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## DEDICATION

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The Middlesex Select Board is pleased to dedicate the 2012 Town Report to Gary Lamell.

Gary retired as Road Commissioner and Road Foreman in October, 2011 after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Middlesex. Gary served on the Middlesex Select Board from 1981 - 1989 and then was the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman. Gary saw the Town of Middlesex through many weather related emergencies, always providing prompt and professional service. It was not unusual to find Gary inspecting the roads in the early morning to evaluate the need to call out the crew. Gary managed the Highway budget with a watchful eye and stayed within his budget even when there were unforeseen emergencies.

On behalf of the residents of Middlesex, the Board would like to extend its deep gratitude to Gary Lamell. We would like to wish Gary the best in his retirement.

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## WALTER H. KELLEY

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The Middlesex Select Board would like to honor and remember Walter Kelley for over 35 years as both Road Commissioner and as member and Chairman of the Select Board.

Walter loved his community of Middlesex. During his tenure on the Board, he accomplished a significant amount. He was instrumental in conceiving and building the Middlesex recreation field at Rumney School and the Middlesex Fire Station. In 2009, the Walter H. Kelley Park, located in Welch Park, was established to honor Walter for his tireless efforts to provide a new firehouse. Donations have been received, and will be accepted, in memory of Walter Kelley toward development and maintenance of the Walter Kelley Park.

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## MIDDLESEX FACTS AND ASSISTANCE

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### 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 .....	\$ 75.00
Residential project over \$25,000 .....	\$200.00
Commercial or industrial project over \$25,000 .....	\$325.00
Sub-Division Fees (per lot) .....	\$125.00
Home Industry .....	\$125.00

(Above fees include a \$10.00 recording fee: there will be an additional \$10.00 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, 2012.

### Dog Fees for 2010

Neutered/Spayed .....	\$ 10.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed .....	\$ 14.00

After April 1, 2012, there is a late fee of 50% of the registration fee.

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS - HANG ME UP!**

Middlesex Fire Department .....Emergency .....911  
 Middlesex Fire Department .....Station .....223-5525  
 Middlesex Fast Squad .....911  
 Montpelier Ambulance .....Emergency .....911  
 Vt. State Police .....Emergency .....911  
 Vt. State Police .....K Troop .....229-9191  
 Constable .....Ron Morissette.....223-6088  
 Health Officers .....Tammy Thompson .....839-6373  
 .....Elizabeth Fortman.....249-1058  
 Zoning Administrator .....John Lincoln .....223-2255  
 Fire Warden .....Jason Merrill.....229-4797

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Office .....223-5915  
 (or).....223-0569  
 Fax .....223-1298  
 Email .....[middlesxtreas@comcast.net](mailto:middlesxtreas@comcast.net)  
 Website.....[www.middlesex-vt.org](http://www.middlesex-vt.org)

State Representative.....Tony Klein  
 Office .....828-2424  
 Home .....224-9097

**MEETING SCHEDULES**

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

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**MIDDLESEX CONTACTS**


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<b>Auditor</b> .....	Helen Weed, 223-5818
.....	Joanne Hull, 223-7068
<b>Bandstand</b> .....	John Puleio, 229-0881
<b>Boy Scouts</b> .....	Jeff Koonz, 229-6907
<b>Budget Committee:</b> .....	Shaun Fielder, 223-9838
.....	Tim Hayward, 223-5540
.....	vacant
<b>Cemetery Contacts:</b> .....	Gary Lamell, 223-2710
.....	Janet McKinstry, 223-5997
.....	Michael Patterson, 223-9940
<b>Central VT Regional Planning Commission Rep.:</b> .....	Ron Krauth, 229-5496
<b>Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep.:</b> .....	Anita Krauth, 229-5496
<b>Central VT Solid Waste Management District Offices:</b> .....	229-9383
<b>Central VT Youth Orchestra:</b> .....	Sarah McGinnis, 229-5120
<b>Conservation Commission:</b> .....	Dave Shepard, Chair, 229-1744
.....	Barry Goodman, Secretary, 223-4660
.....	Scott Gurley, Treasurer, 229-0177
.....	Rich Langdon, 229-5975
.....	Aaron Moore, 223-4254
.....	Eric Seidel, 223-1406
<b>Constable:</b> .....	Eric Young, 229-3648
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b> .....	Allen Alexander, 223-3648
<b>Fire &amp; Emergency:</b> .....	In case of Emergency, dial 911
Use these numbers for non-emergencies:	
Fire Chief: .....	Doug Hanson, 229-6361
Fire Warden: .....	Jason Merrill, 229-4797
<b>Emergency Management Chairperson:</b> .....	Michael Morrisette, 223-6911
<b>Fishing Derby:</b> .....	Jason & Heather Collier, 229-1245
<b>Girls/Boyz First! Community Based Mentoring Program:</b> Wendy Farber, 229-4798	
<b>Girl Scouts &amp; Studio 2-B:</b> .....	Tammy Hoermann, 223-4257
<b>Green Up Day:</b> .....	Jeff Koonz, 229-6907
.....	or Green Up Vermont, 229-4586
<b>Health Officer:</b> .....	Elizabeth Fortman, 223-1878
<b>Highway:</b> .....	Paul Cerminara, Foreman, 778-0404
.....	Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, 229-4832
<b>Historical Society:</b> .....	Patty Wiley, 229-0499
.....	Sarah Seidman, 223-4828
<b>Justices of Peace:</b> .....	Janet Heyman, 229-4979
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748

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.....	Doug Lombard, 229-9600
.....	Peter Hood, 223-9644
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Charlie Merriman, 223-1112
<b>Learn to Swim Program:</b>	Karen Brown, 461-6397
<b>Listers:</b>	Richard Alderman, 223-3953
.....	Caleb Deane, 223-5752
.....	Eric Young, 229-9908
<b>The Middlesex Newspaper:</b>	Neely Washington, 223-1033
<b>Moderator:</b>	Susan Clark, 223-5824
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	Steve Martin, Chair, 229-4832
.....	Johnnie Krezinski, jr., 223-6875
.....	Richard Alderman, Sec., 223-3953
.....	Jeff Farber, 229-4798
.....	Thea Schwartz, 229-4184
<b>Recreation Committee:</b>	Tammy Joslyn, 223-3146
.....	Mark Campbell, 229-5610
.....	Tanya Perry, 223-3146
<b>Rumney School Directors:</b>	J. Lauri Scharf, 223-9189
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Sorsha Anderson, 229-1781
.....	Julie Moore, Chair, 223-4254
.....	Beth Holtzman, Vice Chair, 229-1206
<b>Rumney Community School Partnership:</b>	Hilary Nelson, 223-0322
<b>Rumney Community Connections:</b>	Karen Allen, 223-5429 x 322
<b>Rumney PTO (Parent-Teacher Org.):</b>	Monique Haupt, 229-4256
<b>Rumney Playgroup (for pre-schoolers):</b>	Jennifer Miller-Arsenault, 229-5463
<b>Selectboard:</b>	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
.....	Bill Callnan, 223-5794
.....	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair, 223-7123
.....	Mary Alexander, 223-3648
.....	Matthew Dwire, 461-5791
<b>Service Officer:</b>	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
<b>Town Agent/Grand Juror:</b>	Larry Mandell, 223-6483
<b>Town Clerk/Treasurer:</b>	Cindy Carlson, Town Hall; 223-3297
<b>Assistant Town Clerk:</b>	Jody Dwire
<b>U-32 School Director:</b>	Adrienne Magida, 223-8672
<b>Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board:</b>	Jane Dudley, 229-0177
<b>Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters Reservations:</b>	
.....	Collin O'Neal, Wrightsville Beach Manager, 223-7774
.....	Laurie Emery, CVRPC 229-0389

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**Zoning Administrator:** .....John Lincoln, 223-2255  
**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** .....Roger Hirt, 223-0531  
 .....Charlene Bohl, 229-9908  
 .....Charles Merriman, Chair, 229-2643  
 .....Dennis Nealon, 229-0870  
 .....Doug Lombard, 229-9600

**Middlesex Town Office**

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Cindy Carlson  
 Assistant Town Clerk: Jody Dwire  
 Address: 5 Church Street, Middlesex VT 05602  
 Phone: 223-5915 Fax: 223-1298 E-mail: [middlesxtreas@comcast.net](mailto:middlesxtreas@comcast.net)  
 Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-4:30 (closed noon-1:00) Fridays, open 8:30-noon.  
 Website: [www.middlesex-vt.org](http://www.middlesex-vt.org) - A great place to go for events, election results, updated contacts, committee agendas and minutes, maps, history, and lots more. Check it out!

**School Contacts**

**Rumney School**

433 Shady Rill Rd., Middlesex VT 05602  
 Phone: 223-5429 Fax: 223-0750  
 Email: [office@rumney.org](mailto:office@rumney.org)  
 Website: [www.rumney.org](http://www.rumney.org)

**U-32 High School**

930 Gallison Hill Rd., Montpelier VT 05602  
 Phone: 229-0321  
 Website: [www.U32.org](http://www.U32.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](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/e-mail.cfm)

**Vermont State Senators (Washington County)**

Sen. Ann Cummings (D) 24 Colonial Drive, Montpelier VT 05602 Phone: (h) 223-6403; (w) 229-0345	Sen. William "Bill" Doyle (R) Murray Road, Montpelier VT 05602 Phone: (h) 223-2851; (w) 802-635-2356
Sen. Phil Scott (R) 20 Fuller Street, Montpelier VT 05602 Phone: (h) 223-5135; (w) 223-5288	

**Vermont State Representative (Middlesex/East Montpelier)**

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

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**


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<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expires</b>	<b>Term</b>
Moderator	Susan Clark	2012	1 yr
Selectboard	Mary Alexander	2012	2 yr
	William Callnan	2014	3 yr
	Peter Hood	2012	3 yr
	Matthew E. Dwire	2013	2 yr
	Mary Just Skinner	2013	3 yr
Rumney School Directors	J. Lauri Scharf	2014	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2012	2 yr
	Julie Moore, Chair	2012	3 yr
	Sorsha Anderson	2013	3 yr
	Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair	2013	2 yr
U32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2013	3 yr
Budget Committee	Vacant		3 yr
	Tim Hayward - appointed	2012	3 yr
	Shaun Fielder	2014	3 yr
Auditors	Helen Weed	2014	3 yr
	Joanne Hull	2014	3 yr
	Vacant		3 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2012	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2014	3 yr
	Eric Young	2013	3 yr
Town Clerk	Cindy Carlson	2012	1 yr
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2012	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2012	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Allen Alexander	2012	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2012	1 yr
Cemetery Commissioners	Janet McKinstry	2012	3 yr
	Michael Patterson	2013	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2013	3 yr
Planning Commissioners	Johnnie Krezinski, jr.	2012	3 yr
	Richard Alderman	2012	3 yr
	Thea Schwartz	2013	3 yr
	Jeff Farber	2013	3 yr
	Steve Martin	2014	3 yr

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**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
Road Commissioner .....	Steve Martin
Zoning Administrator .....	John Lincoln
Asst. Town Clerk .....	Jody Dwire
Constable .....	Eric Young
Health Officer .....	Elizabeth Fortman
Board of Adjustment .....	Charles Merriman Rogert Hirt Charlene Bohl Scott Merrill Dennis Nealon
Town Service Officer .....	Peter Hood
CV Regional Planning Commissioner .....	Ronald Krauth
Emergency Management Coordinator .....	Michael Morissette
Fire Warden .....	Jason Merrill
Wrightsville Beach Board Member .....	Jane Dudley
CV Solid Waste Management District .....	Anita Krauth

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**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX**  
**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2012**

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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 6, 2012, 4:15 p.m. to act on the following business (Voting by Australian Ballot will be from 10:00 a.m. 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
Treasurer	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Budget Committee Member	3 year term
Budget Committee Member	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Lister	3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year term
Planning Commission	3 year term
Planning Commission	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	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 1.5% 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)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex 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 .7% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Middlesex pay the Collector of Delinquent Taxes a salary in lieu of fees and commissions in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1530?

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- ARTICLE 9: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard 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 10: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize expenditures of \$3000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize an expenditure of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 to the RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program) for Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 to help support the services provided by Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice to the residents of Middlesex? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$25,543 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$500 to Central Vermont Economic Development? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3205 to support the following organizations:
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|----------------------------------|-----|
| American Red Cross               | 250 |
| Circle (Battered Women)          | 199 |
| CV Community Action              | 199 |
| CV Council on Aging              | 199 |
| Family Center of Vermont         | 199 |
| Green Mt. Transit                | 200 |
| Maple Leaf Farm                  | 200 |
| Montpelier Senior Center         | 200 |
| Montpelier Veteran's Council     | 200 |
| No. VT. Resource & Development   | 100 |
| Peoples Health & Wellness        | 200 |
| Sexual Assault Crisis Tea        | 195 |
| Vermont Cares                    | 199 |
| VT Assoc. for the Blind          | 195 |
| VT Center for Independent Living | 195 |
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VT Green Up 100  
Washington County Youth Service 175

ARTICLE 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECTBOARD:

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Peter O. Hood, Chair

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Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

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Mary Alexander

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William Callnan

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Matthew E. Dwire

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Town of Middlesex, VT

**OFFICIAL ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING BALLOT  
MARCH 6, 2012**

**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 1 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 CINDY CARLSON.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **BUDGET COMMITTEE** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 WRITE IN.....

For **TREASURER** for 1 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 CINDY CARLSON.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **BUDGET COMMITTEE** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 TIMOTHY Y. HAYWARD.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS** for 1 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 CINDY CARLSON.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **AUDITOR** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 WRITE IN.....

For **SELECTBOARD** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 PETER HOOD.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **LISTER** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 DICK ALDERMAN.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **SELECTBOARD** for 2 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 MARY ALEXANDER.....   
 ANGELO NAPOLITANO.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR** for 1 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 CINDY CARLSON.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **CEMETERY COMMISSION** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 JANET H. MCKINSTRY .....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 JOHN KREZINSKI.....   
 WRITE IN.....

For **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.  
 DICK ALDERMAN.....  
 WRITE IN.....

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## MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD REPORT

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The Town of Middlesex has had a busy and productive year. Our Road Commissioner and Road Foreman retired, two new members of the road crew were hired, and the Town office was renovated and reorganized. While the State of Vermont and many towns suffered devastating losses during two floods, the Town of Middlesex was fortunate to have comparatively minor damage.

Several Middlesex property owners, particularly in the Three Mile Bridge area, were hard hit by the flood damage caused by Hurricane Irene in August. Overall, the Town roads had minor damage with the exception of Lower Sunny Brook Road. The Town will be applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to improve the size of the culvert on Lower Sunny Brook Road. In addition, the Town is also applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to replace the culvert on Shady Rill Road and for a property buyout on behalf of a homeowner on Three Mile Bridge Road.

The Board is pleased to report that with great assistance from the various departments expenses for 2010-2011 were down by \$5,204. The Board is proposing a budget of \$988,489, before special articles, for the 7/1/2012- 6/31/2013 budget period. This represents an increase of 1% over the budget for the current year. This year's proposed Special Articles total \$41,998 which is an decrease over last year's special articles.

In an ongoing effort to manage costs and with the agreement of the Road Commissioner the Select Board opted to rebuild the 1997 Caterpillar Grader at a cost of \$37,480. This was a significant savings over a proposed purchase of a replacement grader for \$153,000 with a trade-in of our current grader. It is the expectation that the Town will be able to use the grader for approximately 10 years. The Board decided to pay \$10,000 of the repairs from the current 2010-2011 highway budget and finance the balance with a promissory note. The Select Board is proposing to pay this \$27,480 note in full in the 2012-2013 budget. You will notice in this year's proposed budget, under the Debt Service section, that there are no long term debt payments for the 2007 International truck and the 2007 Caterpillar backhoe. These notes were paid in full and the Board did not purchase replacement vehicles. This action allowed full payment of the note for the grader rebuild.

With much assistance of Ted Hobson and Paul Zabriskie, twenty-three Middlesex residents were able to have energy audits under the grant the Town received from the Vermont Department of Public Service. Other Middlesex residents who applied to the program were able, through other sources, to have energy audits as well.

In an ongoing effort to improve the Town's ability to respond to emergencies, the Board will be working with our Emergency Management Co-coordinator, Mike Morrisette, and the Regional Planning Commission to upgrade our Emergency Management Policy.

We reported last year that the Town received an enhancement grant for calming traffic through the Village. An engineer was hired and design work has commenced. We hope to finalize this project during 2012. The work will include

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replacing an existing guardrail along Route 2, just below the Red Hen Bakery, and set it back 2.5’ – 3.0’ for 127 feet. Three new entrance signs will be installed to better define the Village. We requested a crosswalk near the Middlesex Country Store as part of this project. The Board was advised by the State that the location does not qualify for a cross walk because Middlesex does not have sidewalks.

The Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department asked the Board for funding to hire an administrative assistant. After careful consideration, the Board agreed to use up to \$3500.00 from the 2011-2012 Select Board discretionary fund to cover this expense. In addition, the Fire Department has implemented a stipend program using its’ fund raising money. In the proposed 2012-2013 budget the Board has included \$5,000 for an administrative assistant and \$2,000 for stipends. The Board expects the Fire Department to match the stipend program. We are fortunate to have a volunteer Fire Department. In an effort to recruit and retain good volunteers the Board agreed that volunteers who respond and meet their obligations to the department should receive stipends. Having an approved fire department results in lower insurance rates for all Middlesex property owners. It also entitles the Town to mutual aid fire assistance from surrounding towns, including Montpelier.

In an effort to determine the best use for the “Old Fire Station”, the Board has advertised for proposals for its future use. The Board is looking for ideas from interested parties on how the building can be utilized. The deadline to submit a proposal is May 1, 2012.

On behalf of the residents of Middlesex, the Board would like to extend its deep gratitude to Gary Lamell. Gary retired as Road Commissioner and Road Foreman in October after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Middlesex. We would like to wish Gary the best in his retirement.

The Board would also like to thank Steve Martin who has agreed to volunteer as our Road Commissioner for a period of one year. We are happy to recognize Paul Cerminara’s promotion from a member of the road crew to Road Foreman.

The Board also would like to honor and remember Walter Kelley for over 35 years as both Road Commissioner and as Chairman of the Select Board. The Board has received donations in memory of Walter Kelley toward development of the Walter Kelley Park, located in the Welch Park. The Board welcomes input on how residents would like to see the park developed.

The Board would like to thank the many volunteers who give their time to the Town of Middlesex. This attitude is what makes Middlesex a great place to live, work and recreate. We encourage all members of the community to become involved. Finally, we extend our thanks to the Road Foreman, the Road Commissioner, and the Highway Department for their continuing dedication to maintaining our roads.

Select Board Members:

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

Bill Callnan

Mary Alexander

Matt Dwire

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**FIVE YEAR PLAN**


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**2012-2013**

Gravel – Davy Rd, Upper Sunny Brook Rd, Norton Rd, Horn of The Moon Rd, Brook Rd, Weed's Flats

**2013-2014**

Gravel – Story Rd/West Hill Rd, North Bear Swamp Rd, Chase Rd, East Bear Swamp Rd, Center Rd, Cross Rd

**2014-2015**

Gravel – McCullough Rd, Upper Barnett Hill Rd, Zdon Rd, Notch Rd

**2015-2016**

Gravel – French Rd, Lower Sunny Brook Rd, Bolduc Rd, Tangle Town Rd

**2016-2017**

Gravel – Wood Rd, Macy Rd, Dolan Rd

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**CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT**


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<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Replacement Schedule</b>	<b>Year</b>
1989 Chipper		No Date
2009 One Ton	6 years	2015
2007 Dump Truck	6 years	2013
2010 International	7 years	2017
2007 Backhoe	10 years	2017
1997 Grader	10 years	2021

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## MIDDLESEX TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

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2011 was a busy and productive year at the Town Office. The digital land record system I mentioned about last year was implemented in June. This system allows the office to digitally land records transactions, birth, marriage, and death documents. We have a more secure back up protection plan in place and it has saved countless hours spent recording. We implemented, as part of this process, a "cash receipt" module that will track fees the Town receives for recording.

