like to report to you on the academics, climate and progress towards meeting the goals of our Continuous Improvement Plan. The Rumney School continues to defy statewide trends and has retained a stable enrollment. With 64 students in grades K-2, it is likely that the Rumney student population will continue to remain stable or grow. Rumney faculty members have a sense of excitement and gratitude in response to school renovations and construction that will commence this spring. We are ready for the challenge of working in a construction environment, knowing that many short-term disruptions will result in worthwhile long-term improvements.

We have made progress towards the goals of our Continuous Improvement Plan. Over the course of two summers, nearly every classroom teacher and special educator participated in professional development in math instruction. Rumney teachers have a coordinated and common approach to math instruction, not tied to any particular curriculum or current fad, but based on established principles of cognitive development. Students first reach a concrete understanding of mathematical concepts, using materials such as Cuisenaire rods, tens rods and hundreds blocks to help their understanding, and then move from this physical understanding to levels of more abstract understanding. Ultimately, we expect students to be able to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge by communicating their knowledge fluently, with words, pictures or diagrams. I thank the teachers at Rumney for their commitment to professional development and to embracing different teaching practices.

Rumney students continue to progress as readers. For three years now we have used the Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Assessment for all students in grades K-6. This has helped us identify students below, at and above grade level. Students who are identified as below grade level receive extra support proportionate to their needs. Due to the hire of new staff members and the professional development of existing staff members, we are able to provide literacy instruction that helps all students grow. We aim to accelerate the progress of all students who are below grade level. Our goal is that all students in this category “close the gap” by making more than one year’s progress each year. In the past academic year, we have made progress toward this goal. In 2013, there were 38 students (out of over 150 assessed) who were below grade level. In 2014, this number was reduced to 33 students, as measured by the Fountas and Pinnell reading assessment.

Rumney faculty members and students in grades 3-6 are preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) which will measure student knowledge in the Common Core curriculum and will be administered in over 30 states. In addition to measure knowledge and critical thinking at an advanced level, the SBAC will be administered on computers. In order to prepare for this, we are working harder than ever to screen students for potential learning issues, and making sure all students in grades 3-6 have plenty of instruction on keyboarding and computer use. We expect to administer the SBAC in May.

Meanwhile, we are still having lots of creative and physical fun and learning: every student participated in Yoga for Classrooms this year. We have had an outstanding Artist in Residency program led by a graduate student at the Center for Cartoon Studies. Students played soccer and basketball, participated in winter sports Wednesdays, and of course more than two dozen older students are preparing for the performance of Honk! Jr.

I would also like to welcome new staff members: Classroom teachers Matt Pelkey and Christine Babcock, Learning Specialist Brigitte Kalat, Paraprofessionals Susan Smith, April Caspari, Savi McDonald and Randi Lowe, and Assistant Cook Sabrina Morse.

Adam Rosen, M.Ed, M.A.

RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

In developing the proposed 2015-2016 Rumney School budget, the school board worked with Principal Adam Rosen and supervisory union staff to craft a spending plan that balances excellent educational opportunities for all our students with affordability for the Middlesex community, particularly given the anticipated property tax impact of the \$3.5 million school facilities project Middlesex voters approved in November 2014. The bond will make possible much-needed improvements to the school's kitchen, bathrooms, and heating and ventilation system, among other things. The board is grateful for the involvement of so many community members in developing the plan, and for the community's support of this important investment in our community's youth.

The Board recommends that Middlesex fund a budget of \$3,032,670 for the next academic year. While the total budget increase is \$340,240, or about 13 percent over FY 2015, all but \$39,885 of the increase is the result of anticipated debt service on the facilities project. The increase to the operating portion of the budget represents a 1.5 percent increase over FY 2015, slightly under the 1.6 % annual inflation rate at the time the board adopted the budget proposal in January. When the local school budget is combined with other factors that determine property tax rates, we anticipate that Middlesex residents will see their property tax rates increase by 14 cents, or \$140 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Operating Budget

The operating budget will allow Rumney to continue offering the same educational programs and services to students. It includes increases in contractually negotiated items, including salaries and health benefits, our portion of the services provided by the supervisory union, and salaries and special education costs. It also includes a \$60,000 allocation to Rumney's long term capital improvement fund – an increase of \$20,000 over the current year's budget – to begin saving for future facility needs. A significant portion of these increases are being offset by state and federal

reimbursement for special education costs, some small reductions in staffing and instructional supplies, and reductions in maintenance contract costs due to changes associated with the facilities project. The staffing changes align Rumney's pre-school and foreign language staffing with programs elsewhere in the supervisory union, and we are confident that they can be made without impacts on students.

Unlike many Vermont schools where student numbers are declining, Rumney has seen an almost 10 percent increase in enrollments since 2006. Rumney's enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year is projected to remain at 179 students, the same number as the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment is closely tied to per pupil spending and education property tax rates, and over this same period Rumney has been able to restrain spending increases so that our per pupil spending has declined from 65th highest in Vermont in 2006 to 131st in FY 2014, just above the statewide average of \$13,475 for PreK-6th grade schools. Before debt service on the construction project is factored in, Rumney's per pupil spending for the 2015-2016 school year is projected to be \$14,582, up \$349 over FY 2015, according to figures provided by the supervisory union. It is unclear at this time how much of the construction costs the state will include in its calculation of Rumney's per-pupil education costs moving forward. However, if all of it is included, Rumney's per pupil cost would increase to \$16,531 for FY 2016.

Anticipated Tax Impacts

In addition to the local school budget, there are three other factors –outside the control of the local school board – which affect our school property taxes. These are the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the base statewide tax rate, and our share of the U-32 school budget.