With the assistance of the E-Vermont staff and Town Meeting Solutions Committee our Town Website has been updated. You will find meeting minutes, calendars, applications and other important information on the website. It is expected that the digital tax map link will be activated by the time this report is printed. The new Town website address is: [www.//middlesexvermont.org](http://www.//middlesexvermont.org).

Janet McKinstry retired as Assistant Town Clerk after twenty years of dedicated service to the Town of Middlesex. Janet has a wealth of knowledge about the operation of the Clerk's office and continues to help us out from time to time. We wish Janet the best and thank her for all of the assistance she provided to the Town.

Jody Dwire joined the office as the new Assistant Town Clerk in August. In addition to Jody's many duties she is now balancing the Town's bank accounts. This is a step to provide sound internal financial controls of the Town accounts.

The office has undergone renovations to include new paint and carpet and a donation of new office furniture. We were very fortunate when Bill Callnan, a Select Board member and long time resident of Middlesex, retired and donated his office furniture to the Town. Thank you for such a generous donation.

We strive to make the Town Office a source of information and service to the residents and to researchers who are representing the residents. We look forward to meeting these needs in 2012.

Cindy Carlson, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Select Board Assistant

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**Rumney School Proposed Budget for FY 2013  
(July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)**

The School Board has proposed a budget for Rumney School of \$2,295,522. This is an increase of \$133,005, or 6.15 % over last year's budget of \$2,162,517. Based on information compiled by the Washington Central Supervisory Union this proposed budget would represent a 2.38 % increase on taxes for Middlesex residents (this percent increase results from adjustments due to the common level of appraisal for all five towns in the supervisory union). The Budget Committee recommends that the voters approve the proposed budget.

For this budget, overall increases in salary, horizontal movement, and health benefits account for \$78,000. Increases related to insuring enough funding to allow the option to add an additional full-time Kindergarten teacher account for \$ 86,955. With a Kindergarten enrollment predicted at 26 to 28 students, the School Board has determined the most responsible budget approach was to be prepared to fund two full-time Kindergarten teachers. (The alternative was to present a budget funding just one Kindergarten teacher and face an issue where higher enrollment numbers would require seeking out additional funding to add a teacher in the middle of the budget year). In the event enrollment numbers are lower than noted above, only one Kindergarten teacher would be needed. With this scenario unused funding would create a fund balance for the budget period. Please see the School Board report for additional reference on this issue.

The School Board is presenting a warned article to fund a feasibility study for assessing the long-term facility needs in the amount of \$30,000. This is to be voted by residents via Australian ballot. With voter approval this funding would be used to conduct a comprehensive review of all anticipated infrastructure needs for the school for the short and longer term.

Please be advised the School Board will conduct two informational meetings for residents to learn more about the proposed budget and to answer any questions you may have. These meetings will be held; February 18 at 9 am at the Red Hen Bakery and on March 5 at 6 pm at the Rumney Memorial School Library.

**Town Proposed Budget for FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)**

The selectboard's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013 at \$988,489 represents a modest increase of slightly over \$10,000, or 1% from the current year's budget. The selectboard worked to balance the various needs for town dollars with the understanding that those dollars are limited. The budget committee commends the board for its diligence and recommends that the voters approve the budget.

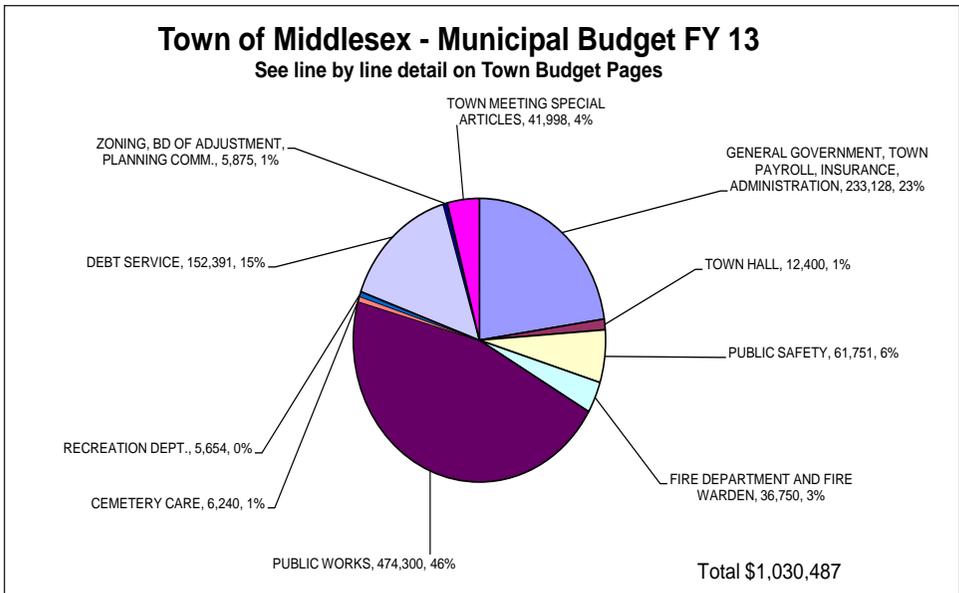
The budget committee also appreciates those who came before the selectboard to explain their pieces of the budget. These are challenging economic times and

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the budget requests reflected that understanding. The budget does include a 1.5% cost of living salary adjustment for town employees and maintains the current staffing level for the road crew. It also sensibly pays for the full cost for the rebuild of the grader.

As with any proposed budget voters are encouraged to review it and the select-board's report and feel free to ask any and all questions before and at Town Meeting. Just a further note that the budget amounts above do not include the special articles. These will be voted on separately from the town budget. These special articles amount to \$41,998, down from the current year's of \$48,874.

Budget Committee: Shaun Fielder and Tim Hayward



## JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

	Budget		Actual		Budget		Actual		Proposed Budget		Proposed Change	
	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/12-6/30/13
<b>General Government</b>												
Selectboard Salary	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0	\$0	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Selectboard Clerk	\$18,000	\$18,270	\$17,984	\$18,270	\$10,317	\$10,317	\$18,544	\$18,544	\$18,544	\$274	\$274	\$274
Advertising/Printing	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,667	\$1,500	\$1,381	\$1,381	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$200	\$200	\$200
Discretionary Fund	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$4,368	\$9,000	\$3,993	\$3,993	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Fees	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$348	\$3,000	\$1,756	\$1,756	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,660	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	-\$800	-\$800	-\$800
VLCT Dues	\$2,478	\$2,532	\$2,478	\$2,532	\$2,562	\$2,562	\$2,577	\$2,577	\$2,577	\$45	\$45	\$45
County Tax	\$15,477	\$12,783	\$15,477	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$14,347	\$14,347	\$14,347	\$1,564	\$1,564	\$1,564
CV Solid Waste	\$5,800	\$3,744	\$3,631	\$3,744	\$3,738	\$3,738	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$56	\$56	\$56
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,818	\$1,818	\$1,818	-\$150	-\$150	-\$150
Conservation Commission	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$186	\$1,000	\$89	\$89	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$500	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Elections	\$2,300	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Payoff	\$2,170,174	\$2,265,340	\$2,125,436	\$2,265,340	\$1,132,670	\$1,132,670	\$2,265,340	\$2,265,340	\$2,265,340	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$2,236,347</b>	<b>\$2,327,387</b>	<b>\$2,181,227</b>	<b>\$2,327,387</b>	<b>\$1,171,257</b>	<b>\$1,171,257</b>	<b>\$63,236</b>	<b>\$63,236</b>	<b>\$63,236</b>	<b>\$1,189</b>	<b>\$1,189</b>	<b>\$1,189</b>
<b>Town Insurances</b>												
Workers Comp	\$12,000	\$9,314	\$10,100	\$9,314	\$7,937	\$7,937	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	-\$1,314	-\$1,314	-\$1,314
Unemployment Comp	\$1,889	\$2,492	\$2,192	\$2,492	\$1,799	\$1,799	\$1,957	\$1,957	\$1,957	-\$535	-\$535	-\$535
Property & Casualty	\$19,253	\$18,000	\$17,919	\$18,000	\$14,201	\$14,201	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	-\$2,000	-\$2,000	-\$2,000
<b>Total Town Insurances</b>	<b>\$33,142</b>	<b>\$29,806</b>	<b>\$30,210</b>	<b>\$29,806</b>	<b>\$23,937</b>	<b>\$23,937</b>	<b>\$25,957</b>	<b>\$25,957</b>	<b>\$25,957</b>	<b>-\$3,849</b>	<b>-\$3,849</b>	<b>-\$3,849</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>												
Social Security	\$15,164	\$14,800	\$16,060	\$14,800	\$8,528	\$8,528	\$15,906	\$15,906	\$15,906	\$1,106	\$1,106	\$1,106
Medicare	\$3,756	\$1,994	\$3,500	\$1,994	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$10,764	\$10,741	\$10,935	\$10,741	\$6,272	\$6,272	\$11,222	\$11,222	\$11,222	\$481	\$481	\$481
Life Insurance	\$300	\$832	\$992	\$832	\$866	\$866	\$860	\$860	\$860	\$28	\$28	\$28
Health Insurance	\$25,567	\$36,742	\$21,375	\$36,742	\$16,315	\$16,315	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	-\$3,742	-\$3,742	-\$3,742
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$939	\$0	\$939	\$0	\$0	\$950	\$950	\$950	\$11	\$11	\$11
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$55,342</b>	<b>\$67,554</b>	<b>\$53,119</b>	<b>\$67,554</b>	<b>\$33,975</b>	<b>\$33,975</b>	<b>\$65,658</b>	<b>\$65,658</b>	<b>\$65,658</b>	<b>-\$1,896</b>	<b>-\$1,896</b>	<b>-\$1,896</b>

	Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11	Actual 7/1/11-6/30/11	Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12	Actual 7/1/11-6/30/12	Proposed Budget 7/1/12-6/30/13	Proposed Change 7/1/12-6/30/13
<b>Administration</b>						
Clerk Salary	\$37,000	\$37,015	\$37,555	\$21,890	\$38,119	\$564
Office Staff Salary	\$12,754	\$12,910	\$13,000	\$7,352	\$13,578	\$578
Lister Wages	\$7,500	\$7,266	\$5,000	\$956	\$5,000	\$0
Clerical Mileage	\$400	\$105	\$400	\$0	\$250	-\$150
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,212	\$2,000	\$1,276	\$2,300	\$300
Equipment Repair	\$250	\$1,263	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
Equipment Purchase	\$2,000	\$1,157	\$1,500	\$2,963	\$2,500	\$1,000
Telephone	\$2,500	\$3,165	\$4,000	\$2,030	\$3,300	-\$700
Postage	\$3,152	\$1,800	\$1,085	\$2,000	\$200	
Auditing	\$3,250	\$3,200	\$3,375	\$3,300	\$100	
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$2,200	\$3,321	\$2,200	\$380	\$2,200	\$0
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$750	\$95	\$750	\$576	\$500	-\$250
Listing Mapping	\$500	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,668	\$500	-\$1,500
Copier Lease	\$2,030	\$2,168	\$2,030	\$1,254	\$2,030	\$0
Computer Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$3,079	\$2,450	\$50
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$74,784</b>	<b>\$77,579</b>	<b>\$78,085</b>	<b>\$47,883</b>	<b>\$78,277</b>	<b>\$192</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>						
Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,760	\$1,800	\$985	\$1,900	\$100
Heat	\$3,702	\$4,000	\$1,831	\$4,000	\$0	
Grounds	\$1,120	\$2,000	\$279	\$1,500	-\$500	
Building Repairs	\$6,000	\$7,719	\$5,000	\$1,120	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$14,301</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$4,215</b>	<b>\$12,400</b>	<b>-\$400</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
Constable	\$1,500	\$918	\$1,500	\$7	\$1,500	\$0
Health Officer	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Ambulance	\$49,034	\$49,034	\$51,974	\$51,974	\$53,851	\$1,877
Speed Enforcement	\$1,000	\$445	\$5,000	\$908	\$5,000	\$0
Dog Pound	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$800	\$800	\$100
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$52,834</b>	<b>\$51,097</b>	<b>\$59,774</b>	<b>\$53,689</b>	<b>\$61,751</b>	<b>\$1,977</b>

Department	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Change
	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/11-6/30/12	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/12-6/30/13 Fire
Supplies \$300	\$32	\$300	\$121	\$200		-\$100	
Equipment Repair	\$3,000	\$1,901	\$3,000	\$4,320		\$3,000	\$0
Equipment Purchase	\$3,400	\$4,976	\$5,900	\$2,637		\$5,000	-\$900
Telephone	\$1,200	\$885	\$1,200	\$528		\$1,000	-\$200
Fast Squad Supplies	\$1,500	\$866	\$1,200	\$17		\$1,000	-\$200
Electricity	\$1,000	\$1,057	\$1,000	\$676		\$1,200	\$200
Fuel - Heat	\$5,000	\$5,462	\$5,500	\$752		\$5,500	\$0
Building Maintenance	\$500	\$2,313	\$900	\$1,650		\$1,100	\$200
Radio Dispatch	\$9,000	\$8,995	\$9,000	\$247		\$9,500	\$500
VFFA Dues / Legal Fees	\$1,600	\$1,115	\$1,200	\$425		\$1,000	-\$200
Forest Fire Warden	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0		\$250	\$0
Administrative Assistant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$5,000	\$5,000
GAS \$1,500	\$593	\$1,000	\$472	\$1,000		\$0	\$0
Stipends \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$0
Grant Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$407		\$0	\$0
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$28,250</b>	<b>\$28,195</b>	<b>\$30,450</b>	<b>\$12,253</b>		<b>\$36,750</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>
<b>Public Works</b>							
Salaries \$157,294	\$163,703	\$163,000	\$93,129	\$168,000		\$5,000	
Winter Maintenance	\$45,000	\$18,593	\$45,000	\$43,835		\$45,000	\$0
Summer Maintenance	\$30,000	\$30,539	\$30,000	\$34,002		\$27,000	-\$3,000
Emergency Road Repairs	\$0	\$19,137	\$0	\$13,281		\$0	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$40,000	\$36,579	\$40,000	\$37,114		\$40,000	\$0
Courses/Seminars	\$400	\$30	\$0	\$60		\$300	\$300
Utilities \$3,000	\$2,583	\$3,000	\$1,330	\$3,000		\$0	\$0
Plant Maintenance	\$12,000	\$4,924	\$10,000	\$4,610		\$10,000	\$0
Street Lights	\$2,000	\$1,934	\$2,000	\$1,269		\$2,000	\$0
Gas / Diesel / Oil	\$50,000	\$66,160	\$50,000	\$41,946		\$66,000	\$16,000
Culverts & Bridges	\$6,000	\$5,600	\$6,000	-\$6,477		\$4,000	-\$2,000
Signs \$750	-\$23	\$750	\$232	\$3,000		\$2,250	\$0
Bridge Fund	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$0		\$2,000	\$1,000

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Paving Fund	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$12,000	-\$4,000
Construction & Paving	\$100,208	\$110,433	\$91,900	\$39,146	\$90,000	-\$1,900
Equipment Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Enhancement Grant Match	\$0	\$271	\$3,000	\$1,990	\$0	-\$3,000
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$463,902</b>	<b>\$477,714</b>	<b>\$461,650</b>	<b>\$305,467</b>	<b>\$474,300</b>	<b>\$12,650</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>						
Labor	\$4,240	\$5,940	\$4,240	\$3,900	\$4,240	\$0
Materials	\$1,000	\$25	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Repair to Cemetery	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>\$6,240</b>	<b>\$5,965</b>	<b>\$6,240</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>	<b>\$6,240</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
Wrightsville Beach	\$905	\$904	\$904	\$904	\$904	\$0
Town Bor	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,750	\$0	\$3,000	\$250
Learn to Swim	\$1,200	\$1,238	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,250	\$50
Bandstand Mowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>\$4,755</b>	<b>\$4,792</b>	<b>\$4,854</b>	<b>\$904</b>	<b>\$5,654</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
1997 Grader	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,480	\$27,480
Grader Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$563	\$563
2010 International Dump	\$20,040	\$20,040	\$20,400	\$20,040	\$20,400	\$0
2010 Int Dump Interest	\$3,156	\$3,121	\$2,666	\$2,690	\$2,254	-\$412
2004 Fire Truck	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
2004 Fire Truck Interest	\$2,378	\$2,582	\$1,474	\$1,157	\$1,474	\$0
2006 Dump Truck	\$19,892	\$19,892	\$19,893	\$19,893	\$0	-\$19,893
Interest \$995	\$993	\$378	\$488	\$0	-\$378	\$0
2007 Backhoe	\$13,600	\$13,600	\$13,600	\$0	\$0	-\$13,600
Backhoe Interest	\$1,204	\$651	\$556	\$0	\$0	-\$556
2009 One Ton Truck	\$11,000	\$10,979	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$0
2009 One Ton Interest	\$1,592	\$1,117	\$834	\$0	\$741	-\$93

	Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11	Actual 7/1/10-6/30/11	Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12	Actual 7/1/11-6/30/12	Proposed Budget 7/1/12-6/30/13	Proposed Change 7/1/12-6/30/13
Fire Station Bond	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Fire Station Interest	\$29,237	\$29,237	\$28,543	\$14,462	\$28,479	-\$64
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$163,094</b>	<b>\$162,212</b>	<b>\$159,344</b>	<b>\$118,730</b>	<b>\$152,391</b>	<b>-\$6,953</b>
<b>Zoning/Brd of Adjustment</b>						
Zoning Wages	\$3,400	\$1,215	\$3,400	\$1,684	\$3,000	-\$400
Mileage \$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$300	\$93	\$300	\$48	\$300	\$0
Courses/Seminars	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$0
<b>Total Zoning/Brd of Adjustment</b>	<b>\$4,075</b>	<b>\$1,308</b>	<b>\$3,775</b>	<b>\$1,732</b>	<b>\$3,375</b>	<b>-\$400</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>						
Advertising	\$500	\$475	\$600	\$0	\$500	-\$100
Mappings\$300	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	-\$200	\$0
Mail Drop/Postage	\$600	\$83	\$600	\$0	\$500	-\$100
Printing & Copying	\$600	\$50	\$600	\$55	\$500	-\$100
Consultation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$608</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Special Articles</b>						
Battered Women	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
CV Community Action	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
CV Community Land Trust	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
CV Council on Aging	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
CV Economic Development	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CV Home Health & Hospice	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	-\$2,000
Family Center of Vermont	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
Green Mt. Transit	\$200	\$200	\$953	\$953	\$0	-\$953
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	\$25,543	\$25,543	\$25,543	\$0	\$0	-\$25,543
Maple Leaf Farm	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	-\$200
Middlesex Community Conn.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	-\$3,000
Middlesex Conservation Co	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	-\$5,000
Montpelier Senior Center	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199

	Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11	Actual 7/1/10-6/30/11	Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12	Actual 7/1/11-6/30/12	Proposed Budget 7/1/12-6/30/13	Proposed Change 7/1/12-6/30/13
Montpelier Veteran's Council	\$199	\$199	\$200	\$200	\$0	-\$200
No.Vt.Resource & Development	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0	-\$75
North Branch Nature Center	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$199	\$199	\$200	\$200	\$0	-\$200
RSVP	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$0	-\$750
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$0	-\$195
U32 Project Graduation	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	-\$200
Vermont Cares	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$0	-\$199
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$190	\$190	\$195	\$195	\$0	-\$195
Vt. Center for Indepen. Living	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$0	-\$195
Vt. Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	-\$100
Washington Cty. Youth Service	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$0	-\$175
Waterbury Area Senior Center	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	-\$7,500
<b>Total Special Articles</b>	<b>\$35,864</b>	<b>\$35,864</b>	<b>\$48,874</b>	<b>\$18,331</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$48,874</b>
<b>Total Expenditures (including Education Taxes)</b>	<b>\$3,174,129</b>	<b>\$3,124,190</b>	<b>\$3,292,593</b>	<b>\$1,796,327</b>		
<b>Total proposed budget excluding Education Taxes</b>	<b>\$864,634</b>		<b>\$978,359</b>		<b>\$988,489</b>	

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**MIDDLESEX TOWN AUDITOR**

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The Town Auditors met with the Board of Selectpersons 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.

Auditors:

Helen Weed, present

Joanne Hull, present

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**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**


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There will not be a delinquent tax list for 2011 property taxes this year. This is because the due date of the 2nd installment for the 2011 property tax bill is after the printing deadline for the Town Report. We can report that a tax sale was held in August of 2011 and have been successful in collecting overdue taxes for 2010 and prior years. As of February 16, 2011 there was delinquent taxes in the amount of \$150,606.87. There is an outstanding balance due of \$13,374.92 to be collected. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney on June 1st of each year. The delinquent taxpayer 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 5258).

Allen Alexander  
Delinquent Tax Collector

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**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**


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<b>Rate Name</b>	<b>2011 Grand List</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Total Raised</b>
Homestead	1,449,578.17	1.3906	2,015,783.40
Non-Residential	488,477.04	1.3975	682,646.66
Contracts	-2,416.00		
Town	1,935,639.21	0.4215	815,871.93
Local Agreement	1,935,639.21	0.0016	3,097.02
	357.33		
<b>Total Billed</b>			<b>3,517,399.02</b>
<b>Taxes Accounted For</b>			
Collections through 1/31/2012			2,780,231.26
Due 2/15/2012			716,466.08
2% Discount Taken			21,066.41
Adjustment/ Abatements			4.05
			<b>3,517,399.02</b>

**DIVISION OF TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE**
**Town:**

General Government	0.4215
Local Agreement	0.0016

**School:**

Homestead Tax Rate	1.3906
Non Residential Tax Rate	1.3975

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## NOTES PAYABLE

Item	Original Issue Date	Original Amount	Principal Payment	Retired	Outstanding	Interest Rate	Due Date
2009 One Ton	2009	\$54,896	\$11,000	\$10,979	\$32,938	1.90%	2/11/12
2007 Backhoe	2007	\$68,000	\$13,600	\$54,400	\$13,600	2.20%	5/22/11
2007 Dump Truck	2006	\$99,461	\$19,892	\$79,568	\$19,893	2.50%	9/11/11
2004 Fire Pumper	2004	\$135,000	\$15,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	3.30%	12/1/12
Fire Station	2009	\$825,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$780,000	4.19%	11/15/11
2010 International	2009	\$140,280	\$20,040	\$20,040	\$120,240	2.25%	11/13/12

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**2010-2011 TAX EFFORT**


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**2011-2012 General Govern.****Expenses**

Budget	516709.00
Special Articles	51374.00
2% Discounts	28000.00
BCA Adjustments	(NONE)
<b>Total</b>	<b>596083.00</b>

**Receipts**

Interest	5000.00
School Reimbursement	4000.00
Licenses and Fees	30000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	11000.00
RR Tax	1425.00
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	62000.00
Fund Balance Reduction	
<b>Total</b>	<b>113425.00</b>

<b>Total General Government</b>		<b>\$482658.00</b>
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**2011-2012 Highway****Expenses**

Budget	461650.00
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**Receipts**

State Aid to Highways	110543.00
Other	

<b>Total Highway</b>		<b>\$351,107.00</b>
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<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$833,765.00</b>
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<b>Total Municipal Tax Effort</b>		<b>\$833,765.00</b>
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2011 Grand List	1937987.21
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2010 Homestead Tax Rate	1.3906 (State of Vermont)
2010 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.3975 (State of Vermont)
2010 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4302
Local Agreement Rate	0.0016

Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.8293
Residential	\$1.8224

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**DOG REPORT**

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The total number of dogs registered during 2011 was down by 20 animals over 2010. 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. We installed an Animal Licensing program during 2011 to automate the renewal and allow us to track ownership quickly. 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.

**# Registered**

<b>1/1– 12/31/2011</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Fees to State</b>	<b>Late Fees</b>	<b>Other Fees</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
170	\$1132.00	\$676	\$255.00	\$53	\$2116.00

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**BIRTHS**


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<b>Child</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Stella Kathleen Bean Barrett	March 21, 2011	Honi Angela Bean Barrett Paul David Barrett
Anthony Nicholas Cerminara	March 31, 2011	Monica Dawn Cerminara Paul Angelo Cerminara
Ryan Edward Durand	March 12, 2011	Erin Renee Metevier Robert Andrew Durand
Lorelei Bella Potvin	May 31, 2011	Lori Ann Potvin Brian Carl Potvin
Landon Eugene Luther	May 28, 2011	Sara Ann Luther
Emma Jean Dettman	July 11, 2011	Dana Nicole DeMartino Benjamin Jonas Dettman
Eli James Dettman	July 11, 2011	Dana Nicole DeMartino Benjamin Jonas Dettman
Yael Aviva Dorfman	July 14, 2011	Shana Kotelchuck Myron Dorfman
Luke Bauer Merrill	July 5, 2011	Heather Champagne Merrill Jason Peter Merrill
Stella Madeline Marshia	August 5, 2011	Corinna Virginia Marshia Brian Craig Marshia
Sienna Hazel Eriksen	August 21, 2011	Sunni Mariah Eriksen Michael Ronald Eriksen
Mylie Paige Lamphear	August 23, 2011	Trista Nowell Lamphear Kerry Lee Lamphear, Jr.
Quinn Anne O'Brien	September 3, 2011	Hannah Zoe O'Brien David William O'Brien
Wyatt James Picard	September 18, 2011	Kelley Marie Carroll Jamie Robert Picard
Tanner William Alberghini	October 6, 2011	Michelle Leeanne Alberghini Matthew David Alberghini
Hannah Sofia Ormiston	November 9, 2011	Jessica Rae Longe
Athena Lynn Wise	November 19, 2011	Amber Marie Courchaine Darren Lee Wise
Brynn Marie Fleury	November 30, 2011	Dawn Marie Fleury Shawn Paul Fleury

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**DEATHS**


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<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date</b>
Edith G. Joslin	84	March 11, 2011
Olive Elizabeth Towne	55	June 1, 2011
Charles Edward Maranville	77	July 3, 2011
Barbara Iona Gallagher	71	August 23, 2011
Kendall Barter Downen	55	September 21, 2011
Aden L. Crowell	91	October 1, 2011
Walter H. Kelley	90	October 6, 2011
Alvin Roy Eldred	97	October 25, 2011
Christopher Michael Morse, Sr.	39	October 26, 2011
John Jepson Wulff	86	November 9, 2011

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**MARRIAGES 2011**


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<b>Spouse/Spouse</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sabrina Lee Shufelt Tobias Martin Macey	Middlesex Middlesex	March 2, 2011
David Allen Emerson Mary Jane Porter	Middlesex Middlesex	May 31, 2011
Ronald C. Deuso Christina R. Griffith	Middlesex Middlesex	August 8, 2011
Elly Morina Wood Andrew Costagliola	Middlesex Middlesex	September 21, 2011
Dana Nicole DeMartino Benjamin Jonas Dettman	Middlesex Middlesex	December 15, 2011
Peter Bettmann Kerson Laura Ann Morganti	No. Middlesex Coronado	December 28, 2011

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## 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

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Susan Clark, Moderator announces the start of the meeting.

John Puleio, Band Stand Committee, reports that 2011 will mark the 6th season for the bandstand. The committee would like to know if residents would like to start concerts earlier in the summer. The sense after an informal vote is that it does not matter if the concerts start in June or July.

Sarah Seidman, Middlesex Historical Society, reports that all dues collected this year will be contributed towards the cost of moving the old railroad station to the Red Hen Bakery site. It is estimated it will cost \$26,500 to move this building.

Wendy Farber announces the Pie Breakfast, Saturday, March 26th.

Tony Klein, State Representative. There is no objection to have Tony speak before the meeting proceeds. Tony thanks the residents for the opportunity to let him represent Middlesex. There is a brief discussion on the future of Vermont Yankee.

Susan Clark reports that remote Town Meeting is not set up this year, but if anyone knows someone who needs to use this service please let the Town know.

Susan reviews the Robert's Rules of Order, which will be used at this year's Town Meeting.

The Civil Invocation is read by Rachel Levine and Sophie Puleio.

Meeting called to order.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Bill Callnan moves Susan Clark as moderator. Hilton Dier seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year. Peter Hoods nominates Larry Mandell. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be 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	3 year term
Budget Committee Member	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term

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Lister	3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year term
Planning Commission	3 year term

- ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Mike Legendre moves to accept the Town Officers reports. Jeff Farber seconds. Motion carries There is discussion about the property tax installments, Front Porch Forum, e-Middlesex Grant, delinquent taxes.
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Middlesex adopt The Middlesex Land Use & Development Regulations dated March 23, 2010, to conform to the requirements of the National Flood Program? Copies of the regulation are available at the Town Clerk's Office. c(To be voted by Australian ballot) Passed over.
- ARTICLE 6: 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) John Dick moves, Shaun Fielder seconds. There is discussion if the entire tax bill has to be paid to receive the discount, how this discount affects the tax rate and how it is a benefit to the town to collect the payment early. Motion carries.
- ARTICLE 7: 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) Mike Legendre moves. Julie Moore seconds. Motion carries.
- ARTICLE 8: 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). Laura Lyle moves, Bill Callnan seconds. Motion carries.
- ARTICLE 9: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard 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 moves to approve the budget in the amount of \$978,359. John Puleio seconds. There is discussion concerning the health insurance line item, the tax effort report, speed enforcement, the discretionary fund, how the delinquent taxes affect the tax rate, and highway grants. The health insurance line item is increased due to anticipating a change to add family or 2-person coverage in this proposed budget year. The Select Board will be meeting with the Vermont State Police and the Washington Sheriff's Department to contract for speed enforce-

ment. It is suggested in the hand out which shows how the proposed budget will affect the tax rate that also be include a breakdown of income. The Select Board states that the proposed budget is very conservative. They are requesting an increase in the discretionary fund to cover any unexpected equipment repairs or other unexpected expenses. The Town will hold a tax sale to collect unpaid taxes, but the Town may have to do short term borrowing to cover expenses until the taxes are collected. The Board explains how a State highway grant is put into the budget, however, paving is only done if the grant is received. If the funding is not received the highway budget will be decreased. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$3000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By Petition) Deb Wolf moves, Charlie Merriman seconds. The Community Connections program and how their sliding scale payments work are explained. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town Voters authorize an expenditure of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition) Alisa Darmstadt moves. Eric Benedict seconds. There is discussion of how many Middlesex residents participate in programs offered by North Branch Nature Center. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 to the RSVP for Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom? (By Petition) Mary Skinner moves, Shelly Cohen seconds. Mary Skinner speaks about the program services. Approximately 10 Middlesex residents volunteer their time. The funding request has increased from \$500 to \$750 this year. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 to help support the services provided by Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice to the residents of Middlesex? (By Petition) Jess Hill moves, Anthony Polina seconds. Mary Hood speaks on the services provided by Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice. Motion carries

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$25,543 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition) Michael Katzenberg moves, Eric Benedict seconds. There is discussion regarding how the funding compares to last year's request, whether the amount will be decreased in the future and whether Berlin's contribution be increased with the closing of the regional library? Mary Hood explain that the funding request is the same as last year, the library guaranteed the funding request for a 4 year period, this is the 3rd of the 4 year time period. The funding request is based on

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a Town's usage. There has been an increase in library cards held by Middlesex residents. Motion carries

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$953 for the Green Mountain Transit Agency? (By Petition) Ruth Doctor moves, Jeff Koonz seconds. There is discussion concerning the importance of transportation especially to seniors. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Waterbury Area Senior Center? (By Petition) Jeff Koonz moves, Eric Benedict seconds. There are no objections to allow the Board of Directors and staff to speak on behalf of this program. Waterbury Area Senior Center took over the Meals on Wheels program a year ago. Currently 15 residents are served meals on a daily basis and 5-7 seniors use the center for other programs. Residents from Middlesex who volunteer at the Center have not asked for mileage reimbursement, however, one driver from another community has. The Town of Waterbury supports the program in the amount of \$30,000, Duxbury and Moretown in the amount of \$1,500 each. 80% of the residents served by the Center are from Waterbury. The funding request is to cover expenses for the Meals on Wheels program. It is noted that the Montpelier Senior Center is asking for \$200 as a special article request, however, they do not contribute to the Meals on Wheels program.

John Krezinski asks to amend the amount of the request to \$1,000 from \$10,000. Mary Alexander seconds. Charlie Merriman states that he agrees with John's motion, he would be willing to support a higher number if more information was available. Charlie Merriman suggests to amend the motion to \$2,000, Jeff Farber seconds.

There is further discussion stating most of the residents served are low income residents. The annual operating budget for the Waterbury Senior Center program is \$154,000. There are 5 Duxbury residents using the Meals on Wheels program. It is stated that these services are well worth the cost to help our residents live in their own homes longer and the social benefits that are provided are important. Shaun Fielder asks to call the question. John Krezinski seconds, motion carries. Motion carries to amend the amount to \$2,000.

There is further discussion stating there are volunteers in Middlesex who don't ask for mileage reimbursement, there is federal funding available to the center, and it is felt that some residents who receive the service could afford to pay but have not been asked to. The Senior Center cannot ask residents to pay for the services under Federal guidelines. It can be suggested that they contribute, but the Senior Center cannot send a bill or ask specifically for a donation. Martin Pincus asks that the amendment be moved from \$2,000 to \$7500. Chris McVeigh seconds. There is further discussion on the number of meals delivered on a daily basis, approximately 50 meals a day. It is stated that people should remember that

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the priorities of the Federal Government should not be to take care of town residents through Meals on Wheels programs, health care etc and town residents should think about how these organizations are being affected by the loss of federal dollars. The Town expects better documentation for next year if the Waterbury Senior Center asks for funding in the future. John Dick calls the question. John Krezinski seconds, motion carries to call the question.

Results to amend the amendment to \$7500 from \$2,000. Yes = 77 No = 27

John Dick moves: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Waterbury Area Senior Center? John Krezinski seconds. Motion carries. Yes = 88 No = 30

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board) Jeff Farber moves to approve. Bill Callnan seconds. There is discussion of how the conservation funds are used. The funds can be used to purchase development rights. The funds will not be used to develop the Town Forest. If the appropriation is approved, there is not another vote on how the funds are spent. The Select Board will hold informational meetings on any future project to hear input from residents. There is no specific number of acres that the Conservation Commission has in mind to place into a conservation program in Middlesex. It is the intent to use timber sales to make improvements to the Town Forest. The Conservation Commission feels it is important that any land that would be placed under a conservation program with town funds allow public access to the property. For this reason it is believed that this funding would not be used to buy development rights to local farms. Further information about the Town Forest or the Conservation Plan can be obtained from the Town website or from Dave Shepard. Jeff Farber calls the question seconded by John Krezinski. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3128 to support the following organizations:

Battered Women	\$199.00
CV Community Action	\$199.00
CV Community Land Trust	\$199.00
CV Council on Aging	\$199.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$199.00
Maple Leaf Farm	\$200.00
Montpelier Senior Center	\$199.00
Montpelier Veteran's Council	\$200.00
No. VT. Resource & Development	\$75.00
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$195.00
U-32 Project Graduation	\$200.00

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Vermont Cares	\$199.00
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$195.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Vt. Green Up	\$100.00
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$175.00

Michael Katzenberg moves to approve, Shelly Cohen seconds. There is discussion about the funding requests in the Town Report. It appears that not every organization submitted a report. Jeff Koonz moves that anyone who hasn't submitted a report be eliminated from the article. Eric Benedict seconds. Sarah Seidman speaks on behalf of the special funding committee stating there is a summary report in the Town Report that addresses these funding requests. At the time the committee met, not all the Town Report articles had been received. But, there is a request/report from each organization making a funding request in the Town Report. Jeff withdraws his motion. The funding request report from VT Cares is read. Bennett Shapiro calls the questions, Bill Callnan seconds. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. There is discussion of the Town and School budget process, the process to change the school vote from Australian ballot to voting the budget on the floor and the history of why the school vote is Australian ballot. Under State law, the U-32 budget, since it is a Union School has to be voted by Australian ballot. Individual line items cannot be changed at the information meetings for the school budgets, but the school directors do take into consideration input from the public. These informational meetings start in November of each year. The School District elected not to meet the Challenge for Change directive this year as they felt it would be a disservice to the community. There has been some talk of eliminating volunteer school boards, however, the Union 32 School Board is not in agreement of this proposed change.

Meeting adjourns at 7: 04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson, Town Clerk

Approved at a regular scheduled Select Board meeting of March 29, 2011.

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## MONTPELIER FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

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### Committed to Professional Excellence

The members of the Fire and Emergency Services Department work to make a difference in your life. While we work toward a safer city in the longer term by making buildings safer and educating people on safety issues, we also strive to maintain an ability to respond effectively to problems which occur. When prevention fails, an immediate response by well trained and well equipped Firefighters/EMTs is the best way to limit harm. This immediate response has been decisive in keeping a number of small fires from extending into much larger incidents. Many others were assisted in dealing with various health and other problems.

The mission of the Montpelier Fire and Emergency Services Department is to save lives, protect property, and preserve the tax base in Montpelier at a reasonable and acceptable cost to the taxpayer. The department works toward achieving that mission by managing Fire/EMS operations, Building/Health inspection functions, and coordinating Emergency Management functions.

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the Montpelier Fire and Emergency Services Department is the preservation of the Life, Health, Property, and the Environment for its residents and businesses at a reasonable and acceptable cost. We value the faith and trust of the Community and will continually work to deserve that confidence through our Conduct and Accomplishments.

The Montpelier Fire and Emergency Services Department shall develop expertise through innovation and progressive thinking to address change effectively and efficiently while providing fire suppression, fire prevention, building inspections, hazardous materials response, natural disaster response, multi-environmental rescues, public safety awareness programs, emergency medical care, transportation of the sick and injured, and emergency medical public education.

Commanded by the Fire Chief, this department shall be comprised of sufficient personnel and properly equipped to safely accomplish this mission. The Montpelier Fire and Emergency Services Department shall be augmented by a Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement with surrounding communities with the common goal of saving lives and protection of property. The Montpelier Fire and Emergency Services Department members shall be physically, mentally, and technologically prepared to meet the Mission requirements and shall maintain this level of readiness through a standardized training program while continually encouraging themselves to improve personally, and professionally.

The primary focus is to achieve a safe city through a joint effort of residents and the department. Residents can help protect the city from fire loss by continuing to carry out good fire safety practices in their homes and work places.

Our fire safety message is simple. We need to avoid catastrophic structure fires. Fires can occur at any time through human error or mechanical breakdown. Alarm systems and good building code compliance can help give occupants time to get out of a building. However, it is properly installed and maintained sprin-

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kler systems which provide the most effective protection. The Fire Department and Building Inspector functions work together to help provide a safer city.

The department also provides ambulance service to the community. While there are always some acute emergencies, emergency medical care largely involves dealing with the ongoing health issues. This service allows people to live a better quality of life. The Health Officer also assists in this effort.

The Fire Chief has responsibility for coordinating the citywide Emergency Management functions. This function helps the City of Montpelier prepare for major incidents. This involves mitigation efforts to reduce potential risks as well as coordinating the response efforts when an incident occurs.

## Fire and Emergency Operations

The department provides the city with both Fire and Ambulance service. Personnel are dual-trained as Fire Fighters and as Emergency Medical Technicians. These highly trained professionals maintain the department equipment, ensure personal capability through ongoing training, perform inspections, provide services to the public, present public education programs, and respond to emergency incidents. They also provide ambulance service under contract to three surrounding towns. Ambulance service revenues and contracts provide over 25% of the department budget.

The department operates from the Fire Station on Main Street. It also maintains a Training Area, located at the City "Stump Dump", which allows for more effective training and firefighter preparedness. Service is provided using two pumpers, one tower truck, two ambulances, and two utility vehicles. Maintenance of vehicles is a top priority of the department and participating in our mutual aid system allows us to operate without the expense of maintaining reserve equipment.