The State uses the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) to equalize education taxes statewide – to ensure that properties of equal value pay equal taxes. Because Middlesex's CLA rose by 1.78 percent, our school property tax rate is anticipated to drop by \$33 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The base statewide tax rate is established by the Legislature, and has not yet been set. As we are preparing this report, we have been told the projected increase will be \$0.02 on the tax rate. This would translate into an increase of \$36 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The final piece of the equation is the impact of the U-32 budget. The number of Middlesex students at U-32 is expected to represent a smaller percentage of the U-32 population next school year than this year, reducing Middlesex's share of the U-32 budget and reducing the U-32 portion of Middlesex's school property tax rate by 0.6 cents.

Facilities Update:

Since November, the board has continued to work with Montpelier-based architecture firm Black River Design to develop construction-ready plans. We recently hired Bill Ford to serve as the Clerk of the Works for the project, and are

working on the timeline for construction. The planning process has been accelerated somewhat in order to leave open the option to have exterior construction start in May, if that turns out to be the option that will be least disruptive for students. We look forward to being able to share our much-improved facility with the community at Town Meeting 2016.

The Board has scheduled two informational meetings on the 2015-2016 school budget in the coming weeks: Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Hen Bakery and Monday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Rumney School. Board members will be available to answer any questions you might have. Also, please feel free to call or email any of us in the interim.

As always, we encourage you to attend our School Board meetings. Unless otherwise warned, school board meetings are held in the Rumney library at 6 pm on the first Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted by – The Rumney School Board Of Directors

*Beth Holtzman, Chair, Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair Mark Bushnell, Clerk,
Julie Moore Chris McVeigh*

RUMNEY AUDIT REPORT

In an effort to save resources along with printing and postage costs, we have decided to no longer print the full Audit Report in the Town Report. If you would like a copy of the complete Audit Report, it is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. A copy is also available online at <http://www.middlesexvermont.org>.

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016	W/Special Article			FINAL
	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	PROJECTED 2015	BUDGET 2016
REVENUES				
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$27,953	\$24,000	\$26,910	\$27,000
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$835	\$800	\$857	\$800
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$3,863	\$0	\$1,393	\$0
FUND BALANCE-EDUC JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	\$2,134,986	\$2,246,325	\$2,246,325	\$2,591,565
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$34,960	\$34,529	\$34,529	\$35,785
SPED-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$55,517	\$59,751	\$59,751	\$61,219
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$208,525	\$209,888	\$191,957	\$257,937
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$53,106	\$0	\$0	\$28,800
EEE GRANT	\$24,285	\$24,962	\$24,962	\$26,464
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,547,130	\$2,603,355	\$2,589,784	\$3,032,670
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$671,159	\$723,729	\$693,118	\$709,170
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$31,781	\$32,492	\$23,099	\$23,908
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$22,222	\$22,000	\$58,676	\$22,000
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$98,246	\$116,613	\$115,784	\$120,994
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$52,699	\$58,023	\$57,779	\$56,196
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,314	\$1,300	\$924	\$956
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,600
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$715	\$992	\$992	\$1,080
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$5,587	\$6,548	\$6,548	\$6,338
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$450	\$470	\$470	\$458
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$19,028	\$19,000	\$16,820	\$19,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,364	\$7,169	\$6,958	\$6,974
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$1,892	\$4,002	\$3,815	\$3,902
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$1,286	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
OTHER PROF SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB & MISC	\$3,835	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
OTHER PROF SVCS-ENVIRONMENTAL ED	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$7,825	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
TRAVEL	\$316	\$400	\$400	\$400
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$15,941	\$23,000	\$22,225	\$21,453
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$1,989	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$7,181	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC	\$951,330	\$1,033,188	\$1,025,058	\$1,015,879
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$37,984	\$40,686	\$42,382	\$41,281
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$18,209	\$13,762	\$30,424	\$22,866
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$6,643	\$5,616	\$5,616	\$5,367
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,059	\$4,092	\$5,497	\$4,838
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$100	\$110	\$110	\$124
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$377	\$434	\$434	\$512
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$29	\$34	\$34	\$39
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$220	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$414	\$432	\$432	\$405
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$160	\$283	\$379	\$289
TUITION/OTHER PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
TRAVEL	\$0	\$150	\$2,195	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$1,320	\$1,400	\$4,895	\$1,400
TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM	\$69,515	\$67,999	\$123,398	\$78,271
GUIDANCE SERVICES				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$33,790	\$34,972	\$35,003	\$36,228
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$10,406	\$10,828	\$10,828	\$11,315
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,756	\$2,535	\$2,537	\$2,625
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$50	\$55	\$55	\$62
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$241	\$279	\$279	\$289
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$19	\$22	\$22	\$22

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TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,288	\$500	\$1,400	\$500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$307	\$316	\$316	\$324
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$100	\$182	\$182	\$188
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$209	\$200	\$200	\$200
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$28	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$48,194	\$49,989	\$50,922	\$51,853

HEALTH SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$37,256	\$40,650	\$39,262	\$40,601
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$3,936	\$11,188	\$4,246	\$4,294
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,702	\$2,965	\$2,948	\$3,050
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$275	\$324	\$324	\$324
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$21	\$25	\$25	\$25
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$460	\$460	\$460
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$307	\$316	\$316	\$324
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$102	\$206	\$199	\$206
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOMETER	\$166	\$350	\$350	\$350
TRAVEL	\$21	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$360	\$700	\$700	\$700
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$45,146	\$57,334	\$48,980	\$50,546

CURRICULUM SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$16,583	\$18,427	\$18,427	\$16,821
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	\$16,583	\$18,427	\$18,427	\$16,821

LIBRARY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$35,465	\$36,514	\$36,492	\$37,769
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$8,639	\$8,898	\$8,898	\$9,051
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$11,782	\$13,567	\$13,567	\$14,177
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,061	\$3,298	\$3,285	\$3,398
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$50	\$55	\$55	\$62
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$314	\$362	\$362	\$374
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$24	\$28	\$28	\$29
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$600
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$417	\$211	\$211	\$216
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$123	\$236	\$236	\$243
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$324	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$1,942	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$270	\$800	\$800	\$800
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$133	\$500	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$319	\$350	\$350	\$350
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$62,863	\$70,669	\$70,634	\$72,819

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$24,499	\$12,676	\$12,404	\$12,838
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$6,315	\$3,609	\$3,609	\$3,772
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,664	\$923	\$902	\$933
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$175	\$101	\$101	\$102
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$14	\$8	\$8	\$8
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,210	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$178	\$105	\$105	\$108
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$60	\$66	\$66	\$67
OTH PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$8,141	\$41,095	\$41,095	\$43,059
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$693	\$0	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$190	\$2,974	\$238	\$1,000
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$4,995	\$6,060	\$4,501	\$5,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,544	\$2,636	\$4,800	\$2,700
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$10,510	\$5,204	\$6,011	\$11,000
EQUIPMENT	\$10,631	\$26,244	\$27,568	\$26,244
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$72,819	\$102,701	\$102,408	\$108,031

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BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$680	\$605	\$605	\$605
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$52	\$119	\$119	\$119
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$30	\$400	\$400	\$400
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$309	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
ADVERTISING	\$244	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,523	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,156	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.	\$6,994	\$12,424	\$12,424	\$12,424

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$49,318	\$47,610	\$47,610	\$50,035
SUPERV UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CKS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.	\$50,318	\$48,610	\$48,610	\$51,035

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$85,933	\$88,511	\$88,511	\$91,609
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$39,222	\$39,668	\$39,436	\$40,816
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$1,750	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$29,630	\$30,952	\$30,952	\$32,345
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$8,924	\$9,551	\$9,533	\$9,857
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,538	\$1,587	\$1,577	\$1,633
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$113	\$124	\$124	\$152
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$925	\$1,038	\$1,038	\$1,072
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$72	\$80	\$80	\$83
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$225	\$1,500	\$2,780	\$1,500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,225	\$1,212	\$1,212	\$1,297
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$345	\$667	\$667	\$689
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$626	\$750	\$750	\$750
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$971	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TRAVEL	\$462	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,369	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$151	\$600	\$600	\$600
DUES AND FEES	\$205	\$800	\$800	\$800
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$174,686	\$183,355	\$184,375	\$189,518

FISCAL SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$34,684	\$35,280	\$35,280	\$37,363
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$34,684	\$35,280	\$35,280	\$37,363

INTEREST EXPENSE

INTEREST EXPENSE	\$23,967	\$24,000	\$26,910	\$27,000
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$23,967	\$24,000	\$26,910	\$27,000

AUDITING SERVICES

AUDIT SERVICES	\$3,200	\$3,500	\$4,150	\$4,150
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$3,200	\$3,500	\$4,150	\$4,150

OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT

SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$55,361	\$63,090	\$60,056	\$65,298
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$19,998	\$18,046	\$18,046	\$18,858
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,943	\$3,977	\$3,978	\$4,115
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,371	\$2,524	\$2,402	\$2,612
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$100	\$55	\$55	\$62
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$467	\$503	\$503	\$521
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$36	\$39	\$39	\$40
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$497	\$527	\$527	\$541
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$99	\$179	\$179	\$185
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$7,139	\$0	\$4,853	\$0
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$1,844	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
WATER & SEWER	\$4,260	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

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DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,115	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180
SNOW REMOVAL	\$7,501	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$8,000
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$2,115	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROUNDS	\$10,177	\$20,000	\$14,236	\$15,000
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$1,538	\$1,600	\$1,487	\$1,600
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$4,716	\$5,383	\$5,496	\$5,383
TRAVEL	\$173	\$300	\$300	\$300
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$11,078	\$9,000	\$9,911	\$9,000
ELECTRICITY	\$30,603	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$32,000
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$25,886	\$24,000	\$28,500	\$30,000
EQUIPMENT	\$3,713	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT	\$194,730	\$199,403	\$200,748	\$208,195

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$83,880	\$86,660	\$86,660	\$87,901
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$3,818	\$3,708	\$3,708	\$4,000
TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV	\$87,698	\$90,368	\$90,368	\$91,901

DEBT SERVICE

UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
DEBT SERVICE-NEW CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$305,355
WATER PROJECT LOAN REPAYMENT	\$3,728	\$5,390	\$5,390	\$5,390
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$8,728	\$10,390	\$10,390	\$310,745

FUND TRANSFERS

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$20,700	\$12,720	\$12,720	\$12,720
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$21,550	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$60,000
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$77,250	\$85,720	\$85,720	\$77,720

INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$106,876	\$116,718	\$118,370	\$122,554
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$121,925	\$135,017	\$139,901	\$169,435
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$0	\$3,917	\$3,917	\$3,917
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$46,796	\$71,209	\$45,115	\$75,525
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$16,259	\$18,634	\$19,472	\$21,657
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,899	\$5,356	\$5,552	\$6,732
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$465	\$457	\$457	\$595
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$2,274	\$2,040	\$2,040	\$2,327
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$157	\$157	\$157	\$179
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$3,725	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$2,506	\$4,059	\$4,097	\$4,865
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$625	\$1,303	\$1,316	\$1,490
OTHER PROF SVCS /TUITION TO OTHERS	\$109,162	\$10,000	\$0	\$80,000
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$150
TRAVEL	\$0	\$50	\$128	\$50
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$910	\$1,000	\$706	\$1,000
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$1,002	\$4,500	\$5,390	\$1,500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED	\$417,731	\$382,567	\$352,818	\$499,976

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SU SHARED SERVICES	\$46,479	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM	\$46,479	\$0	\$0	\$0

SPEECH SVCS

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$35,329	\$36,566	\$36,779	\$38,067
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$10,372	\$10,828	\$10,828	\$11,315
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,381	\$2,657	\$2,673	\$2,765
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$50	\$55	\$55	\$62
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$252	\$292	\$292	\$304
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$20	\$22	\$22	\$23
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$307	\$316	\$316	\$324
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$163	\$190	\$190	\$198
SHARED SU SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SPEECH SVCS	\$48,874	\$50,926	\$51,155	\$53,058