The department is active in the mutual aid systems in our region. All major fire or rescue incidents require assistance from our neighbors. Mutual aid ambulances are available to us when needed. In 2011 we received fire or ambulance mutual aid 40 times and provided it 77 times. While we fortunately did not have any serious incidents, several significant fires in Barre reminded us that we still have a serious fire potential in Montpelier.

## Summary of Responses in 2011

Of the following responses calls for service in Middlesex were:

Ambulance response 81 Fire response 10

### Emergency Responses

Type Of Alarm Responded To	
-Structure Fires/ Alarms	184
-Vehicle Fires	12
-Other Fires	21
-Power Lines	14
-Vehicle Accidents (Initial Fire Response)	86
-Other Rescues	36
-Flooding, Water Problem	26

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-Collapse, Structural Problem	2
-CO Alarm Activation	53
-Electrical Problems	10
-Odor/Smoke Investigation	38
-Leak/Hazmat	35
-Entrapment	2
-Fire Alarm Problems	28
-Other Emergency / Personal Assist	109
<b>EMS Emergency Response</b>	<b>938</b>

### **Non Emergency Responses For Service**

Type Of Service Requested	
-Burn Permits	72
-Service Calls/Other Non Emergency	75
Ambulance Non Emergency Transfer	420
<b>Total</b>	<b>2161</b>

### **Building Inspector / Health Officer**

The Montpelier Fire Department is responsible for the Building Inspector and Health Officer functions. This allows for a coordinated effort to ensure that city residents and visitors have safe and healthy conditions where they live, work, and visit. One full time employee with training and qualifications in both areas performs this work.

The Building Inspector has two primary tasks: 1) reviewing and providing support for construction jobs in the City and 2) inspecting current buildings. Reviewing and inspecting construction done in the City ensures that work is done according to code. Since 2007 the department has been responsible for virtually all construction in the City. Significant fees which used to go to the State are now retained in Montpelier. The Building Permit system allows us to deliver this service. Most construction, except for minor repairs or routine maintenance, requires a Building Permit. In 2011, 285 building permits were processed and inspections were done as needed to support those efforts. Building permits are issued for one year and, if construction is ongoing, can be renewed. If renewed before the expiration date there is no additional fee.

Existing buildings, especially residential rental units, are inspected to ensure proper maintenance and operation. Buildings are inspected primarily on receipt of a complaint. There are limited inspections on a scheduled basis. Complaints are given a high priority while scheduled inspections are done as resources are available. The emphasis here is to ensure safe and healthy conditions. In 2011 there were 100 inspections done.

Of significant note, the efforts of the Building Inspector helped with the restoration of numerous rental units around the city. These buildings had been deteriorating for a while and had been the subject of numerous complaints and violations. The buildings were eventually reposessed and auctioned off. The new owners are bringing the buildings up to code. In one case the historic fabric of the

building is also being restored .One major project this year has been the restoration of the Senior Center at 58 Barre St.

Of special note the Building Inspectors office has been moved to the Planning office in City Hall. This should make for a much more efficient permitting process.

As Health Officer, there is the need to respond to complaints and proactively act to protect the community from public health threats. Areas of regular activities are rental housing, rabies and animal bites, garbage control and rats, mold complaints, lead abatement issues, carbon monoxide and smoke complaints, water supplies, septic tanks, and restaurant inspections. Special situations also involve the Health Officer when they occur. The Health Officer works under the authority of the Vermont Department of Health.

## **Emergency Management Coordinator**

There is an Emergency Management Team composed of the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Public Works Director. The City Manager provides direction to the Team while the Fire Chief coordinates the emergency management functions in the City. The Emergency Management Team is responsible to ensure that the City is prepared for serious incidents. The primary areas of concern are:

- 1 – Evaluating the risks to the City and ensuring that City plans are kept updated;
- 2 – Maintaining the Emergency Operations Center (EOC);
- 3 – Verifying that personnel have necessary training and certifications;
- 4 – Monitoring conditions in the City as needed;
- 5 – Drills to practice plans; and
- 6 – Reviewing mitigation efforts in the City.

Coordination of these functions will be integrated in to the fire department operations.

In 2011, monitoring river and weather conditions remained a high priority. The monitoring of river gauges has provided much needed information; especially concerning possible ice jam flooding situations. Major weather events and flooding in May and August forced the Emergency Management team to declare an emergency and opened an Emergency Operations Center for both events. Other areas of concern include propane transport through the city.

### **Contact Information**

Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1

Building Permit - 223-9506

Health Officer – 229-4913

Building Inspector - 262-6170

Other Fire/ Ambulance Business – 229-4913

Robert A Gowans, Fire Chief  
Department 229-4913  
Cell 371-9633  
rgowans@montpelier-vt.org

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## MIDDLESEX BOY SCOUT TROOP 777

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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.

One of the members of the Troop, Dave Koonz, went to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. Philmont is the ultimate high adventure hiking area for Boy Scouts. Philmont treks last about two weeks, hiking in the mountains. One of the mountains on his trek was over 14,000 feet.

The big news for Troop 777 this year was we had another member earn his Eagle Rank. Patrick Schlott, who has been a member of Troop 777 since 2005, earned his Eagle on 30 Nov 2011. His Eagle project, was to build bat houses for residents of the neighboring towns to help with the struggling bat population.

Green Up Day went well again in 2011 we even had some sun this year. We joined forces with the Middlesex Conservation Commission to get the job done. Troop 777 has coordinated Green Up Day in Middlesex since 1981 and looks forward to having the Conservation Commission help us again 2012. We will continue to have a bin for metal waste donated by Bolduc Auto Salvage. This bin can be used for metal waste you have at home as well as any you find along the road.

The Troop meets at the Scout Cabin in the woods in Putnamville or at the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Station 2 on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. If you have questions about the Boy Scout program or would like to join, call me at 229-6907

Yours in scouting,  
Jeff Koonz, Scoutmaster

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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In 2011 the Middlesex Conservation Commission (MCC) welcomed new member Rich Langdon. During 2011, the MCC was actively engaged with the following activities:

**Middlesex Village** – The MCC has continued to participate in Route 100B Scenic Byway planning meetings for improvements to the Route 100B corridor. An information kiosk with panels about Middlesex history and points of interest and activities along the Route 100B corridor was constructed in 2010 and was installed on the former Camp Meade property (next to the east end of the Red Hen Bakery). The MCC would like to thank the Middlesex road crew who were responsible for the actual installation.

**Middlesex Town Forest** – The Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) is working on implementing the Middlesex Town Forest Management Plan. We organized to 2 field days (April 30 & May 22, 2011) to identify and map logging roads, vernal pools, streams and other natural features of interest. Mike Patterson is helping mark the boundaries and Dave Shepard and John Buddington are mapping potential trail locations. Dan Kilborn from the Vermont Land Trust explored the forest with us after Tropical Storm Irene - fortunately there was not significant wind damage. In 2012 we look forward to working with Corey Kline and the Boy Scouts build a small bridge to improve foot-access to the Town Forest from Notch Rd. 2011 committee membership: Lydia Menendez, Chair; Dave Shepard, Secretary; Eric Seidel, Treasurer; Dick Alderman; Planning Commission Liaison; Chip Darmstadt, Ron Krauth and Steve Juiffre, members. Check out <http://sites.google.com/site/middlesextown-forest/> or email [middlesextownforest@gmail.com](mailto:middlesextownforest@gmail.com) for more information.

**Recreational Trails** – Through the effort of member Scott Gurley the MCC secured another grant from Vtrans to fund a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) trail crew for additional work on the trail connecting the boat launch and the beach area and to extend the trail toward the dam. The VYCC didn't have crew time to get to this project in 2011 but hopefully it will happen in 2012.

**Community Forestry** – The MCC is still looking for reports of big trees for the Middlesex Big Tree Project to identify the largest example of each tree species in Middlesex based on trunk circumference. Residents are encouraged to send in reports of your large trees, either species that haven't yet been added to the list or larger specimens of species already listed.

**Green Up** – Once again the MCC assisted the local Boy Scout troop led by Jeff Koonz on Green Up Day. MCC members were present at 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. Thank you to the Scouts and to Gary Lamell and the road crew for their hard work with this annual event. Maybe some year there won't be any trash to pick up on Green Up Day!

**Town Community Day** – The MCC participated in the community day held at the new fire station and Walt Kelley Park on lovely August Saturday. We had an

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informational display about the MCC and spent time with some children and their parents seeing what kind of insects could be found in the field.

**Invasive Plants** – While Middlesex hasn't been impacted by exotic invasive plants to the extent of some towns we are concerned about their presence and continued spread in town. The MCC is planning to initiate a project of mapping areas where invasive plants are present to inform efforts to control the spread of these noxious invaders.

The MCC appreciates the Middlesex Newspaper as a means to keep residents informed about the projects we are working on. Thanks to Neely Washington and others for providing this service. Minutes of MCC meetings and other information about the MCC is 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

Scott Gurley

Rich Langdon

Aaron Moore

Eric Seidel

Dave Shepard

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 777

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Cub Scout Pack 777, which is chartered by the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, is open to all boys who are in first through fifth grade. We meet on the first and third Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm at Rumney School. During 2011, the pack grew to include 12 Cub Scouts who are grouped into two active dens. With our growing size, we participated in many different activities. In the Spring, we held our annual Pinewood Derby race where the boys raced car models which they made themselves. We also attended the Spring Camporee at Lake Elmore where the boys practiced first aid, learned to use a compass, and participated in outdoor skills and team building activities. Pack 777 was very successful and received 1st place awards for the Fire Building and Gilley Suit Making activities as well being the overall Day Stations Winner. Over the Summer, the Pack assisted Troop 777 with the US flag retirement ceremony. In the Fall, the pack held its annual popcorn sale fundraiser. This year, if the pack sold over \$2500 in popcorn, then they could throw a cream pie in the face of their Cubmaster. Thanks to Middlesex's support, the boy's sales totaled over \$2800 and they very much enjoyed putting a pie my face. In the Fall, we traveled to Camp Sunrise in Benson, VT to join in the Haunted Harvest where the boys participated in more fun outdoor activities including shooting BB-guns and sling-shots, haunted houses and hayrides. Finally, the Tiger Cub Den 2 visited radio station WDEV where they got to see all of the radio equipment and how a radio station works.

If you know of a boy who would be interested in being a Cub Scout, please have him join us at a meeting or give me a call.

Eric Benedict, Pack 777 Cubmaster  
223-0969

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## E-VT MIDDLESEX RE-CAP

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The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is a partnership between seven statewide organizations and leaders in two dozen Vermont towns to help close the digital divide through innovative use of Internet tools and training. Initiatives in Middlesex were spearheaded by the Town Meeting Solutions Committee in conjunction with the Rumney School, town government, and other organizations. In just one-and-a-half years, this team succeeded in bringing the following accomplishments to Middlesex:

- Forty-five netbook packages for Middlesex's Rumney School, including Dell netbooks, netbook cases, printers, USB cables, extra ink cartridge, and Microsoft Office Pro 2010 to ensure that every student in grades 5 and 6 receives a 21st century education;
  - Weekly training with community-based, NETS-S coordinated technology lessons for students and teachers in grades 5 and 6;
  - A free community e-newsletter at [frontporchforum.com](http://frontporchforum.com) that 658 subscribers in Middlesex have used more than 3,200 times to buy and trade household items, promote local events and volunteer needs, share wildlife sightings, and recommend local businesses – this number is particularly impressive considering there are only 690 households in Middlesex;
  - Four workshops on the topics of Web-based Communication Tools, Social Media for Beginners Evaluating Information on the Web, and Learning to Go (distance education for adults);
  - Three workshops on the topics of Getting Your Business Online, Social Media Marketing, and Google Tools for Small Business conducted by the Vermont Small Business Development Center at the Rumney School for business owners and entrepreneurs;
  - One-on-one assistance from the Vermont Small Business Development Center for Middlesex businesses undertaking website redesigns;
  - Support for the Town Hall, Food Shelf, and Rumney School in piloting three public access hot spots for Middlesex residents who lack computer equipment, Internet access, and/or comfort navigating the Internet;
  - A new municipal website – [middlesexvermont.org](http://middlesexvermont.org) – with an easy-to-use Content Management System and video camera to facilitate the creation of new content and fresh visuals;
  - A new platform for the Front Porch Forum e-newsletter that includes a comprehensive web-based community calendar, synthesizing all community events into one central place and freely allowing them to be displayed on [middlesexvermont.org](http://middlesexvermont.org) and other local websites;
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- For teachers, a complete program of lesson and unit plans, worksheets, Internet links, advice, instruction, and video tutorials, so that cutting edge classroom education can continue in 2011-2012 and beyond;
- Ongoing webinars for businesses and individuals, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);
- A tool kit of case studies, lessons learned, and best practices, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);

Regional workshops, a statewide conference, and continuing programs of e-Vermont partner organizations.

e-Vermont congratulates the Middlesex team for its collaboration and accomplishments over the past year-and-a-half and wishes them well in continuing to close the digital divide, use Internet tools to advance local goals, and serve as a model for rural towns all over Vermont and across the United States.

Please stay posted on the above developments and more by visiting e-Vermont at [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org) and by following e-Vermont on Facebook (e-Vermont) and Twitter (eVermont).

Seán Sheehan, e-Vermont Community Director  
January 30, 2012

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## MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FAST SQUAD ACTIVITY REPORT

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The Fire Department and FAST Squad had a busy year. We responded to a total of 68 FD calls. Some of these calls included: 4 structure fires, 1 brush/grass fire, 2 vehicle fires, 3 mutual aid calls, 9 vehicle accidents on local Middlesex roads, 27 vehicle accidents on I-89, 9 hazardous situations, and 13 false alarms.

The FAST Squad responded to 29 calls this year. They included 9 trauma and 19 medical calls, and 1 false alarm; of these calls 3 were vehicle accidents

The Fire Department and FAST Squad received a \$2000 donation in memory of JD Picard from the National Automobile Dealers' Association. This donation was made possible through the efforts of John and Megan Picard. The Department is looking at how to best use this money to provide increased service to the Town and provide a lasting memory of JD.

The members have elected a new Chief and Assistant Chief this year. Doug Hanson is our new Chief and Gary Webster is our new Assistant Chief.

We continue to do monthly training covering vehicle operations, water site set up, hazardous materials operations, self contained breathing apparatus use, and specialized equipment use.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department or Auxiliary stop in at the station on the first or third Tuesday of each month. Our training nights and business meetings start at 7:00 pm.

The Department is also pleased to be the Charter Organization for Cub Scout Pack 777 as well as for Boy Scout Troop 777.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Hanson Fire Chief      Jeff Koonz, Vice President

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### MIDDLESEX FIRE DEPARTMENT Treasurer's Report as of Dec. 31, 2011

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**Assets:**

Checking account	\$269.44
Money Market	\$124.38
Fast Squad Checking	\$2,000.00
Petty Cash	\$137.10

**Income:**

Donations	\$2,524.87
Church Yard Sale	\$2,950.55

**Fire Fighter Benefits:**

Stipends	\$676.00
Fire Fighters Dinner	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,200.00

**Current membership:**

Fire fighters	18
Junior fire fighters	4

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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 in the Middlesex newspaper, which is now on line, as well as 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.

In 2011, the Society was frustrated in its efforts to save the Middlesex railroad station. Plans to move the building to Camp Meade have been held up by state regulations, and the building continues to deteriorate. We urge residents to join the Historical Society and help brainstorm some way to keep this important piece of Middlesex history intact. Our meeting this fall featured a presentation about Vermont's painted theater curtains (including our own!) at the Worcester Town Hall, where the curtain is currently on display.

The first complete history of our community, *Middlesex in the Making*, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman, and designed by Kate Alberghini, 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 seeks a building to house its growing collection of Middlesex documents, photos and artifacts. We contribute articles on Middlesex history to the town newspaper, the *Middlesex Monthly*, and have created a 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic sites, available at the Middlesex website. A traveling exhibit about Middlesex past and present is available for educational uses by any resident. In 2011 we plan a driving tour of Middlesex village with long-time resident David Newhall.

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 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  
Dick Alderman, Treasurer

Sarah Seidman, V.P./Secretary  
Ethel Ryan, Board of Directors

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## MIDDLESEX LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

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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 early as age 4, as long as the child can stand at the shallow end of the pool on their own. The forty-five (45) minute classes are held at First In Fitness in Berlin.

There were two sessions held in the summer of 2011. Each session ran for two weeks, giving the children 10 lessons each. The Town of Middlesex had two time slots for each session. First In Fitness staff were very accomodating and worked with us to provide more lower level sessions ( levels 1&2), which allowed more children to receive instruction.

A special thanks to Tracy Ellis the Pool Director and the many instructors for being able to accomodate the many children and for making the classes fun as well as educational.

THANK YOU ! to the Town Residents for continuing to support this important program.

The cost of the lessons was held to a minimum. We were able to to this even though there were increased costs for the Town to use the facility and staff.

<b>Balance from 2010:</b>	<b>\$647.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2475.00</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
2011 Town Contributions	\$1237.50
Fees Collected	\$1200.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$2437.50</b>
<b>New Balance:</b>	<b>\$609.50</b>

**\*\*\*On a side note :**

I am looking for someone to take over the coordination of the program. I would be willing to assist for the 2012 program. If you are interested please contact me at ladybear234@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted  
Karen L. Brown

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## TOWN LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

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One year after the town-wide reappraisal, the Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2011 came in at 96.9%, 100% being the ideal. Meanwhile the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), which indicates the uniformity of all grand lists assessments, is at 7.8%, well below the average.

Taxable properties in Town numbered 900 in 2011 with a total assessment of \$205,426,000. This compares with 895 properties and a total of \$203,617,400 in 2010. The number of year-round residential properties are 632 (627 in 2010); mobile homes, 67 (69); and seasonal homes 43 (40). Commercial properties remain at 22.

Sixteen residential sales and nine land sales were recorded during the year ending March 31, 2011. The residential sales ranged from a camp and 0.3 acre off Center Road for \$42,500 to a house and 11.8 acres on Leland Farm Road for \$350,000. Land sales ranged from a 3.6 acre lot for \$20,000 on French Road to a 69.4 acres on Vermont Route 12 near the Worcester line for \$225,000. In addition a mobile home and 0.41 acre lot on Three Mile Bridge Road went for \$10,000 prior to the Irene August Flood.

Also, as a point of information, there are currently 17 non-taxable properties in Town owned by the State of Vermont, the Town of Middlesex and several churches.

Middlesex property owners may discuss property issues and questions with the Listers on Wednesday mornings either in person or by telephone, 223-5915.

Dick Alderman

Eric Young

Caleb Deane

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## 2011 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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Revisions to the Middlesex Land Use and Development Regulations (MLU&DR) were recommended by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Middlesex voters at March 1, 2011 Town Meeting. The revised provisions include remapped Flood Hazard Boundaries by the National Flood Insurance Programs (NFIP) and updated regulations and procedures covering applications for development in designated Flood Hazard Areas and floodways. Approval of the revised regulations allows Middlesex continuance in the NFIP and maintains the rights of Middlesex property owners to obtain Flood Hazard Insurance. Approval of the revisions proved timely with the flood damage, caused by Storm Irene in August 2011 along the Winooski River.

The Planning Commission continues to review the MLU&DR for purpose of making the regulations more user friendly.

The Planning Commission is also starting work on the next Town's Plan for 2013 – 2017 to meet the State requirement to update the Town Plan every 5 years. We will hold public informational meetings throughout the process and the Town's website will have meeting minutes and announcements with the goal of adopting this at our March 2013 Town Meeting.

The Planning Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the town offices.

### Middlesex Planning Commission

Steve Martin, Chair

Jeff Farber, Vice Chair

John Krezinski

Dick Alderman, Secretary

Thea Schwartz

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## TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee continues to meet once a month with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. Please join us! All are welcome, and there are cookies at every meeting. This year's projects included:

### **e-Middlesex**

This year, Middlesex completed its role as an "e-Vermont" town. Middlesex was selected last year for this competitive one-year grant based on an application from the Town Meeting Solution Committee and support from a wide range of Middlesex residents and committees. E-Vermont is coordinated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and funded through a stimulus grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, with additional support from Vermont philanthropists and corporations. For more information, go to [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org).