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PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS

OTHER PROF SVCS	\$542	\$3,000	\$500	\$3,000
TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS	\$542	\$3,000	\$500	\$3,000

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$2,194	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS	\$2,194	\$0	\$0	\$0

SU ASSESSMENTS

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$18,120	\$55,355	\$55,355	\$55,817
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$8,321	\$10,066	\$10,066	\$8,464
TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS	\$26,441	\$65,421	\$65,421	\$64,281

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$3,710	\$6,989	\$4,000	\$6,989
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$283	\$535	\$306	\$535
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$50	\$56	\$56	\$56
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
TRAVEL	\$160	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	\$4,207	\$8,084	\$4,866	\$8,084

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,475,173	\$2,603,355	\$2,613,562	\$3,032,670
		7.89%	5.59%	16.49%
EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE	\$71,957	(\$0)	(\$23,778)	(\$0)

**MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL
Summary of Changes Budget 2016 vs. 2015**

	FINAL		BUDGET	BUDGET
	Amount of	Entire Budget	FY2014-2015	FY2015-2016
Staffing Changes:	Increase(Decrease)	% Increase		
Negotiated Items				
Salary Increases -Estimate	\$54,861	2.11%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 4.5% With Current Enrollment	(\$2,175)	-0.08%		
Other Benefit Changes	\$502	0.02%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$53,188	2.04%		
Position Changes:				
Staffing Turnover & Reductions- Salary & Benefit Savings-FY14-15	(\$9,567)	-0.37%		
Early Retirement Benefit Savings FY 15-16	(\$11,293)	-0.43%		
Vermont Healthcare Assessment-4 Teachers 3.6 FTE's @ \$1400	\$5,600	0.22%		
Special Education & Preschool Additional Paraeducator .65 FTE	(\$2,777)	-0.11%		
Position Increase	\$18,920	0.73%		
Subtotal Position Changes	\$883	0.03%		
Total Salary and Benefit Changes	\$54,071	2.08%	\$1,905,933	\$1,960,004
Nonsalary changes:				
Instructional Supplies	(\$1,547)	-0.06%		
WCSU Assessments-Final	\$3,726	0.14%		
Technology Svcs-Tuition Reimbursement, Equipment,Software & Support-Draft	\$3,027	0.12%		
Interest Expense	\$3,000	0.12%	Offset 100% by Revenues	
Auditing Services	\$650	0.02%		
Operation of Plant- Fuel Oil, Electricity, Snow Removal, Repair(Savings)	\$5,500	0.21%		
Student Transportation Svcs-Per Contract & Field Trips	\$1,533	0.06%		
Fund Transfer Capital	(\$8,000)	-0.31%		
Debt Service-Underground Storage Loan	(\$5,000)	-0.19%		
Special Education-Other Prof Svcs, Equipment, books	\$67,000	2.57%		
Total Nonsalary Items	\$69,889	2.68%	\$697,422	\$767,311
Total Budget Expense Increase(Decrease)	\$123,960	4.76%	\$2,603,355	\$2,727,315
Revenue Changes				
Projected Reduction Special Educ. Reimbursement & Extraordinary Revenue	\$79,819	3.07%		
Transportation Aid	\$1,256	0.05%		
Interest Income	\$3,000	0.12%		
Subtotal Revenue Changes	\$84,075	3.23%		
Budget Change Including Revenues	\$39,885	1.53%		
Debt Service-Authorized by Voters Nov 4, 2014	\$305,355	11.73%	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670
Budget Change Including Revenues & Debt Service	\$345,240	13.26%		

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Middlesex**
County: **Washington**

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Washington Central

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.
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Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,325,522	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,325,522	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$2,325,522	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-

Revenues		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$325,817	\$440,369	\$357,030	\$441,105
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$325,817	\$440,369	\$357,030	\$441,105
14.	Education Spending	\$1,999,705	\$2,134,986	\$2,246,325	\$2,591,565
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	155.66	155.99	157.82	156.61

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,846.62	\$13,686.69	\$14,233.46	\$16,547.89
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$32.12	\$55.95	\$65.83	\$1,594
18.	minus Less share of SpED costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	\$38
19.	minus 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	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpED costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpED spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	NA	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	\$36
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,861	threshold = \$15,455	threshold = \$16,165	threshold = \$17,103
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$12,847	\$13,687	\$14,233	\$16,548
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$16,548 / \$9,459)	147.273%	149.565%	153.295%	174.943%

Prorating the local tax rate		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (174.943% x \$1,000)	\$1,3107	\$1,4059	\$1,5023	\$1,7494
29.	Percent of Middlesex equalized pupils not in a union school district	51.72%	52.75%	54.96%	56.21%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (56.21% x \$1.75)	\$0.6779	\$0.7416	\$0.8257	\$0.9833
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.86%	96.06%	95.61%	97.39%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9833 / 97.39%)	\$0.6999	\$0.7720	\$0.8636	\$1.0097
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (174.943% x 1.94%)	2.65%	2.69%	2.97%	3.39%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (56.21% x 3.39%)	1.37%	1.42%	1.63%	1.91%
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at U-32 UHSD	48.28%	47.25%	45.04%	43.79%

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.

- 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%.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, and Rumney Elementary Schools, as well as U-32 Middle and High School.

As a supervisory union, our primary goals are to provide quality educational opportunities for the 1,500 students we serve PreK through grade 12, and to ensure that we are preparing our students for their future. To meet this goal, we remain focused on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; providing high quality early education programs; special services; improving technology and financial services to our member schools; and recruiting and retaining high caliber staff. Below, I have highlighted some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

Board Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

During the 2013 -2014 and the 2014-2015 school years the boards have been asking themselves: “What do our community’s value that our students know and are able to do when they receive a U- 32 diploma?” By tackling this question, the boards are determining their goals and work for this year. Every board in the supervisory union has set a goal to draft student outcomes that describe what the community wants to see in every student in Washington Central. By setting these outcomes it will determine the local accountability for each school and the supervisory union. Please stay tuned to each board as they seek feedback from the community to help them determine if they set the correct outcomes for the students and the schools.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide on-going professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-12. She has been instrumental in coordinating the Grades 4-8 mathematics lab school that we offered in July. Over 30 teachers and administrators participated in the lab school with Professor Mahesh Sharma. We served 16 WCSU students in our lab school, collaborating closely with the WCSU summer services program and Community Connections in order to meet student and family needs.

In addition to the summer math professional development, we have been able to secure a grant to fund a WCSU math coach this year and at least the following year. Ellen Dorsey, former U-32 middle and high school math teacher, is working as our part-time math coach focused on Grades 5-8. Ellen’s work is directly impacting teaching and learning in these grades, and is strengthening the transition between our five elementary schools and the middle school. Ellen’s work is anchored in the outcomes that WCSU has articulated for students in alignment with the Common

Core State Standards. It also builds on other work in the supervisory union such as the summer math lab school and clinical rounds throughout the school year.

WCSU has six supervisory-union wide curriculum committees this year: the Curriculum Council, the Literacy Steering Committee, the Math Steering Committee, the Science Steering Committee, the Social Curriculum Steering Committee and the Social Studies Steering Committee. Comprised of teachers and administrators from all six of our schools, each committee has articulated a specific focus for its work related to curriculum, instruction and assessment. In so doing, they are working toward improved outcomes for students and greater coordination across the supervisory union

Members of the Curriculum Council, the Literacy Steering Committee, the Math Steering Committee and the Washington Central Leadership Team have created a local comprehensive assessment plan for this year. The local data is being used to address individual student needs and larger areas for school and school system improvement.

Special Services

Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services, works closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for over 200 students with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with state and federal laws. This includes managing contracted services for state placed students and out of district placements.

This year, we have reinstated two different special education work groups with representation from across the supervisory union. One group is working to develop a transition plan for students with special needs transitioning from the elementary schools to U-32. While U-32 has a comprehensive plan in place for all students transitioning to 7th grade, there are always a few special needs students that would benefit from additional transition activities.

The second work group focuses on the students with intensive needs. There are students with a high level of needs across the supervisory union. The challenge that we are faced with is that the special education teachers that support these students may be the only special education teacher in the building. The purpose of this group is for teachers to come together to talk about student programming, alternative assessments, assistive technology, etc. These meetings provide the special educators with an avenue to learn from one another and together at the same time.

We are currently in our second year of implementing the special education evaluation team. The purpose of this evaluation team is to allow the special education teachers in the schools more time for direct service with the students we serve. As of January 5th, this team has completed 14 re- evaluations and 21 new evaluations. As we move towards the next school year and the hiring season, we will be looking for a full time psychologist to support the work of this team. This additional .4FTE will be funded through grants.

Kelly is also the supervisory union coordinator for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) a school-wide approach to creating a positive and safe climate in which students can learn and grow. Throughout this school year (14'-15') and last school year (13'-14') all schools have implemented Phase 1 of PBiS. This is the universal level that focuses on every student school-wide. Each school continues to have a team that takes a leadership role to ensure implementation throughout the school. These teams also participate in professional development, continuing to move the implementation forward.

Each elementary school uses a School Wide Information System (SWIS) to document the daily behaviors that occur for every student, in all environments throughout each school day. When comparing the data from last year until January 1 of this year, there has been a significant decrease in behavioral infractions across all five elementary schools.

The PBiS leadership teams continue to participate in professional development opportunities, learning ways to support students who continue to have repeated challenging behaviors. When we start looking at students that have multiple behavior infractions, we begin to ask questions as to why they are happening. Our teams within the schools provide action steps that can be taken to support the student, by finding ways to communicate their needs in a more appropriate way. The costs that are associated with this continue to be funded through a grant from the Agency of Education.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an important step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools have pre-kindergarten program that serves 3 and 4 year olds from their towns. All of the programs have met high STARS accreditation scores. WCSU currently serves 100 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports. This past year the Vermont legislature passed a new Universal Pre-kindergarten law that is providing access to high- quality pre-kindergarten for all students. In this coming year we will be working on implementing this new statute and we will be ensuring that all parents who want their children enrolled in pre- kindergarten will have the support. Prior to this new law, we have had to limit the enrollments at some of our programs.

In addition, WCSU provides programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities and our youngest students (birth to 5) who are at risk of school failure across our five towns.

Teacher Supervision and Evaluation System

A committee comprised of teachers and administrators met extensively last year per our teacher agreement, in order to enhance and improve our teacher supervision and evaluation system. Across the school system we have agreed to use Charlotte Danielson's 2013 Framework for Teaching to inform our practice. We are currently drafting the supervision and evaluation cycles that will align with the Framework.

Technology

This was another great year for the WCSU Technology Department. One of the biggest projects was centralizing most of the servers for all of the schools in the supervisory union at U-32. By bringing together all the servers into one location, we are able to provide better redundancy, security and back-up for all the information in the supervisory union. This also allowed us to give more “up time” for the students and staff.

Another big project was expanding our internet and wireless service throughout the buildings. Four of our locations are serviced by fiber optic internet service, which allows for some of the highest speed access in the state. At Rumney, Doty and Calais Elementary Schools, we were able to increase the internet service by 10 times to provide more educational resources to the students. Along with increasing the bandwidth, we have been able to upgrade our wireless technology at every school. This allows us to handle more devices using the network at the same time. For example, last year at U-32 we could have 1400 devices on the network by 8:30 in the morning. That includes both school technology and personal technology (ie. smart phones, tablets and computers). Having this type of access allows students to use information to build new knowledge and communicate it to others.