Although the grant has ended, many lasting changes remain. They include:

### **— Front Porch Forum**

Front Porch Forum (FPF) is a free, on-line list serve or "bulletin board" where you can post notices and read what your neighbors have to say. Since it was launched in June 2010, Middlesex's Front Porch Forum has really taken off. At last count, it had 658 individual members out of an estimated 690 Middlesex households. From information on the school budget to news about bears in the compost, Middlesex neighbors are making daily use of FPF. People have posted notices about yard sales and missing pets; shared information about how to help victims of this year's flooding; asked questions about gardening; gotten references for piano tuners, mechanics, movers, and chiropractors; shared recipes and weather observations; and a lot more. If it's something you'd talk about with neighbors, it belongs on Middlesex Front Porch Forum!

While such a system can never replace face-to-face conversations with neighbors, it can help get information out, to enhance those conversations. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum; just go to [www.FrontPorchForum.com](http://www.FrontPorchForum.com).

### **— Free computers for students**

Thanks to the e-Vermont grant and the Digital Wish Foundation, each of Rumney School's 5th and 6th graders continues to have access to a new netbook computer and printer. These 45 computers are Rumney's to keep, and students are allowed to take them home for family use, with training and protocol agreements for students and families. Digital Wish also provided digital literacy training, administration and teacher training, and curricular development.

### **—Public Computers and WiFi program**

Recognizing that not all residents own computers and that there are areas in town that do not yet have high speed internet, the Solutions Committee and e-Middlesex worked to create a Public Computers and WiFi program. Ultimately, the "hot spots" at Rumney School and Middlesex Methodist Church did not get enough use to continue the volunteer proctor service. A computer and free wifi access are still available for public use at the Middlesex Town Hall during busi-

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ness hours. Special thanks to Greg Whitchurch and John McConnell for their hours of volunteer effort to increase public access to the internet.

### —Middlesex Website: [www.middlesexvermont.org](http://www.middlesexvermont.org)

Note the change of address! With help from e-Vermont, the Town Clerk's office has launched a new town website. The time has come for the town website to be taken over by municipal staff.

The old Middlesex website (which was [middlesex-vt.org](http://middlesex-vt.org)) was created some ten years ago by Solutions Committee member Tim Murphy, and volunteers have served as webmaster (primarily Tim Murphy, with Greg Whitchurch and Chris Reilly serving as Interim Webmaster during periods when Murphy was abroad on National Guard duty). Many thanks to these volunteers for their many hours of work in keeping Middlesex connected.

We hope you will check out the new website format and make it your own. It features faster, more accessible ways to read town documents and download useful forms. Election results, phone numbers and email links for town officials and organizations are all available at this site.

The Solutions Committee applauds Town Clerk Cindy Carlson and Assistant Town Clerk Jody Dwire for their careful, hard work facilitating Middlesex's transition into the digital age. With grace and tremendous expertise, they are bringing the town office into the 21st century, while also maintaining Middlesex's small-town, face-to-face connections.

### Remote Town Meeting Participation

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 by those who physically cannot attend (for instance, due to mobility issues or because they are abroad in the military) while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those who are in the meeting room. The system, devised by Greg Whitchurch and others, allows people to listen via telephone while they watch the meeting with the help of a camera located in our Town Hall.

Comments from both town meeting participants and remote participants' have been enthusiastic. As far as we know, Middlesex is unique in Vermont in offering this service. We are proud to break new ground in democratic accessibility, while working to maintain the face-to-face town meeting Middlesex residents value. We will offer the service again at this year's meeting.

### Middlesex Operator's Manual

The Solutions Committee's Middlesex Operator's Manual: A Citizen's Guide to Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Town remains popular, often picked up by citizens at the Town Clerk's office and the Rumney School. Updated in 2008, the booklet offers useful information on town regulations and voting, resources for recreation and youth, a great map, photos, and more. The "Contacts" sheet insert has been replaced by the more readily updated contact information on the Middlesex website. Contact information is also available by phoning the town clerk's office.

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## **Middlesex Community Day at the Firehouse**

The Solutions Committee teamed with the Middlesex Fire Department, offering logistical and outreach help, in inviting Middlesex residents to our new firehouse. On August 20, the sun shone as Middlesex kids enjoyed the PTO bouncy house, and just when they'd gotten hot enough, it was time to help the firefighters spray a firehose. The Conservation Commission led a nature walk, the Middlesex Historical Society collected Middlesex-related reminiscences, the Boy Scouts hosted a flag retirement ceremony, and many other local groups hosted booths, as all enjoyed the food grilled by the Fire Department. Thanks to John Krezinski for his leadership in making this lively gathering happen.

### **And more...**

Other Solutions Committee pursuits have included: collaborating with the Rumney School Board to heighten understanding of their facilities planning; working with Town Clerk Cindy Carlson to create pie 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!); working with the Selectboard to support a Discretionary Funding Task Force to review town meeting funding requests, to be sure voters have all the information they need to make informed decisions; working with the Rumney Community Connections program to organize child care for town meeting; coordinating the town meeting dinner that benefits for the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf, Rumney kitchen assistant, for volunteering her time and cooking 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 this year to the Middlesex checklist, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing information on how to read the town report, and 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, John Krezinski, Dave Lawrence, Lydia Menendez, Tim Murphy, John O'Connell, Jeff O'Donald, Lauri Scharf, Dave Shepard, Barb Whitchurch, and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of Sorsha Anderson and Julie Moore (Rumney School Board); John Riley; Sean Sheehan (e-Vermont); and others.

Please join us! If you're interested in any of the topics we're addressing, or would like to add one to the list, please contact us. All interest areas and levels of participation are appreciated. You can simply receive minutes, attend meetings, or be involved in specific projects. For more information, please contact Susan Clark, phone 223-5824, e-mail [sclark@sover.net](mailto:sclark@sover.net).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Clark, Chair

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## ZONING ADMINISTRATORS 2010 REPORT

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits	86	94	62	71	52	41	49	42	31
Fees Collected	\$6,548	\$7,043	\$5,489	\$4,405	\$7,389	\$5,900	\$6,565	\$7,610	\$4,500
New Single									
Family Dwellings	15	18	18	12	5	4	8	7	6
ZA Compensation	\$1,344	\$2,212	\$1,780	\$1,722	\$2,331	\$1,753	\$1,555	\$2,365	\$1,942

Respectfully submitted,  
John Lincoln, ZA

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## MIDDLESEX DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TASK FORCE

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The Selectboard formed this committee in 2008 to make sure citizens have the facts they need to make informed decisions on outside organizations requesting money from the Town at Town Meeting.

The task force's job is not to make specific recommendations nor to assess the quality of the information submitted by outside organizations. It is solely to report to townspeople on whether these organizations complied with the request for a report and (in cases asking for more than \$199) a petition signed by 75 legal Middlesex residents.

Most groups asked for the same amount as last year, with some exceptions.

**U-32 Project Graduation** did not make a request for \$199 in funding this year, nor did the Central Vermont Community Land Trust. The Waterbury Senior Center, which asked for \$10,000 and received \$7,500 last year, did not submit the required signed petition to make a request for funding this year.

**Green Mountain Transit** asked for \$199, down from \$953, due to the lack of a signed petition.

**Community Connections** asked for \$3,000, the same as last year but did not provide a report on their activities.

**New requests:** The American Red Cross asked for \$250 but did not submit a report or petition. The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation made a request for \$500 with a signed petition—there was no contribution given in 2010 due to the lack of a signed petition. The town has approved this organization for \$500 in prior years.

**Increases:** Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice increased its request by \$1,000 this year to a total of \$3,000. Their report said they are asking each of the 23 towns on their service area to contribute \$2/per capita.

The committee chose not to list how many people were served by each organization this year, because those figures can be very misleading.

In addition to these organizations' reports in the Town Report, more extensive information provided by each group will be available for inspection at Town Meeting (ask the Town Clerk for the folder). This information is worth looking at, particularly the budgets and the ratio of total budget to actual services provided, which varied widely. We urge residents to closely consider how each group's services aligns with the needs of Middlesex residents,

Respectfully, Chris Koonz, Barbara Whitchurch, Sarah Seidman

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## BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES - SEVENTH YEAR

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Plans are underway for a seventh season of great music at the Martha Pellerin – Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand in Middlesex. For six consecutive Wednesdays from July 11 to August 15, 2012, starting at 6:30 p.m., some of the best performers in Central Vermont and beyond will take the stage to entertain and inspire. On a clear night, with families picnicking in the meadow next to the Rumney School and scores of children running, playing and dancing ... well, it doesn't get any better than that.

Over the years, the Bandstand has hosted the likes of Tammy Fletcher, Will Patton, Myra Flynn, Dave Grippo, Chad Hollister, Patti Casey, and many other luminaries. Over the course of any season, the styles can span blues and bluegrass, folk and funk, classical and country and Quebecois, brass band music and just plain good time music—and all of it is free.

Last year's lineup—which also included Lewis Franco and Michele Choiniere—was made possible through the generosity of many people and businesses, including:

- Our sponsors—Athena's Boutique, Bear Creek Environmental, Dexter Lefavour, Guitar Sam, Man with the Funny Hat, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Noyle W. Johnson, Pease Farm, Splash Naturals, and Sticks & Stuff. And our season-long gold sponsors—Bear Swamp Vets, Freelance Automotive, Level 9, Montpelier Construction, Madtech Sound & Lovetown Recording, and Red Hen Baking Company. Their support of the arts in Middlesex was awesome!
- Our many behind-the-scenes helpers—Brian Prendergast, Glenn Sturgis, Neely Washington, Cyrus Scribner, Jane Tucker and Kevin Thompson, Gail Sullivan, Sean Nealon, Glenn Howland, Peter Berger, and the Middlesex Select Board. And not least, Jimmy Kiefer, who donated his time to make the Bandstand site wheelchair-accessible, a project we plan to finish this spring, and the local residents who underwrote the cost of his materials. Thanks to all!
- The members of the Bandstand Committee, who began planning this year's summer series in the cold of winter and will oversee this summer's events until the last amp is packed up and the power turned off—Dick Alderman, Elliot Burg, Dennis DeLena, Gloria Hobson, Theo Kennedy, Deorsha McDade, Mary Nealon, and John Puleio.

Come to the Bandstand this summer!



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## CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

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Since 1965, the 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. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 18,222 people in 9,373 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, green jobs training and more.

Program and services accessed by 41 Middlesex families with 92 residents include:

- 32 households with 83 people found emergency help with food, heating or housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- When their family could not afford groceries, 47 adults and children accessed food through our food shelves.
- Our housing counselors helped 5 families to find and keep affordable, safe housing.
- 16 households with 48 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 3 households received professional, free tax preparation and filing, ensuring the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due.
- 1 person attended do-it-yourself Weatherization Skillshops, gaining hands-on training and the building science background to make energy-saving home improvements on their own.
- 4 women received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 4 people worked with a career counselor to prepare for a job in the green economy, attended training to build green job skills and received industry credentials or certification to get or keep a job.

Community Action thanks the residents of Middlesex for their generous support this year!

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**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

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**Report of Services to the Town of Middlesex****October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011**

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For more than thirty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Middlesex.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions and Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps.

Older residents of the Town of Middlesex often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Middlesex is Don Brown, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. In 2010-11, CVCOA served 89 residents of Middlesex.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the Town of Middlesex.

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**CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

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The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) provides a suite of programs and services that include retention and expansion of our existing businesses; promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont, and working on improving the infrastructure necessary for economic growth in Vermont. CVEDC has and will continue to work in partnership with all the Central Vermont municipalities, and community stakeholders to advance those initiatives identified by Town of Middlesex as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. In addition, the issues of workforce development, telecommunications and housing remain top priorities for CVEDC. Our mission is to maintain and create jobs for the Central Vermont Community.

The Small Business Development Center is co-located in CVEDC' offices and continues to provide the Town of Middlesex residents with information and assistance regarding starting a new business or providing assistance to an existing business with marketing, financing or other information. In addition, the 'How to Start Your Own Business' seminars are offered on a monthly basis to all Central Vermont residents.

This year CVEDC will not only be the Central VT Workforce Development Board coordinator but also supervise the TIPS Program Coordinator. Among the projects and initiatives planned for this coming year are; the 3rd Annual Career and Job Fair on April 5th at the Montpelier Elk's Lodge, website improvements, enhanced communication with the business community regarding workforce training opportunities, and a Business Survey on workforce needs. This past year's Career & Job Fair had 51 businesses participated in the day-long event. Six hundred and seventy-five students from 14 area schools attended the morning program and eight hundred and thirty-two job seekers attended the afternoon session.



**Central Vermont  
Home Health & Hospice**  
A Century of Caring and Quality

**2011 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT**

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX**

**January**

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 100 year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

**Twelve Month Report of CVHHH Services to the Town of Middlesex  
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 \***

<b>Program</b>	<b># of Visits</b>
<b>Home Health Care</b>	609
<b>Hospice Care</b>	312
<b>Long Term Care</b>	1,029
<b>Maternal Child Health</b>	37
<b>TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS</b>	1,987
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	32
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	41

**\*Audited figures not available at the time of report submission. Preliminary figures are not expected to vary significantly.**

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Barre through 2012 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Lindsay Kurrle, Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

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**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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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 for over forty years 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 updates to municipal flood hazard bylaws. 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 regional and 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 BEOP's (Basic Emergency Operations Plans). Continuing with its energy work from 2010, CVRPC is providing assistance to local energy committees with implementing the building energy audit recommendations for weatherization of municipal buildings. The Commission's work expanded this year to include assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene. 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 received a grant to develop a regional broadband plan that will direct where infrastructure is needed to support the technology and provide access.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by providing administrative support to the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, assisting with the work for the Mad River Valley Byway, updating parcel maps, assisting with the development of the energy audit coupon program, updating GIS maps of the Town, and making funding available for weatherization of municipal buildings.

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](http://www.centralvtplanning.org).

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director  
Ron Krauth, Commissioner

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## CVSWMD FY 2011 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's mission is to provide leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. FY11 was a year of stabilization for CVSWMD and the organization to conclude the year exhibiting financial stability and reduced debt. The district was pleased to offer Flood Relief Grant Funds, to assist in covering the costs of disposal of flood-damaged property. Middlesex is represented on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors by Anita Krauth.

### Composting Programs:

**Residential Composting Program:** We continue to offer technical support and assistance to residents composting at home throughout the district.

**Business Composting Program:** 63 participating businesses and institutions diverted an estimated 2,500,144 lbs. or 1250 tons (more than 2.5 million lbs.!) of food scraps to composting facilities.

**School Composting Program (now part of our School Zero Waste Program):** All 25 public schools in the CVSMWD are now participating in this program. The schools diverted an estimated 147.7 tons (294,819 lbs.) of high quality food scraps.

Rumney Memorial School has diverted approximately 9.73 tons (19,460 lbs.) of food scraps since September 2008. CVSWMD estimates the school diverted 3.46 tons in FY11 alone!

U-32 was trained by CVSWMD in the composting program in March 2005. The school currently has their food scraps picked up by a local chicken farmer.

**School Zero Waste Program:** The SZW Program provides a means for schools to examine their waste streams, reduce waste, and identify potential cost efficiencies.

**Special Collections:** 850 households and 15 small businesses accessed FY11 collection events. 11 events, including one in nearby Hardwick, served 70% more households than in FY10.

**Electronics:** 27,353 lbs.

**Textiles:** 2,478 lbs.

**Books:** 12,182 lbs.

**Hazardous Waste:** 22,336 lbs.

**Paint (mostly oil based):** 40,174 lbs.

**Latex Paint (recycled):** 8,428 lbs.

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** 1157.40 lbs.

**Batteries:** 1,128 lbs.

**Green Up Day Grants:** A total of \$4121 was distributed to the 9 member towns that requested grants. The Town of Middlesex received the full \$500 grant.

**CVSWMD E-News:** All residents from member towns are welcome to receive the e-newsletter. (<http://www.cvswmd.org/newsletter.html>)

**Web Site:** The district built a completely new website in FY11. [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org).

**Educational materials:** Educational materials are made available to any district resident or member town. Call 802.229.9383 to request materials.

For more information about the CVSWMD and its programs, please see [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org). CVSWMD's latest annual report is available online at [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org). Please contact us with questions or concerns—802-229-9383 or [comments@cvswmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswmd.org)

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## CIRCLE

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### formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter

Fiscal Year 2011 has proven to be a year of growth and innovation for Circle. We have continued to advertise and promote the organization's name change; we have developed new prevention programming in collaboration with community partners that is reaching new audiences; we have continued to work with law enforcement to provide enhanced first response; and we launched our first-ever website ([www.circlevt.org](http://www.circlevt.org))!! The website is still under construction, but the site already contains a lot of information on all of Circle's services and programs, so feel free to browse and share your comments with us! In addition to all of these new initiatives, Circle advocates were also kept extremely busy providing the following core services:

- Over the past year, staff and volunteer advocates responded to 4,422 hot line calls, an average of 368 calls per month, and an increase of 7% from last year.
- Shelter services were provided to 23 women and 15 children for a total of 1,796 bed nights. We had to refer 19 women to other shelters because ours was at capacity.
- Our prevention based programs in schools reached a total of 1,630 students in Washington County through the 98 presentations and long-term support groups held during this fiscal year.
- Circle provided community presentations to 1,129 people through the 57 presentations offered to individuals and professionals in Washington County.
- Advocates provided support to 124 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 103 individuals file for temporary orders.
- Court Education Program was presented to 261 individuals, and our Court Hour Program, which offers one-on-one support to plaintiffs as they prepare for their final hearings, was offered to 69 individuals.
- Circle offered numerous evening support groups, reaching a total of 9 women.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteer advocates.
- Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of its many dedicated volunteers; Board Members, Hotline Advocates, Group Facilitators, and Shelter Support have all contributed over 6,000 hours to the work of Circle.

#### **Our services include:**

SHELTER: Emergency Shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic abuse

SHELTER YOUTH PROGRAM: Available to children staying in shelter

TOLL FREE CONFIDENTIAL 24-HOUR HOT LINE (1-877-543-9498)

EMERGENCY, CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURT ADVOCACY

SUPPORT GROUPS

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## PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFERED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS and TRAININGS:  
offered to civic organizations and businesses.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: information about domestic violence and community resources, as well as individualized advocacy and referral to social service, legal, employment, counseling, and housing options.

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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In 2012, Community Connections moves into its eleventh year serving the children and families of Middlesex, Calais, Berlin, East Montpelier, Worcester, and Montpelier. Underlying all programming is the mission to make a positive difference in lives of the area's youth, encourage healthy behaviors and decrease substance abuse. With prevention strategies central to this mission, Community Connections continues to deliver engaging, enriching programs during all out-of-school-time periods – when youth are most vulnerable to risk.

During the past school year, Rumney Community Connections programming enrolled 142 Pre-K-6th grade Rumney students, for a phenomenal 77% of the total student body! Also, 16 Rumney students signed up for a variety of CC summer camps and 46 children started the day off right at the before-school Morning Program. 19 little ones came to the pre-K aftercare, allowing working parents to take advantage of the school's pre-K program.

From academics, and enrichment, to fitness and wellness, Middlesex kids took part in a wide variety of activities including hip hop dance, walking, swimming, music, cooking, book club, arts and crafts, yoga, team building games, capoeira, snow sculptures, Nature Detectives, songwriting, questing, literary magazine, Mad Scientist, Lego robotics, skiing/snowshoeing, and more!

With academic assistance as a core goal, we were thrilled to see 27 Rumney students enrolled in Community Connections Homework Club afterschool program. And 48 adults made use of ongoing evening yoga classes throughout the year.