The greatest impact on student learning has been the implementation of a one-to-one computer-to- student project for grades 5 through 8. By using Google Chromebooks we have been able to dedicate a computing device to each student and teachers have been able to increase the integration of technology in their classes. This is allowing our students to expand and deepen the skills they will need in the 21st century.

Fiscal Services

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$33.3 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. In developing budgets for FY16, each school looked closely at their per pupil costs and reduced some staffing and other areas where they thought they could, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. However, our school budgets, due to a variety of reasons, have come in slightly higher than other years. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

Credit for the many accomplishments of our supervisory union goes to the efforts and commitment of our outstanding professional and support staff, as well as to our Leadership Team.

Parent and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. WCSU is fortunate to have so many parents, community and board members involved

in our schools and the education of our students. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for the continued support of our schools and students.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kimball, Superintendent of Schools

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Submitted to the board for the school districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Worcester and U-32.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Washington Central Supervisory Union, I hereby submit the following summary report of the financial operations of the supervisory union.

For the year ending June 30, 2014, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,804,571. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2014 with a \$274,479 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$150,274 operations, \$0 special education, \$67,965 office equipment and technology, \$40,086 building capital fund and \$ 16,154 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2015, the supervisory union budgets total \$2,439,922 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2016, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$2,449,302 which consists of \$1,749,302 for operations, and \$700,000 for state placed students.

William Kimball, Superintendent of Schools

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BERLIN, CALAIS, EAST MONTPELIER, MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER

Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) offers special education services to eligible children three through twenty-one and early intervention for children birth to age three.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to receive a free, appropriate, public education.

WCSU may not be aware of all resident children and youth with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability and is not in school, homeless, attending an independent school, enrolled in home study or not otherwise being educated at public expense, please notify us by contacting your local school principal or by calling or writing:

Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services

Washington Central Supervisory Union

1130 Gallison Hill Road, Montpelier, VT 05602

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WCSU CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET AND RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL SHARE

The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its enrollment. Using the enrollment, the allocation for Rumney Memorial School is 12.0% for FY 2015-2016. The total assessment for Rumney Memorial is \$211,558 which is an increase of \$3,725 over 2014-2015. The increase of \$3,725 represents a .14% increase to the Rumney budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office. Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office: Function & Services (not an exclusive list)

Administration Services - SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation. Rumney share is \$50,035

Curriculum Services - Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; professional development across the SU; grant writing. Rumney share is \$16,821

Technology Services - Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; network administration and support; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; and integration of technology into SU operations are included in this total. Rumney share is \$43,059

Fiscal Services - Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. Rumney share is \$37,363

Student Special Services - Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschoolers, private school students and homeless students, special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. Rumney share is \$55,817

Preschool Administration - Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. Rumney share is \$8,464

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

**Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget Summary**

Final

A) OPERATIONS:

Anticipated Revenues:

	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Projected 2015	Budget 2016	Increase (Decrease)
Assessments	\$1,081,571	\$1,407,207	\$1,407,207	\$1,407,844	\$637
Earnings on Investments	\$7,917	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,423	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,094,911	\$1,411,907	\$1,411,907	\$1,412,544	\$637

Fund Balance Usage

	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
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Total Operations Source of Funds	\$1,109,911	\$1,426,907	\$1,426,907	\$1,427,544	\$637
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Expenditures:

Instruction Develop. Services	\$130,101	\$162,236	\$144,693	\$145,792	(\$16,444)
Technology Services	\$45,455	\$349,042	\$350,098	\$358,553	\$9,511
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$312,582	\$347,402	\$366,858	\$358,715	\$11,313
Preschool Administration	\$5,890	\$13,100	\$13,100	\$11,051	(\$2,049)
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$278,055	\$307,456	\$310,135	\$320,823	\$13,367
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$20,482	\$21,635	\$21,635	\$21,085	(\$550)
Debt Service	\$53,266	\$20,640	\$20,833	\$0	(\$20,640)
Fund Transfers-Capital	\$75,195	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$10,000
Behavior Interventionist	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services	\$156,337	\$180,396	\$182,840	\$176,525	(\$3,871)
Total Operations Use of Funds	\$1,077,363	\$1,426,907	\$1,435,192	\$1,427,544	\$637

% INCREASE OPERATING BUDGET 0.04%

B) REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS-STATE PLACED STUDENTS:

Anticipated Revenues:

State Placed Reimbursements	\$562,210	\$700,000	\$703,809	\$700,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income-SPED	\$26,831	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Special Ed Program Source of Funds	\$589,041	\$700,000	\$703,809	\$700,000	\$0

Expenditures:

Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students	\$588,157	\$700,000	\$703,809	\$700,000	\$0
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Total Special Ed Program Use of Funds	\$588,157	\$700,000	\$703,809	\$700,000	\$0
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% INCREASE 100% REIMBURSABLE FROM STATE 0.00%

C) SHARED SERVICES-SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Anticipated Revenues:

Shared Service Revenues-Special Education	\$0	\$313,015	\$313,015	\$0	(\$313,015)
Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$321,758	\$321,758
Total Shared Svcs- Source of Funds	\$0	\$313,015	\$313,015	\$321,758	\$8,743

Expenditures:

Shared Service Programs-SPED Summer & Eval Team	\$0	\$313,015	\$312,533	\$321,758	\$8,743
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Total Shared Svcs- Use of Funds	\$0	\$313,015	\$312,533	\$321,758	\$8,743
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% INCREASE SPED SVC BUDGET 2.79%

COMBINED TOTAL WCSU BUDGET (A+B+C) :

Total Source of Funds (A+B+C)	\$1,698,952	\$2,439,922	\$2,443,731	\$2,449,302	\$9,380
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Total Use of Funds (A+B+C)	\$1,665,520	\$2,439,922	\$2,451,534	\$2,449,302	\$9,380
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% INCREASE ENTIRE BUDGET 0.38%

MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

Town of Middlesex
 Estimated Tax Calculations
 As of January 5, 2015

NOTE: Includes both Rumney Memorial and U32 Proposed Budgets.
 Include Rumney Bond Payment

Town	Education Spending Per Eq Pupil	Base Ed Spending Amt	District Adjustment	Spending Pupils	TAX RATES:			
					Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Equalized Nonresidential	Actual Nonresidential
Projected Budget 15-16	\$16,350	\$9,459	172.86%	278.61	\$1,729	\$1,775	\$1,535	\$1,576
Budget 14-15	\$14,790	\$9,285	159.29%	287.16	\$1,561	\$1,633	\$1,515	\$1,585
	10.55%	1.87%		-2.98%				

Common Level of Appraisal	Actual	
	Homestead	Nonresidential
FY08-09	\$1,663	\$1,723
FY09-10	\$1,780	\$1,832
FY10-11	\$1,800	\$1,822
FY11-12	\$1,391	\$1,398
FY12-13	\$1,422	\$1,425
FY13-14	\$1,507	\$1,499
FY14-15	\$1,633	\$1,585
FY15-16	97.39%	\$1,576
Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)	\$0.142	(\$0.009)
Impact on a \$100,000 property	\$142	(\$9)

Excess Spending Per Education Spending Per	TAX RATES:		
	Equalized Pupil	Equalized Pupil	Equalized Pupil
State Penalty Amount	\$17,103		
Amount Per Town	\$14,987	\$16,350	
Elementary	\$14,880	\$16,548	
U32	\$15,123	\$16,097	

**Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:			
TAX RATES:			
Current Common Appraised at 100%			
Level of Appraisal	Equalized	Total Tax Rate	
FY15-16	\$0.03	\$0.98	\$1.01
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.01	\$0.75	\$0.76
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.04	\$1.73	\$1.77
TOTAL Tax Rate			

Washington Central Supervisory Union

As of January 16, 2015

DRAFT Budgets-As of Report Date****

Explanation of Estimated Local Tax Rate Changes From Budget 2014-2015 to Budget 2015-2016

Part #1 Impact of Common Level of Appraisal on Tax Rates

	Budget 15-16		Budget 14-15		Local Residential		Not Affected by School Spending	
	December 2014	December 2013	December 2014	December 2013				
	Common Level Of Appraisal							
			Change	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact		Local Nonresidential Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	104.23%	105.33%	-1.10%	\$17	\$0.017		\$0.016	\$16
Calais	86.30%	91.73%	-5.43%	\$113	\$0.113		\$0.106	\$106
East Montpelier	94.10%	98.98%	-4.88%	\$99	\$0.099		\$0.080	\$80
Middlesex	97.39%	95.61%	1.78%	(\$33)	(\$0.033)		(\$0.029)	(\$29)
Worcester	103.36%	99.05%	4.31%	(\$67)	(\$0.067)		(\$0.065)	(\$65)

Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate-\$1.00 & \$1.535-Per Information 12/1/14-Incr.\$0.02 Residential \$0.02 Nonresid.

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$31	\$0.031	\$0.019	\$19
Calais	\$35	\$0.035	\$0.021	\$21
East Montpelier	\$38	\$0.038	\$0.020	\$20
Middlesex	\$36	\$0.036	\$0.020	\$20
Worcester	\$32	\$0.032	\$0.020	\$20

******Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32 Proposed FY 15-16 Budgets with Equalized Pupil Changes******

	Elementary		U32		Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K	
Berlin	(\$0.002)	\$0.046	\$44	\$0.044	\$0.000	\$0		
Calais	(\$0.007)	\$0.022	\$15	\$0.015	\$0.000	\$0		
East Montpelier	(\$0.013)	\$0.074	\$61	\$0.061	\$0.000	\$0		
Middlesex	\$0.145	(\$0.006)	\$139	\$0.139	\$0.000	\$0		
Worcester	\$0.058	(\$0.040)	\$18	\$0.018	\$0.000	\$0		

Total Combined Impact on Tax Rates-Equals Part 1 + Part 2 + Part 3

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$92	\$0.092	\$0.035	\$35
Calais	\$163	\$0.163	\$0.127	\$127
East Montpelier	\$198	\$0.198	\$0.100	\$100
Middlesex	\$142	\$0.142	(\$0.009)	(\$9)
Worcester	(\$17)	(\$0.017)	(\$0.045)	(\$45)

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 (“U-32”), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

- Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 PM
- Calais Elementary School in Calais – 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 PM
- East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 PM
- Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 PM
- Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 PM

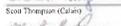
A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 131 at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 2, 2015 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities’ respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

The legal voters of U-32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- ARTICLE 2: To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- ARTICLE 3: To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

Clerk	\$500.00	Directors	\$850.00 each
Chair	\$875.00	Treasurer	\$1,500.00
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$14,915,715.00 for the 2015-2016 school year?
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

 Adrienne Mays, Chair (Middlesex)	 Emily Gendron, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)
 Katie Winkler, Chair (Worcester)	 Scott Thompson (Calais)
 Kait Bradley (East Montpelier)	 Michael Law (Rutten)
 Catherine Goddard (Berlin)	

Union High School District No. 32

OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

ARTICLE 1

For Clerk, for a term of one (1) year
Vote for not more than ONE

Mary Ormsby
Write-in: _____

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$14,915,715.00 for the 2015 – 2016 school year?