For this school year, Rumney received a grant of \$4,600 from the Children's Trust Foundation to enhance the programming we provide for students in grades 4-6. This fall, we hired 5th grade teacher Heather Dion to work with us to help assess and build a program for older youth. We spent the fall collecting data from parents, teachers and students in grades 4-6 about what a fun, useful and engaging program for older youth would look like. We also started a youth advisory group, made up of two representatives from each 4-6 grade. In January, we began piloting our first "BKB" (Big Kid Bash) programs at a reduced cost for 3rd- 6th graders. Each day includes enrichment activities as well as time for homework and creative academics. The students will participate in a logo contest to create a logo for the new program. We plan to continue to seek grant funding to support this program and continue its development.

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In March 2011, we also sponsored our first annual Grown-up Talent Show and Bake-Off Fundraiser. We had a total of 12 grown-up acts, including a capella song performances, balloon animals, story-telling and an ABBA impersonation. There were about 150 audience members and we raised over \$800 to support our programs. It was such a success, both as a community builder and a fundraiser, that the second annual Talent Show is scheduled for February 2012.

In 2011 Community Connections held our first international camp with 30 Chinese exchange students. Two Middlesex high school students served as peer leaders and three Middlesex families hosted Chinese students or teachers. We will host another Chinese exchange camp in 2012.

## **Youth Outreach and High School Completion**

The Alternative Path to Diploma program graduated 24 students – 16 from Montpelier High and 8 from U-32 in June 2011. Those graduates represented 14.8% and 5.6% respectively of the total graduates this year. Currently, coordinator Danny Hendershot has a caseload of around 30 students working on one-or two-year graduation plans. In addition to academic tutoring provided by Adult Basic Ed, the plans must include work experience, a community project, a written component and a verbal presentation. Plans may also include college courses, internships, private lessons, and other experiences. Some young people need a different way to complete their high school education, and this program moves us toward the goal of a 100% graduation rate.

## **Mentoring**

Community Connections partners with the Central Vermont New Directions Coalition to bring you Girls/Boyz First Mentoring, which served over 125 children last year including 12 Middlesex mentees and 7 Middlesex mentors. Under the guidance of Wendy Farber, 47 pairs of adult mentors and youth mentees met weekly to provide a consistent adult presence for selected youth. Mentoring is one important part of the community support that is needed for our youth to develop into healthy adults. Mentoring can help turn young lives around and strengthen both aspiration and achievement.

Some Girls/Boyz First Mentoring highlights: skiing at Morse Farm, baking holiday pies with NECI, day-long retreats, celebrating National Mentoring Month with a dance at Capitol Plaza Hotel. Mentor pairs volunteered helping flood victims, and they hiked, skated, baked, read, attended plays and concerts, went to the beach, danced, learned to cook, went to the library, and more. Our mentoring relationships continue to make a huge difference in the lives of the youth that we serve.

Thank you all for supporting these many great youth programs over the course of 2011!

Over 48% of students in our communities attend Community Connections after-school programs. The impact is even greater when mentoring and the alternative program are added in. However, town and school contributions are minimal and grant funding ends shortly. We will need additional support from the community if we are to continue to provide these valuable services.

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## CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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Imagine a multi-use, four-season off-road trail across the width of Vermont following the Winooski River & Wells River valleys, a 90 mile greenway for cyclists, skiers and walkers connecting communities, their schools, and the natural areas between. This vision has steadily moved toward reality through the quiet work of the Cross Vermont Trail Association.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association, formed in 1999, is an incorporated, private non-profit organization that is member-based and volunteer-driven. We are funded by winning competitive grants and through individual donations from trail users. With two part-time staff and donated office space, we are large enough to get things done, but small enough to be cost efficient. We work in partnership with community organizations across the state to develop and expand local trails. Already 30 miles of Cross Vermont Trail are signed and open to the public. These 30 miles are complemented by our 60 miles of "on-road" route signs that identify the best roads people can use to link together existing trail sections. Meanwhile, we continue to work towards the ultimate goal of connecting all local trails into a continuous, statewide, off-road network.

Maps and guidebook to the trail route are available free at [www.crossvermont.org](http://www.crossvermont.org), or call us at 802-498-0079.

2011 was a challenging year for trails, as it was for many people. The historic floods of both May and August directly impacted our trail. Most of the trail was reopened by Fall 2011, and in 2012 we will be working to not only finish repairs, but to improve all existing sections of trail to be more sustainable as well as more inviting to users. In addition, we are working together with interested land owners to establish right of way for many miles new trail at locations across the state, including what will be a watershed project in the history of the Cross Vermont Trail, a new 200 foot bridge over the Winooski River in East Montpelier.

Residents of all towns through which the trail route passes are invited to get involved in the CVTA. Right now we are seeking to establish an active membership in every town. Contact us at 802-498-0079 on at [www.crossvermont.org](http://www.crossvermont.org).

Eric Scharnberg, Executive Director  
Greg Western, Trail Programs Coordinator

P.S. We also host numerous recreational outings throughout the year. Mark your calendar for the next Central Vermont Cycling Tour, June 24, 2012, in East Montpelier and for the Fall Foliage Ride the last Saturday in September Groton, Ryegate and Newbury.

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## FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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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 planning and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

**Among the 88 individuals in Middlesex who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 were:**

- **7** who consulted our **Child Care** and other **Resource and Referral services**, receiving assistance in finding suitable child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available to them.
- **12 families** who received **assistance paying for child care**.
- **6 licensed and registered child care providers** and other support agencies who consulted our **Provider Support services**, and received monthly newsletters and training on a wide variety of topics through home visits, conferences and workshops.
- **12 children and 9 adults** who participated in our **Playgroups**. Playgroups are free, open to all families with children birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements. Children have a chance to play with others in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Parents talk to other parents, draw upon each other for support, learn new skills from Playgroup Facilitators and get information about community resources.
- **5 children** who attended our nationally accredited **Early Childhood Education program**.
- **11 children and parents** who attended our **community events**.
- **19 individuals** who were served by one of our specialized **Home Visiting services**, providing parent and family education and support.
- **5 community members or child care professionals** who planned local and regional **Building Bright Futures Council activities**.
- **1 individual** who received employment training in our **Family Works program**.
- **1 individual** who received our **Children's Integrated Services**.

We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Middlesex. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Lee S. Lauber, Executive Director, at 262-3292, Ext. 118, e-mail us at [familycenter@fcwcv.org](mailto:familycenter@fcwcv.org), or visit our website at [www.fcwcv.org](http://www.fcwcv.org).

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## GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

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### Our Service

GMTA is the public transportation provider for Washington, Lamoille, Franklin/Grand Isle, Mad River Valley and the towns of Washington, Orange and Washington. GMTA offers many public transportation services including local bus service, commuter bus shuttles, shopping and meal site shuttles, paratransit services, critical care transportation and health care shuttles.

### Elderly and Disabled Transportation

GMTA provides transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled funds, or both. We offer those in need the scheduling and payment of rides and provide service through volunteer drivers and/or bus service. GMTA collaborates with area organizations, such the Central Vermont Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior center and shopping trips. GMTA not only provides the means of transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate service.

**For FY11, GMTA provided ongoing Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service for 14 Middlesex residents totaling 573 trips equaling 13,910 miles traveled.**

- **Medical Transportation-** GMTA provides medical transportation service to local and distant health care facilities for medical services or in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. Trips can include transportation to the Central Vermont Medical Center, Mad River Valley Health Center, Fletcher Allen, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Health Center in Plainfield, Berlin Health and Rehabilitation and various locations in Boston Massachusetts.

- **Senior Center Meal Sites & Adult Day Programs-** GMTA provides transportation service to senior center meal site programs, like the Waterbury Senior Center, which not only provide a hot and nourishing meal, but allow the individual to be part of a social event. In addition to senior center programs, GMTA will assist those in need of full adult day services with transportation to Project Independence in Barre. Project Independence provides those who have specific care needs the resources which support the individual effort to remain living independently.

- **Shopping Trips-** GMTA offers shopping trips either through participating senior centers or individual volunteer drivers to provide a greater choice and affordability for essential items. Transportation to larger retail locations allow for easy access to daily needs such as groceries, prescriptions and other necessities, thus supporting continued independence and economic stability.

### Social Service Transportation

In addition to supporting senior and disabled residents, GMTA collaborates with social service programs and agencies which offer residents assistance in achieving greater independence and success. We provide rides to those seeking essential child care, employment training and human service programs such as Reach Up, Vocational Rehabilitation and Vermont Association of the Blind.

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## GREEN UP DAY, MAY 7, 2011

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Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the importance of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and 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](http://www.greenupvermont.org) to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

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## KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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Since the Kellogg-Hubbard completed its expansion in 2001, it has become what is known as a “third place” – not home, not work or school – but a place where people can go to meet their neighbors, do homework, look for a job, read, listen to a lecture, get book suggestions, and much more. With technology contributing to people's isolation from one another, the simple presence of a comfortable, friendly public space that is open to all has become increasingly important, particularly in the current economic environment.

This year patrons from the region checked out 288,876 items, staff answered 39,437 reference questions and nearly 41,000 computer sessions took place.

The attendance at library programs continues to be strong. All of these programs are free to the public, partly in thanks to many partnering organizations and individuals. In 2011 there were 801 programs attended by more than 23,000 people. The Children's Library continues to promote literacy by offering the ever-popular story time three times each week. It also offers robust summer programs. This past summer over 500 children registered and read over 13,000 books in June, July and August.

Kellogg-Hubbard is an inspiring place. Each day, children flock here after school, leaving with armloads of books. It is where our youngest children learn to love reading, and it is where people of all ages can engage in learning, entertainment, and in civic discussion.

The Library continues its efforts to reach financial sustainability. This plan for financial sustainability includes cutting costs, increasing the library's endowment for the next century, encouraging state funding for public libraries, and bringing our tax support to a sustainable level. Taxpayer support for the Library continues to lag behind state averages. The Kellogg-Hubbard is the second busiest library in the State but ranks among the bottom third for tax support. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is grateful for the generous support of Middlesex voters. Our request this year is for level-funding—the same amount as last year

### **Library use by Middlesex Residents:**

There are 1,042 Middlesex residents who have registered for library cards, including over 200 children. This is an increase of 5% over last year. Last year, Middlesex residents borrowed thousands of items from the Kellogg-Hubbard. In addition, they brought their children to pre-school story times, attended classes and lectures, reserved meeting space, applied for jobs using library computers, met with their tutors, read the newspaper, picked up their children here after school, and asked the librarians to find all kinds of information for them.

We at the library are privileged to provide such a wide range of services to the people in our community and we thank Middlesex voters for their support!

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## MAPLE LEAF TREATMENT CENTER

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### Maple Leaf Farm - Year in Review - 2011

Life was a lot less complicated in 1956 when Maple Leaf Farm first opened its doors as a residential treatment center for folks with substance abuse issues. The farm was staffed by volunteers, mostly alumnae of Alcoholics Anonymous. The idea was to get away from town, local watering holes and drinking buddies to "dry out". Alcohol was the substance of choice.

Fifty-five years later, much has changed from the addiction to the recovery. Alcohol is still the most popular substance abused, but it is rarely used alone. Crack, cocaine, opiates, Benzo's, heroin and marijuana abuse often accompany an addict's alcohol dependence. Admission to Maple Leaf Farm no longer means just getting away from temptation or enduring the "DT's". Our Primary Care unit provides medically supervised and managed detoxification services with physicians, a physician's assistant and RN's on-site and available at all times. Patients spend one to seven days in Primary Care before transferring to Residential Care with their involved medical staff still available for consultation, on-going medication management, and to assist in cases of medical or psychiatric emergency.

Again this year, the number of patient days increased. From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, 774 patients were admitted and spent a record 13,703 days at Maple Leaf Farm in search of recovery from their addictions. Data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicates that there are an estimated 11,000 Vermonters age 17 and older who needed treatment for drug use but did not receive it in 2005, and 29,000 who needed treatment for alcohol abuse and did not receive it. Approximately 8,000 of these men and women require residential services of the type provided by Maple Leaf Farm. It is our goal to provide services of the highest quality to as many patients as possible so that they may return to their families and communities to lead rich and productive lives.

Many improvements and upgrades have been accomplished in the past several years to the facilities at the Farm, the staff, and the programs offered to the 800 men and women we serve each year. All are done with singular purpose; to provide our patients with the best possible opportunity to find recovery. We appreciate your support of our work.



Bill Young, Executive Director

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## MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF REPORT-2011

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The Food Shelf fiscal year begins October 1, and ends September 30, so this report will span the Food Shelf fiscal year, and add information from the first quarter of 2012.

**Background:** The Middlesex UM Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank. The MUMFS receives about 90% of the food it distributes from the Foodbank through membership direct purchase/member subscription distribution. It is open from 9-10:30 AM on Saturdays. It is staffed by volunteers who not only work directly with clients when the food shelf is open, but also pick up food, perform administrative functions such as writing reports, ordering, stocking, and contacting donors. The Food Shelf coordinator is Lucy Ring, and Honor society student from Harwood High School working on community service. She is supported by a food shelf committee. Ginger Anderson was the chair of the Food Shelf Committee in 2011.

**Volunteers-**Most, but not all of our food shelf volunteers are church members. Several Middlesex residents outside of the church are involved with food shelf activities. Food pick ups are done at the main Foodbank location in South Barre or at the Wolcott site which handles gleaned items and other perishables. Pick ups at the Mad River Food shelf are for commodity items which they generously share as MUMFS does not directly receive commodities. In addition to Foodbank supplies, donations of bread are picked up weekly at the Red Hen Bakery in Middlesex just before the food shelf opens. We also received some vegetables through the Food Bank Farm in Waitsfield until the August flood destroyed much of the crop.

Volunteers handle stocking of the shelves and cupboards, open and close the shelf on Saturdays (9 AM-10:30 AM) take down client information, and also attend trainings and meetings including the annual conference held by the VT Foodbank as well as periodic inspections by the VT Foodbank. Volunteers from the community provide an increasing amount of time to the MUMC Food Shelf, sharing in food shelf committee direction.

**Finances:** As of December 7, the Middlesex United Methodists Church Food Shelf had a balance of \$2,453.28 and a credit of \$368.25 with the Food Bank. It is expected that the Rumney School may donate \$2,000 to the Food Shelf from the Fall Harvest Dinner.

**Donations/Events-**For the past few years. the Rumney School has held a harvest dinner which results in direct donations of food and money to support the food shelf. Area families, especially church members also donated items, and the Haupt family has donated food annually from a program at their auto business, along with periodic donations from food drives held by the Town, a local Weight Watchers group and the Red Hat Society.

**Projects-**A special program to distribute turkeys and Holiday food boxes to Food Shelf clients is done at Thanksgiving. In 2011, we provided 17 turkeys to clients who signed up with 6 donated turkeys left over. The Food Shelf has also distributed donated pet food, paper goods and laundry items when these are

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available. Information on the Three Squares Vermont and emergency aid programs are displayed prominently at the Food Shelf.

**Service-**Because some food shelf clients come nearly every week, and others come only occasionally, it is sometimes hard to know exactly how many families are served.. Families served reported residence in 11 different towns in Washington County, with the majority coming from Middlesex, Northfield Falls and Barre. At least two families from Orange County also visit. Roughly 50 families are served every quarter, representing about 160 individuals. This is up somewhat from the previous year.

During the first quarter of the 2012 fiscal Year (Oct., Nov. and Dec. of 2011), in Oct., 58 households served, 155 people, Nov., 53 households served, 145 people, Dec. 53 households served, 160 people (to date).

### **We welcome donations and new volunteers!**

Submitted by Ginger Anderson, Food Shelf Committee Chair (outgoing in 2012).

## **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.

The Middlesex Selectboard, in cooperation with the Rumney School, administers this bequest directly, offering scholarships totalling \$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, 2012, directly to the Middlesex Selectboard.

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

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## MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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During FY 2011, Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) continued to make its temporary home at 46 Barre St. as plans progressed to renovate its permanent home at 58 Barre Street for the Senior Activity Center. Our membership grew by 4% during FY 2011 to 625 paid members. People fifty years and over are eligible to join. 61% of our members are from the City of Montpelier, 18% are from Barre Town and Barre City, 13% are from the U-32 school district (Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester), and the remaining 8% come from other Vermont communities. We received contributions from U-32 district towns totaling \$1049 and are hoping to increase this amount in the coming year. We received \$125,707 through the City of Montpelier appropriation.

The Center is busy with about 30 different weekly classes appealing to all ages and interests. Our regular classes range from painting to tap dancing, living strong exercise programs to yoga in many forms, bowling to swimming, and French, Italian and Spanish conversation classes. In addition, there are popular series about classic films, and a newly formed Current Events discussion group. Many people play bridge, mah jongg and billiards at the Center. Others take advantage of discounted privileges at a local fitness center. Over a dozen MSAC members make up the Swingin' Over Sixty Dance Band, and they play weekly at Tuesday lunches. Since our fire in late 2009, we have kept seniors together through weekly meals at the Montpelier High School, the Montpelier Elks Club in the summer, and special catered monthly meals at St. Augustine's Church. Trips continue to be popular and are facilitated by the use of our 12 passenger van. Trips are financially self-supporting and are mentioned by many seniors as a priority.

Efforts are made to ensure that all are able to participate, and a scholarship fund is in development. There are also many activities each month that are free and open to the public, such as presentations by community partners and talks by specialists in fields of interest to seniors (including health care and Social Security). MSAC is a place where seniors connect with many community resources that can assist them in maintaining independence and health.

MSAC has a Mac and five Dell computers, a copying machine, WiFi and a Wii Game System available for members to use. A local high school student comes weekly to offer drop-in assistance and training with technology. We have many classes available in late afternoons and evenings for those seniors who still work during the day. There is a monthly foot clinic with required fee which members may sign up for ½ hour appointments, annual flu clinics, periodic cholesterol and blood pressure screening clinics and free assistance with income tax preparation provided by trained volunteers.

The operations of the Center are run through the efforts of the equivalent of 2 full time staff members and 100 volunteers. Volunteers contributed over 3600 hours during the last year. Early in FY 2012, two long-time staff members retired from MSAC. Program Director, Lucinda McCloud and Bookkeeper, Kitty Langlois, both finished working at the beginning of September, 2011. Both job descriptions were redesigned and a new Director, Janna Clar, was hired.

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Information about MSAC is available through our monthly printed newsletter, Action Times, and is available on our website, [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac). More information and photos can be found on the blog of the MSAC Capital Campaign: [msacblog.wordpress.com](http://msacblog.wordpress.com). MSAC office hours are 9am-4pm Monday through Friday.

We are extremely grateful for the support of contributing towns shown the Senior Activity Center throughout the years.

Beverlee Pembroke Hill, Assistant City Manager  
Janna Clar, Director

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## NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER REPORT

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The North Branch Nature Center (NBNC) is a non-profit organization that provides natural science education to all ages. For 10 years the nature center was a regional center of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), but now operates as a independent nonprofit organization. The nature center is a membership organization that receives no state or federal assistance. Operating fees come from program fees, memberships, donations and grants.

NBNC is dedicated to connecting people of all ages with the natural world. The nature center provides a wide variety of nature programs including summer and vacation nature day camps; programs for school groups; after school programs; nature walks, field trips and workshops for adults; a regular preschool program series and a youth birding program. NBNC strives to make all of our programs are affordable and scholarships are available for Middlesex children to attend summer camps at NBNC.

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 North Branch River Park (via a footbridge over the North Branch), which offers extended opportunities for hiking and exploring.

We are located on Route 12 (713 Elm Street) in Montpelier, just 2 miles north of the intersection of State and Elm Street. The nature center also has a Critter Room with live reptiles, amphibians and other animals, open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. There are no admission fees. For more information or to volunteer call us at 229-6206 or visit our website at [www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org](http://www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org).



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## NORTHERN VERMONT RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT

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The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in Vermont (we have expanded our service area with the closing of the George D. Aiken RC&D area that served south central and southern Vermont). By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2011, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered \$796,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, water quality improvement work through the portable skidder bridge free loan and education program, and watershed restoration work and road management grants through the Better Backroads grant program. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the Northern Vermont RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Jarrod Becker our RC&D Business Manager at (802) 828-4595.

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## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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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.

In 2011, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic provided 2308 patient interactions, including 1255 visits to 567 individual patients, a 19% increase over 2010. 311 of these individuals came to the Clinic for the first time.

Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and assistance programs. Of the 567 individuals, we were successful in enrolling many of them in a total of 248 programs including, VHAP, Medicaid, Catamount, Ladies First, Medicare, Healthy Vermonters, Affordable Meds, and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program.

As a result, average annual patient visits dropped from 2.9 per patient to 2.2. This means patients are uninsured a shorter period of time, giving them access to comprehensive care and improving their overall health, while saving the health care system money.

Middlesex residents visited the Clinic 10 times during 2011, representing seven unduplicated individuals. 9 lab tests were provided at no charge to the patients, and 2 free prescriptions were given. Consults and wellness education was provided, and we were able to assist one of the patients to enroll in a health insurance program.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2011, over 65 volunteers gave over \$86,000 worth of their time serving our patients. We also provided over \$51,000 worth of pharmaceuticals to our patients, paid for \$15,000 of diagnostic testing, and got another \$23,000 of tests donated.

2011 was our second year of providing special Women's Clinics, in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, and funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Ladies First. Complete women's physicals, self-examination techniques, and access to free mammograms, other diagnostic tests, and insurance coverage have brought comprehensive and preventive care to another group of central Vermont's uninsured residents. We doubled the number of Women's Clinics from 6 to 12.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus the Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 50 Vermont towns. While our income guidelines go up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), over 86% of our patients fall under 185% FPL (\$20,446 gross a year for an individual - \$27,483 for a couple).

We are very grateful to have had the support of every town in central Vermont, including Middlesex. This helps us leverage other funding from foundation and corporation grants. Thank you again for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.

Peter Youngbaer, Director

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## RSVP

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RSVP is part of a nationwide program of people who want to help meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills and knowledge in volunteer service to private non-profit organizations. RSVP for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom serves the Counties of Washington, Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia, Essex and Orange.

During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, RSVP was able to involve 9 residents of Middlesex as RSVP volunteers. Those residents gave 235 hours of service to the Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, Friends of the State House, Montpelier Food Pantry, and Montpelier Home delivered Meals Program, Montpelier Senior Center and the RSVP Holiday Project.

We also have many RSVP members who serve throughout our service area who provide services that benefit the area residents. Services such as hospitals, Red Cross Blood drives, and other services end up benefiting a large segment of the population. This year RSVP members were instrumental in helping staff the flood centers as a result of the spring floods and Hurricane Irene.

If one used the State average wage, it means that RSVP volunteers donated the equivalent of \$4,625 in services to Middlesex area residents and organizations. This is proof that volunteers are valuable.

The Advisory Council, Staff and the participants of RSVP are thankful for the support received from the City of Barre. Anyone wishing to know more about us should call 828-4770, stop in to see us at our donated space in the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin, or visit our website at [volunteervt.com](http://volunteervt.com).

Respectfully,  
J. Guy Isabelle  
Director

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## SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

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The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is a private, non-profit organization that offers free of charge advocacy for male and female victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support both one on one and groups, 24/7 emergency hotline, legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and shelter use for victims/survivors, their non-offending family members during the legal process including court, depositions, rape exam recovery, time before or after individual counseling sessions through private therapist, other times when victims/survivors need a private space or bed for an hour or a day. SACT also provides education around all sexual violence issues for Washington County Schools K-12 and colleges, service groups and other public organizations.

This year SACT is facing additional demands on our resources as we attempt to provide the services needed for male and female shelter residents who are leaving behind their homes, belongings and financial resources for medical, food and restart up cost. Victims and survivors not only look to us to provide food, emergency dental and or medical assistance but also look to us for transportation funds and relocation funds including rent deposits etc.. We have also found our shelter staff are having to provide assistance to people using our shelter to apply for or change location information for SSI and other resource needs. We are working closely with Norwich University and the Vermont National Guard Sexual Violence Response Coordinator to ensure returning soldiers and their family members, who are struggling with sexual violence issues, are offered all of our services to facilitate their transition to civilian life.

SACT operates using paid staff and during 2010-2011 we had five volunteers and seven part time stipend paid hotline staff from local communities who trained for thirty hours to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline calls. During 2010-2011 SACT received 1798 calls for services including crisis calls for sexual assaults, requests for emotional support, hospital advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, information and referral, and requests for education and training. These calls for services were handled by both paid staff and volunteers. During fiscal year 2010-2011 SACT provided services to 166 new unduplicated and 7 return clients. SACT served survivors who suffered from a variety of abuse, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, pornography and human trafficking.

SACT provided shelter for male and females survivors of sexual violence. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic violence and for special needs victims, primarily those needing a handicapped accessible facility which allows the non-offending care provider to stay in shelter with the victim/survivor. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 52 people, including 26 adult females and 13 adult males and 10 female children and 3 male children for a total of 655 bed nights. SACT remains dedicated to providing services to all survivors of sexual violence and remains committed to identifying new needs and meeting that challenge.

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## **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report of Services for Town of Middlesex**

In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During Fiscal Year 2011, VABVI served 1,310 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including ninety-two (92) adult clients and seventeen (17) students from Washington County.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

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**Please contact Dave Agnew-Blais, Development Coordinator, at [dagnewblais@vabvi.org](mailto:dagnewblais@vabvi.org) or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.**

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## VERMONT CARES –VERMONT COMMITTEE FOR AIDS

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Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and their family members for twenty years with the help of the Town of Middlesex. In addition, Vermont CARES has also been educating and training Vermonters of all ages on how to prevent the further spread of HIV infections to themselves and loved ones. A generous donation of \$199 from Middlesex could provide hot prepared meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, HIV prevention education presentations at area schools, and even rapid-result HIV tests, providing crucial health information for individuals at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Through the work of Vermont CARES' staff, HIV+ individuals, volunteers and Board of Directors, the agency provides services to just over 160 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and provides over 6,000 individuals with HIV prevention education, skills building and materials. The main office of Vermont CARES is in Burlington with regional offices in St. Johnsbury and Rutland. From these offices and with a budget of \$765,000 (in FY 2012) Vermont CARES serves most of Vermont, including the most densely populated and the most rural regions.

Vermont CARES aims to:

- Provide ongoing social and emotional support to people living with HIV and AIDS, and ensure they have access to appropriate medical care.
- Increase knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention, and ultimately reduce new HIV infections.
- Reduce stigma around HIV/AIDS across the state through advocacy, social support, and legal reform as necessary in Vermont. This test offers the added benefit of not being tied to federal HIV tracking systems, making it completely anonymous.

Vermont CARES is proud to share the following outcomes from services provided in 2011:

- We provided case management to 153 people living with HIV during the course of the year. This involved the following specific services:
  - Over \$100,000 in direct financial assistance to get clients to medical appointments, therapist visits, or to help access medication as well as food vouchers, fuel assistance, rent offset, and utility bill aid.
- We provided free, anonymous rapid HIV tests to over 700 Vermonters.
- We provided free education presentations to over 2,400 Vermont middle and high school students.
- Vermont CARES' St. Johnsbury Syringe Exchange distributed around 70,000 needles.

With Middlesex's continued support, Vermont CARES will be able to take on the new challenges facing us as we prepare for the changing face of HIV/AIDS. It is important for us to diversify our funding so that we can continue to provide effective programming for Vermonters affected by and at-risk for HIV/AIDS. Our mission-driven agency uses awareness and education to combat this epidemic and the stigma surrounding it.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you need or have any questions, please call 802/863-2437 or 800/649-2437.

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## THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf 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, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'11 (Oct. 2010-Sept.2011) VCIL responded to over 2,183 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 400 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 29 peers were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL assisted 191 households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible and provided 230 individuals with assistive technology. 556 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '11, 4 residents of Middlesex received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels Program (MOW)  
(over \$600.00 spent on meals for residents)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)  
(\$1,385.00 spent on assistive technology)
- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Town of Middlesex contracted with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for motor vehicle patrol, during the final quarter of FY11. Here is a report on our activities.

The Washington County Sheriffs Department historically has been a very busy Department, receiving a high volume of requests for service. During FY11 we transported over 700 persons, received over 2000 requests to serve civil process, provided traffic control during road construction, provided blue light escorts and worked security details, as well as staffing patrol contracts in ten towns.

To enhance safety within the County the department searches out wanted persons, operates patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, and responds to complaints of underage drinking parties, as well as preemptive underage drinking patrols. We continue to offer hunter safety classes, assist with snowmobile safety classes, providing presentations of the rollover convincer (a seat belt use demonstrator) and speaking to youths in regards to highway safety and preventing underage drinking. During the Christmas and New Years Holiday we placed signs at high traffic areas around the County reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

In the spring of 2011 the Sheriff's Department was once again honored by Vermont's Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 2nd in the Sheriff's division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge, being recognized for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2010.

County wide, our patrol efforts during FY11 generated 376 incidents and 1400 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 29 persons for DUI, 26 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license and arrested 14 persons on arrest warrants.

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

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
23V1004	INTERSTATE HIGHWAY REGULATIONS	2
23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	5
23V1064	SIGNALS REQUIRED	1
23V1081B	BASIC RULE >50 MPH	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	1
<b>Report Totals</b>		<b>10</b>

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

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Observed Offense	Total Incidents
<b>Agency: Washington CSD</b>	
2115 Driving Under the Influence	1
3619 DLS Criminal	1
ASST Agency Assist	1
VIN Vehicle Serial # Inspection	2
<b>Total Incidents for This Agency:</b>	<b>5</b>

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

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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During the past service year the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club provided the following services to young people and family members in Middlesex:

- **7 Teens** participated in the **Basement Teen Center** in Montpelier that provides supervised drop-in time, leadership opportunities, and a variety of activities & events.
- **1 Teen and Family** was assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24/7 crisis intervention, provides short-term youth and family counseling, works with runaway youth and their families, and provides emergency temporary shelter to youths.
- **4 Teens** were provided with **Substance Abuse Counseling**.
- **1 Teen** participated in the **Transitional Living Program** that helps homeless young people make the transition to independent living.
- **14 Community Members** were served through the **38th Community Thanksgiving Dinner** organized by the Bureau.

Referrals to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club come from parents, teachers and other school personnel, other area organizations, the Vermont Department of Children and Families, the Vermont Department of Corrections, churches, police officers, and young people themselves. Many referrals are received through the agency's 24-Hour Crisis Response Service.

The Bureau is a private, non-profit, social service agency. All programs and services are funded by foundations, state government, federal government, Medicaid and other insurance, private donations, area towns, and fundraising activities such as Trees for Teens.

For Information and Assistance Call 229-9151  
24 Hours A Day – 7 Days A Week

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## WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association purpose 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 and help keep them active and involved in the life of the community. Our membership is currently at 104 members and growing. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals. Also low impact exercise classes, bingo, Wii games, Mexican train dominoes, and cutthroat canasta. Monthly foot care clinics and massage therapy, yearly AARP safe driving classes and AARP tax return assistance. In addition to these activities, we plan to offer more programs and activities for the many "younger" seniors in the communities we serve.

Currently the town of Middlesex has appropriated \$7,500 to the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association, this year we are asking for \$10,000. Our biggest expense of WASCA is providing 70 hot weekday and home delivered meals. Meals on Wheels are delivered by our seniors to our homebound seniors. More than 95 % of our clients are disabled or live in low to moderate income households in Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown, Bolton and Middlesex. The government reimburses us only \$3.50 per meal. We need to raise the remaining \$3.90 per meal, or \$60,929 in additional funds for 15,623 meals. Currently, we are on target to serve over 15,623 meals this fiscal year, but the need outweighs the funds. We are seeing more of a need, as there is a strain on family budgets due to the higher cost of heating fuel, gasoline, health insurance, and prescriptions.

We deliver 45 meals on wheels each day and the number continues to increase. Presently we deliver to approximately 15 clients in Middlesex. When we began delivering to Middlesex in October 2009 we had 4 clients. This route averages 8320 miles driven by volunteer drivers. Also our suggested donation for each meal is \$4.00 a day or \$300 a week for all Middlesex Clients, totaling \$15,600 a year in suggested donations. We currently average \$1.14 per meal in donations for Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals for fiscal year 2011. We are prohibited by federal regulations from charging for our meals and only suggest that seniors contribute \$4.00 per meal if they can afford it. Currently our average meal contribution is well below the \$4.00 but we will not discourage seniors from enjoying a hot meal even if they cannot pay.

The generosity of our senior members and the community support is wonderful. The past year the members raised and received in donations \$68,000. We hope that the citizens of Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown, and Middlesex will continue their high level of support for the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association. The Center has looked at many ways to reduce our overhead. This year we received a HUD grant from the federal government to purchase a new double decker oven, computers, and kitchen utensils. We use reusable meals on wheels trays that can be used between 4 and 7 years. This helps with having to purchase less Styrofoam and paper products. The Moretown Landfill donated space for us to start a garden so that the seniors could produce more of the food we serve on a daily basis.

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The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association would like to thank the community of Middlesex for their support. If you have never been to the center we encourage you to come see what we are all about. Thank you for your continued support.

Karol Smith  
Executive Director

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## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

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The summer of 2011 was a challenging one for the Wrightsville Beach Day Use Area. The season started out with the highest ever recorded water level at the beach which delayed opening by almost three weeks. Once the floodwaters receded and cleanup finished, a mild but very pleasant summer persisted right into August. Late August brought Tropical Storm Irene and our second flood at the beach. This flood produced the second highest water level ever recorded and put an end to our 2011 season.

Although the beach season was punctuated with flooding at its start and end, it still provided a low cost, high quality and diverse recreation experience for residents of its member towns (Montpelier, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester) and the broader region. Beach manager Collin O'Neil and his staff undertook a massive cleanup effort to remove debris, rehabilitate the site, and salvage equipment. Despite the shortened season, the District did some improvements this year including the construction of the last five holes of the disk golf course and improved and expanded hiking trails.

The WBRD District also continued its popular canoeing and kayaking program, improved and expanded hiking trails, and hosted a variety of day camps and community programs, including hosting the 2nd annual Wrightsville Beach Disk Golf Tournament and the 3rd annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreation experience for all beachgoers. 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, 2011 through year's end:

### Revenue

Washington Electric	\$ 9,500
Municipal Assessments	\$ 6,683
Season's User Fees	\$16,871
Prior year's carryover	\$ 7,511
Prior year's reserves	\$ 2,000
Flood insurance reimbursement	\$ 4,202
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$46,767</b>

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**Expenditures**

Personnel	\$24,203
Maintenance	\$ 3,179
Operating	\$ 5,232
Flood repairs	\$ 4,015
Contribution to reserves	\$ 2,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$38,629</b>

The District has tried to set aside a reserve contribution each year of \$2,000 to use for capital improvements and the purchase of equipment, as needed. The balance in this account at the end of 2011 is \$4,000.

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. When there is a carryover, however, funds are used for the next year's operations thereby keeping the town dues at \$.50 per capita.

The District's FY 2012 budget calls for revenue of \$30,198 and an FY 2011 carry-over of \$8,138 with expenditures at \$32,342. The Board thanks the member communities for their continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair  
Daniel Currier, Montpelier  
Jessica Chaves, Montpelier  
Martha Israel, East Montpelier  
Jane Dudley, Middlesex  
Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager

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**TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES**


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**Town of Middlesex Salary  
Projection as of July 1, 2012**

<b>Highway</b>	<b>Salaries</b>
Cerminara, Paul	\$46,223
Files, Jay	\$39,797
Fitch, Bruce	\$39,797
Porter, Edmund	\$41,973
Administration	
Carlson, Cindy	\$56,662
Dwire, Jody	\$12,928
Hull, Joanne	\$645
Listers	
Young, Eric	\$2,000
Deane, Caleb	\$1,000
Alderman, Dick	\$2,000
Zoning	
Lincoln, John	\$3,395
Constable	
Young, Eric	\$1,500
Fire Department	
Fortman, Elizabeth	\$5,000
Select Board	
Hood, Peter	\$750
Skinner, Mary Just	\$600
Callnan, William	\$600
Dwire, Matthew	\$600
Alexander, Mary	\$600
Deliquent Tax Collector	
Allexander, Allen	\$11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$267,070</b>

**Rumney Memorial School  
District Projected**

<b>As of January 11, 2012</b>	
<b>Salary Projection</b>	<b>Salaries</b>
Berger, Peter	\$27,259
Blodgett, Diane	\$6,989
Breidenstein, Joanne	\$10,869
Brower, Margaret	\$61,568
Campbell, Jennifer	\$38,776
Caswell, Lauren	\$37,453
Collier, Heather	\$12,132
Costello, Diana	\$51,022
Crandell, Rebecca	\$54,745
Danyew, Christa	\$20,046
Dillon, Sara	\$23,167
Dion, Heather	\$52,263
Domanski, Maribeth	\$61,568
Donovan, Jennifer	\$24,891
Emmons, Linda	\$51,022
Farber, Katherine	\$54,745
Grossi, Sharon	\$31,358
Hait, Theresa	\$17,998
Hedler, Chip	\$32,241
Israel, Martha	\$57,736
Johnson, Leslie	\$36,846
Joslyn, Tamara	\$21,213
Lamountain, Woodrow	\$33,587
Leblanc, Loralyn	\$33,591
Lyle Chaplin, Jessica	\$24,634
Lynde, Debra	\$24,598
Lynde, Robert	\$2,014
McGlynn, Margrith	\$32,847
Ratazzi, Robin	\$18,590
Rosen, Adam	\$81,000
Scharf, Liz	\$14,161
Sheldon, Megan	\$29,124
Smart, Julie	\$42,805
Sorrell, Nicole	\$29,012
Stoudt, Lisa	\$31,372
Swinson, Matthew	\$4,758
Weiss, Benjamin	\$53,504
White, Tamara	\$17,934
Woodard, Lynne	\$32,847
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,292,285</b>

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**U-32 School District Projected As of January 11, 2012**

<b>Projected</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Abbiati, Judy	\$58,468	Hill, Mary Ellen	\$27,211
Albee, Brian	\$46,058	Hiller, Johanna	\$43,576
Allen, Beth	\$27,635	Hoermann, Tammy	\$24,945
Angel, Laure	\$46,058	Horowitz, Michael	\$43,576
Antonucci, John	\$48,540	Houston, Glenn	\$50,907
Audy, Kathy	\$5,870	Hungerford, Richard	\$49,434
Babic, Katie	\$51,022	Hurley, Kevin	\$29,564
Barrows, Stephen	\$53,726	Jones Barrett, Nicholas	\$34,861
Bartlett, Derek	\$31,281	Kelly, Siobhan	\$18,639
Bazis, David	\$43,576	Kiefer, Julie	\$57,227
Bennett, Eric	\$39,661	Koenigbauer, Amy	\$43,576
Bickford, Judy	\$61,568	Korecki-Moll, Barbara	\$61,568
Bird, Alden	\$46,058	Kruger, Jennie-Beth	\$37,271
Blackburn, Christopher	\$55,254	Lakey, John	\$18,778
Blakely, Xiomara	\$28,912	Lamberti, Sheryl	\$21,316
Blodgett, Diane	\$10,000	LaPlante, Lisa	\$79,608
Bologna, Christopher	\$18,637	Larrabee, Marieka	\$13,869
Bonamico, Andrea	\$48,540	Law, Michael	\$24,027
Bostwick, Angela	\$43,576	Leslie, Nicole	\$43,576
Boulanger, Chantal	\$29,483	Levine, Judd	\$58,468
Brochu, Bonnie	\$31,976	Loose, Jonathan A	\$30,503
Brown, Ronald	\$57,227	Lunn, Jeneane	\$32,500
Bruno, Barbarann	\$21,827	Magoon, Heather	\$24,113
Carey, Bodo	\$62,691	Malloy, Janylyn	\$9,949
Carpenter, Kelly	\$17,989	Martin, Tracy	\$38,301
Carrien, James	\$19,771	Massey, Jessica	\$7,710
Cate, Thomas	\$63,452	Mayette, Sue Anne	\$61,568
Cate, Weston III	\$25,854	McAndrew, Shane	\$41,830
Chaloux, Sandra	\$43,576	McCann, Katherine	\$55,986
Chaplin, Mark	\$63,318	McCord, Denise	\$61,568
Chase, Betty	\$19,475	McCraw, Richard	\$75,000
Clark-Warner, Heather	\$18,999	McEachern, Jessica	\$42,335
Collier, Rachel	\$47,299	McMahon, William	\$29,483
Cook, George	\$54,745	McNaulty, William	\$30,672
Cook, Vicki	\$21,496	Mitchell, Spencer	\$48,509
Cooke, Ellen	\$60,068	Mitchell, Susan	\$18,998
Crossett, Paula	\$46,058	Molina, Amanda	\$72,503
Cueto, Linda	\$19,770	Mooney, Erin	\$51,022
Daigle, Peter	\$33,571	Newcomb, Sharon	\$66,186
Dalmasse, Denise	\$64,263	Olson, George	\$12,314
Dapples, Edward	\$19,416	Palmer, Victoria	\$51,022
David, Beatrice	\$51,022	Pandolfo, John	\$65,553
Davis, Elizabeth	\$18,633	Papineau, Amy	\$22,183
Dean, Fletcher	\$20,988	Paris, Maria	\$54,745
DeCicco, Sally	\$3,946	Parrott, Diane	\$37,402
Decker, Anne	\$43,797	Peck, Douglas	\$1,794