YES NO

ARTICLE 2

For Treasurer, for a term of one (1) year
Vote for not more than ONE

Mary Ormsby
Write-in: _____

ARTICLE 5

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2015 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES NO

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

- Clerk: \$500.00
- Directors: \$850.00 each
- Chair: \$875.00
- Treasurer: \$1,500.00

YES NO

ARTICLE 6

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

YES NO

U32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	ACTUAL 2013-2014	BUDGET 2014-2015	PROJECTED 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
REVENUES				
TUITION	966,100	1,033,300	868,914	800,016
INVESTMENT INCOME	143,573	152,106	171,970	172,106
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	11,114,177	11,569,668	11,569,668	12,189,961
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	162,729	115,926	101,926	122,526
STATE REVENUES-MISC	223,545	252,011	252,011	252,784
EDUCATION JOBS FUND ARRA	92,337	0	0	0
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	259,811	257,457	257,457	263,779
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	1,169,639	1,252,995	1,356,921	1,114,544
FUND BALANCE	218,000	200,000	200,000	0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	\$14,349,911	\$14,833,463	\$14,778,867	\$14,915,715
EXPENSES				
BUSINESS ED.	157,961	153,864	153,836	159,539
DRIVER ED.	57,159	60,535	61,434	63,862
ENGLISH	727,343	729,715	719,021	733,327
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	276,182	276,050	279,750	293,683
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	336,979	352,500	362,345	398,728
TECHNOLOGY ED .	169,170	175,996	175,697	183,053
LIVING ARTS	55,356	58,325	58,876	76,474
MUSIC	206,564	212,544	219,929	228,956
PHYSICAL ED.	354,575	366,424	373,052	392,602
MATHEMATICS	760,693	798,577	797,281	836,475
SCIENCE	1,035,185	1,021,559	945,316	957,112
SOCIAL STUDIES	552,285	592,721	602,674	625,817
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	459,405	358,200	377,390	43,507
OTHER INSTRUCTION-504	21,363	2,836	2,836	5,800
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	506,812	547,600	547,734	541,988
MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS	16,252	19,305	18,626	17,480
GUIDANCE SERVICES	568,647	605,909	600,317	611,210
HEALTH SERVICES	131,918	138,506	138,891	142,459
CURRICULUM SERVICES	134,373	149,248	149,532	147,621
MEDIA SERVICE	86,752	100,007	99,182	98,741
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	267,486	276,432	272,286	265,990
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	403,312	393,411	423,411	423,313
BOARD OF EDUCATION	42,697	56,602	55,320	52,700
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	190,210	188,628	188,628	200,017
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	834,952	874,259	875,756	908,726
FISCAL SERVICES	132,363	138,297	138,297	147,867
INTEREST EXPENSE	119,105	120,000	139,864	140,000
AUDITING SERVICES	4,700	5,200	6,950	6,950
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,237,820	1,249,087	1,250,552	1,280,944
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	646,856	660,978	660,978	676,607
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	895,068	979,981	979,981	1,081,085
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1,738,114	1,870,367	2,029,338	1,841,021
SUPPORT PROGRAM	86,218	0	0	0
SPEECH SERVICES	111,872	116,220	115,528	119,682
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES	70,463	45,000	30,000	30,000
PHYSICAL THERAPY & OTHER SERVICES	2,048	20,235	3,000	3,000
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	138,646	144,182	144,402	149,749
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	47,016	40,000	26,100	23,200
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	69,149	216,991	216,991	220,902
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	89	11,972	11,972	5,000
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	650,633	705,200	689,038	780,528
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,303,791	\$14,833,463	\$14,942,111	\$14,915,715

U-32 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET REPORT

Adrienne Magida, U-32 Board Chair - Middlesex

Each year one of the School Board's major jobs is crafting an annual budget. It is one of the most challenging jobs we do. In these times of declining enrollment, rising property taxes, and an ever-expanding list of new expectations for schools, achieving the proper balance between our educational responsibility to our students and our fiscal responsibility to our tax-paying community is complex work. Our budgeting process began last spring after Town Meeting when our Finance Committee began a monthly review of each of the major expense categories, from co-curricular and administration to bussing and food service. Knowing that property taxes have been increasing at a seemingly unsustainable rate and given that the Board has control of only one part of the overall process for the setting of tax rates, we needed to be prepared to reduce school expenses in a fair and balanced way to help to do our part to keep the rate of increase of property taxes in check. Beginning in October the Board hosted three community forums to share our thinking and gather ideas regarding the new budget. Our administrators, the Finance Committee and the full Board worked on various iterations to get us to the proposed budget, which the Board passed unanimously in December.

The final proposed 2015-2016 budget is \$14,915,715, a 0.42% expense increase over last year. This will result in a 1-cent decrease in the tax rate for Middlesex for the high school budget only. This budget includes reductions in administrative, instructional and non-instructional support positions. There will be no reductions in course offerings or programming as a result; but there will be fewer sections of some classes offered resulting in some larger class sizes. The budget includes an additional \$98,000 for capital expenses. This brings us closer to a fully funded capital fund consistent with our multi-year plan to sustain our facility and avoid deferred maintenance expenses in the future. Unfortunately, as a school we face two significant decreases in revenues next year: no support from our fund balance and a projected decline of 19 tuition students from neighboring towns. The board believes we have struck an appropriate balance between school quality and fiscal responsibility and we are asking for your support this March.

It continues to be a pleasure to serve Middlesex on the School Board. U-32 is an excellent school with a strong and passionate staff and administration and students who excel in all areas – curricular and co-curricular – and make us all proud. Thank you very much for your continued support of U-32. Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns you may have.

CHILD CARE

Child care for pre-school through 6th grade children will be available for Town Meeting at the Rumney School so that parents can attend Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required; be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break (by Friday, 2/20).

For more information, please contact Paul Dayton, Community Connections, 223-5429 x 322 or email <pdayton@rumney.org>. Details will also be available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney website, www.rumney.org.

PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the town meeting to those who, due to physical limitations, cannot attend the meeting (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). With a mix of internet and phone technologies, these voters can not only hear and see, but also speak at, the meeting. No technical expertise needed, and we can provide any necessary equipment. If you know someone who would like to participate in the Middlesex Town Meeting from a remote location, please contact Janette Shaffer, rmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-989-2477 (by Feb 20 if possible).

IF YOU NEED A RIDE...

The Solutions Committee will be glad to coordinate transportation to and from Town Meeting for any Middlesex voters needing a ride. Please contact Dave Shepard, 229-1744.

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