Deguzzman, Jodi	\$17,989	Perry, Brittany	\$49,781
Dentith, Susan	\$61,568	Phillips, Charles	\$24,587
Desch, Marguerite	\$61,568	Pollock, Pamela	\$19,770
Devries, Aanika	\$52,263	Poplawski, Virginia	\$22,273
Ditmeyer, Christine	\$12,314	Post, Deborah	\$23,622
Divelbliss, Brian	\$51,022	Pryce, Susan	\$46,058
Dolan, Paula	\$8,441	Randall, Nanci	\$24,587
Doyle, Shawn	\$32,427	Reichert, Jason	\$51,022
Dunn, William	\$36,656	Saxe, Kenneth	\$61,568
Dwyer, Colleen	\$31,999	Schaeffer, Nicolle	\$44,817
Eaton, Margaret	\$65,941	Shannon, Russell	\$38,301
Emery, Paula	\$53,504	Simmons, Mary Ellen	\$54,745
Fair, Patricia	\$29,448	Singleton, Dorothy	\$17,989
Ferguson, Kristie	\$39,380	Skoglund, Benjamin	\$49,781
Feeney, Julie	\$47,299	Slade, Jodie	\$18,637
Ferris, Sheryl	\$35,081	Slopey, Brian	\$67,164
Fitch, Lesley	\$44,579	St. Peter, Hollis	\$48,540
Flynn, Margaret	\$49,781	Stevens, Debra	\$19,770
Flynn, Timothy	\$79,786	Taylor, Stephanie	\$77,901
Fournier, Dennis	\$42,804	Thomas, Gillian	\$50,387
Galligan-Baldwin, Erin	\$24,271	Tolassi, Jane	\$61,568
Gandin, Dan	\$58,468	Towne, Stephen	\$48,540
Gandin, Tracy	\$48,540	Trombly-Holcomb, Arlene	\$37,402
Garand, Laura	\$20,568	Van Eyck-Sutton, Catherine	\$44,817
Garand, Travis	\$18,350	Vandal, Norman	\$58,468
Garcia, Joan	\$25,153	VanDeren, Lauren	\$37,533
Garrity, Leigh	\$60,068	Verchereau-Staab, Suzanne	\$27,569
Gerritt, Keith	\$105,096	Violette, Daniel	\$9,682
Gora, Peter	\$23,166	Volinsky, Sarah	\$57,984
Grace, Caroline	\$50,290	Walker, Katherine	\$58,468
Grantz, Christopher	\$47,808	Wheelock, Ann	\$39,047
Greene, Daniel	\$66,951	Wier, Katie	\$38,612
Griggs, Janine	\$18,637	Wiese, Kathy	\$63,318
Guiffre, Catherine	\$52,263	Williams, Christopher	\$54,745
Hannigan, David	\$38,002	Williams, Dylan	\$46,058
Harrington, Casey	\$66,455	Wilmott, Margaret	\$9,948
Heintz, Benjamin	\$52,263		
Hilferty, John	\$46,058	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,771,520</b>

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 6, 2012 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect the following School Directors:

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

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town School District will vote to adopt a budget of \$2,295,522.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

**ARTICLE 3.** Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2012 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.** Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

**ARTICLE 5.** Will the School District appropriate \$30,000 to fund a feasibility study for assessing long-term facility needs?

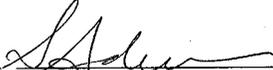
Two community informational meetings will be held. One meeting will be on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen, and the other will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library. These meetings will provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting.

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

  
Julie Moore, Chair

  
Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair

  
Sorsha Anderson, Clerk

  
Christopher McVeigh

  
Jonathan L. Scharf

Town of Middlesex, VT

# OFFICIAL ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 6, 2012

**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 SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years. Vote for not more than ONE.

CHRIS MCVEIGH.....   
WRITE IN.....

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years. Vote for not more than ONE.

JULIE MOORE.....   
WRITE IN.....

To see if the Town School District will vote to adopt a budget of \$2,295,522.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

YES.....   
NO.....

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2012 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.....

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year [16 VSA § 562(9)]?

YES.....   
NO.....

Will the School District appropriate \$30,000 to fund a feasibility study for assessing long-term facility needs?

YES.....   
NO.....

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**FROM ADAM ROSEN, M.ED., M.A., PRINCIPAL**

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Rumney Memorial School continues to be a special place for children and families. As we do every other year, we have surveyed students and their families regarding their feelings about the climate and academics of Rumney School. More than at any time during my tenure, students are feeling safe at school, students feel that their teachers believe in them and students feel that they can succeed here. Parents are feeling welcomed into the school and that their contributions are appreciated. Both academically and socially, this is a school that is making progress towards the goals set in the annual action plan.

Innovative teaching practices are carrying the day at Rumney School. From Interactive Strategies Approach (ISA) reading groups in Kindergarten, Grades One and Two, to Writer's Workshops in the Third and Fourth Grades, the national Common Core Curriculum in Grades 5 and 6, and Co-Teaching in every unit, Rumney teachers are willingly refining and improving their teaching practice.

These changes in teaching practice are not superficial—The Rumney Classroom of 2012 looks different than the Rumney classroom of previous years. In our classrooms today, you would see special educators and regular educators sharing roles with each other—two teachers in one room, using different approaches to make sure that their instruction is appropriate and engaging for all students. In this way, very few students need leave the room for “pull-out” remediation or enrichment. This year, we are using the co-teaching approach in grades one, three, four and five. Now with two years of experience with co-teaching behind us, we would like to increase our usage of this approach, and have budgeted to increase the Full-Time-Equivalency of our co-teachers and reduce the para-professional work force by one member.

Reading instruction looks different in many ways. With renewed emphasis on independence and self-monitoring, students are spending more time reading to themselves or to partners. Students in grades one and two make a plan each day—balancing their time between small instructional groups, listening to stories, reading to themselves and practicing writing and spelling. Our teachers lead focused instructional groups that target precisely the skills student's need—small groups, often two or three students—meet regularly and use the ISA approach. In the upper primary grades, literacy blocks are now often as long as 90 minutes. Teachers use “anchor texts” to convey important concepts in reading and writing to the whole class, and students read—independently or in small groups—engaging texts that are at their “just right” reading level.

Changes in reading instruction affect our budget. We need to increase funds which support reading in many ways: for classroom books, for “take-home” books, audio books, web-site memberships for on-line reading support, listening centers for tapes, CD's and MP3's, even bookshelves and closet shelves from improved storage, as well as continuing to fund professional development for our teachers.

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In Grades 5 and 6, the national Common Core curriculum is proving to be anything but a watered-down rehashing of old concepts. In fact, the Common Core is introducing our students to mythology, folk tales, inventors and innovators, as well as classic texts like *Peter Pan* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. If there is any “Aha!” from our initial work with the Common Core, it is how much students can enjoy complex and challenging texts.

In order to support and expand our teachers using the Common Core for instruction, we have again needed to make sure funds are available for professional development, for the purchase of individual books and for the purchase of multiple copies of books. The Common Core advocates a balance between non-fiction and fiction reading, and our current collection—rich with historical fiction, adventure stories, and stories about modern day kids—needs to be augmented with classics by authors like Roald Dahl, as well as with more books of the non-fiction genre: biographies, science texts, and historical texts. Teachers continue to grow from professional development in this area.

While in other parts of Vermont and the United States, the educational dialogue focuses budget cuts, declining enrollment and in ways to reform or remove “deficient” teachers, at Rumney we are focusing on how best to serve our slowly increasing population of 174 students, how to make sure our newest teachers are supported and receiving quality professional development and how to make sure we make the best and most efficient use of the funds that are available to us. As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Rosen, Principal

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**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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In developing the 2012-2013 budget, the school board remained mindful of the financial strain that current economic conditions have placed on many Middlesex residents. The board has worked hard to restrain spending in developing budgets over the past four years, and to find a balance between the educational success of our growing student population and our community members' economic sustainability. We believe our proposed budget again accomplishes these goals.

The proposed operating budget for the Rumney Memorial School for the 2012-2013 school year is \$2,295,522. This budget is essentially a level-service budget. While it represents a gross increase of 6.15%, our growing student population means that the net impact (taking into account both revenues and expenses) is a 2.38% increase. And although parts of the state funding equation remain unsettled, as we are preparing this report it appears that the entire Middlesex education budget (including the Middlesex share of the U-32 budget) will result in a tax decrease of \$6 per \$100K assessed value.

As always, our current and projected enrollments are important considerations in our budget decisions. We anticipate that we may need two kindergarten classes in the fall of 2012, and we have budgeted accordingly for a new teacher. We will make a final decision on whether to hire a second teacher in the late-spring so we have the best possible headcount for next school year available to inform our thinking. As you might expect, budgeting for hiring an additional teacher represents the biggest "up" in the proposed budget.

Other changes in the budget can be ascribed to contractually negotiated items including staff salaries and health benefits, our portion of the services provided by the Supervisory Union, and a modest expansion in the co-teaching model that we introduced this year. Co-teaching is when a general education teacher and the special education service provider work together in the same classroom to instruct both students with and without disabilities. We believe that co-teaching is yielding better educational outcomes for all Rumney students, and would like to increase somewhat the number of hours our special educators work. The cost of this change will be partially, but not fully, offset by a reduction in paraprofessional services.

This year's ballot also includes a request for \$30,000 to conduct a facilities feasibility study. A feasibility study is an architect-led process designed to uncover our building's strengths and weaknesses, and to assess the structural needs and how to meet them in the most cost-effective way. The feasibility study will guide and inform decisions about how to best address near-term facility issues, such as needed improvements to the school building's kitchen and roof and mechanical systems, as well as possible, longer-term space constraints at the school.

As you may know, the board has taken a number of steps over the past six months to gather community input on the school building's needs, including: establishing a facilities work group to view and weigh in on near-term facility

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issues, offering a school tour in October so that interested members of the community could see first-hand some of the more pressing building needs, and posting information on-line for community members who might be interested but unable to participate in the tour or work group (<http://tinyurl.com/7d5omjm>). Assuming the initiative passes, there will be opportunities for the community to provide input on the scope of the feasibility study this spring. The entire cost of the feasibility would be paid for as part of the Middlesex FY13 budget and have a tax impact of approximately \$10 per \$100K of assessed value.

Two informational meetings on the FY13 school budget, including the proposed feasibility study, have been scheduled in the coming weeks: Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Hen Bakery and Monday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Rumney School. Board members will be available to answer any questions you might have, or please feel free to call or email any of us in the interim.

Also, you may have noticed that the annual audit of school finances is not included in this year's Town Report – this was done to save on printing costs. Hardcopies of the audit are available for viewing at both Town Hall and Rumney School, and electronically on the Town's website.

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

Respectfully submitted by – THE RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Julie Moore, Chair      Beth Holtzman, Vice Chair,      Sorsha Anderson, Clerk  
Chris McVeigh      Lauri Scharf

## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2012-2013

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2012-2013

	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	PROJECTED 2012	FINAL BUDGET 2013	Bud13/Bud12 % CHG
<b>REVENUES</b>					
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$24,378	\$0	\$17,695	\$17,000	ERR
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$812	\$721	\$721	\$721	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$3,288	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$39,223	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	\$1,781,686	\$1,920,151	\$1,920,151	\$1,969,705	2.6%
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$40,755	\$33,917	\$33,917	\$35,728	5.3%
EDUC. SPENDING REV FROM STATE-ARRA	\$62,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
EDUCATION JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$31,334	\$0	\$0	\$31,334	ERR
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$45,799	\$49,736	\$49,736	\$56,981	14.6%
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$150,198	\$136,985	\$140,115	\$160,847	17.4%
EEE GRANT	\$16,583	\$18,807	\$18,807	\$21,006	11.7%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,196,957</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,183,342</b>	<b>\$2,296,522</b>	<b>6.15%</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$515,573	\$616,265	\$615,227	\$675,739	9.7%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$39,113	\$40,167	\$30,393	\$31,335	-22.0%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$20,308	\$17,750	\$17,750	\$17,750	0.0%
SALARIES-INSTRUCTIONAL-ARRA	\$62,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
SALARIES-INSTRUCTIONAL-JOBS FUNDARRA	\$31,334	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$91,693	\$89,539	\$91,367	\$113,517	26.8%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$50,783	\$50,477	\$49,626	\$54,042	7.1%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,616	\$1,607	\$741	\$765	-62.4%
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$725	\$698	\$698	\$792	13.5%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$3,031	\$3,949	\$4,949	\$5,116	29.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$288	\$388	\$318	\$388	0.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$14,216	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$15,000	16.4%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,389	\$5,924	\$5,924	\$6,826	11.9%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$2,790	\$3,281	\$3,281	\$3,539	7.9%
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$438	\$1,075	\$1,075	\$1,075	0.0%
OTH PROF SVC-BOARDGOALS/STAFF PROF DEV	\$6,055	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
OTHER PROFESSL SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB	\$0	\$3,300	\$0	\$3,300	0.0%
OTHER PROFESSL SVC-504	\$850	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	-100.0%
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$7,095	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$7,100	9.2%
TRAVEL	\$1,392	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$17,912	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$16,500	17.9%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$1,909	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$1,457	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	0.0%
EQUIPMENT	\$245	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	-25.0%
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC</b>	<b>\$876,113</b>	<b>\$883,980</b>	<b>\$868,699</b>	<b>\$963,644</b>	<b>9.0%</b>

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$45,683	\$36,846	\$36,846	\$38,451	4.4%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH	\$14,047	\$12,475	\$12,132	\$13,525	6.4%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$5,584	\$4,605	\$4,605	\$9,444	105.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,494	\$3,713	\$3,687	\$3,913	5.4%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$499	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$96	6.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$422	\$297	\$500	\$374	25.9%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$29	-3.3%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$700	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$502	\$402	\$402	\$402	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$197	\$256	\$256	\$270	5.5%
TRAVEL	\$195	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,634	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$72,673</b>	<b>\$81,313</b>	<b>\$80,648</b>	<b>\$88,604</b>	<b>11.9%</b>

**GUIDANCE SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$30,388	\$31,358	\$31,358	\$32,299	3.0%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$6,608	\$6,789	\$6,789	\$7,128	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,792	\$2,311	\$2,311	\$2,378	2.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$48	6.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$212	\$189	\$189	\$233	23.3%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$13	\$19	\$19	\$18	-5.3%

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	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	PROJECTED 2012	FINAL BUDGET 2013	Bud13/Bud12 % CHG
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$250	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$301	\$301	\$301	\$301	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$135	\$163	\$163	\$168	3.1%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$57	\$200	\$200	\$200	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$11	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.0%
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$39,812</b>	<b>\$41,875</b>	<b>\$41,875</b>	<b>\$43,273</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$57,313	\$58,238	\$58,238	\$59,988	3.0%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$14,714	\$15,168	\$15,168	\$15,926	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,029	\$4,258	\$4,258	\$4,381	2.9%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$383	\$351	\$351	\$432	23.1%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$23	\$35	\$35	\$34	-2.9%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$120	\$460	\$460	\$460	0.0%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$502	\$502	\$502	\$502	0.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$226	\$300	\$300	\$309	3.0%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOMETER	\$75	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$48	\$33	\$33	\$33	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$195	\$700	\$700	\$700	0.0%
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$77,628</b>	<b>\$80,393</b>	<b>\$80,393</b>	<b>\$83,095</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>CURRICULUM SERVICES</b>					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$10,868	\$13,520	\$13,520	\$14,392	6.4%
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$10,868</b>	<b>\$13,520</b>	<b>\$13,520</b>	<b>\$14,392</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>LIBRARY SERVICES</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$31,877	\$32,847	\$32,847	\$33,832	3.0%
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$8,015	\$8,166	\$8,166	\$8,407	3.0%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$15,926	\$11,403	\$11,403	\$11,973	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,777	\$2,990	\$2,990	\$3,076	2.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$48	6.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$279	\$247	\$247	\$304	23.1%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$17	\$25	\$25	\$24	-4.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$45	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.0%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$611	\$201	\$201	\$201	0.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$257	\$213	\$213	\$220	3.3%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$0	\$920	\$920	\$920	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$2,781	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.0%
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$495	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.0%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.0%
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$63,125</b>	<b>\$63,257</b>	<b>\$63,257</b>	<b>\$65,205</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH	\$18,228	\$18,423	\$18,423	\$23,577	28.0%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,233	\$2,302	\$2,302	\$2,418	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,273	\$1,379	\$1,379	\$1,772	28.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$130	\$111	\$111	\$170	53.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$8	\$11	\$11	\$13	18.2%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$200	\$201	\$201	\$201	0.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$78	\$96	\$96	\$123	28.1%
OTH PROF SVCS	\$1,925	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$6,129	\$6,970	\$6,970	\$7,088	1.7%
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$660	\$673	\$673	\$673	0.0%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,179	\$2,779	\$2,779	\$3,629	30.8%
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$5,700	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,060	-12.2%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,466	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,498	-0.1%
SOFTWARE	\$559	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$6,027	72.2%
EQUIPMENT	\$3,483	\$3,175	\$3,175	\$7,355	131.7%
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$44,261</b>	<b>\$60,020</b>	<b>\$60,020</b>	<b>\$62,604</b>	<b>25.2%</b>

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	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	PROJECTED 2012	FINAL BUDGET 2013	Bud13/Bud12 % CHG
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$840	\$805	\$605	\$605	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$64	\$119	\$119	\$119	0.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$106	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$794	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
LEGAL SERVICES	\$2,863	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	0.0%
ADVERTISING	\$1,086	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,470	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
DUES & FEES	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.</b>	<b>\$11,423</b>	<b>\$10,924</b>	<b>\$10,924</b>	<b>\$10,924</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$33,760	\$39,441	\$39,441	\$39,113	-0.8%
SUPERV UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CKS	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.</b>	<b>\$33,760</b>	<b>\$40,441</b>	<b>\$40,441</b>	<b>\$40,113</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$77,250	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$83,430	3.0%
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$35,461	\$35,829	\$35,141	\$36,299	6.9%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$2,010	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915	0.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$33,850	\$34,887	\$34,887	\$35,606	2.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$6,048	\$8,631	\$8,579	\$8,997	4.2%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,419	\$1,433	\$1,408	\$1,532	6.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$101	\$101	\$101	\$108	6.9%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$801	\$715	\$915	\$890	24.0%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$48	\$71	\$71	\$69	-2.8%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,158	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,155	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$480	\$608	\$608	\$633	4.1%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$1,358	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$712	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,848	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$56	\$300	\$300	\$300	0.0%
DUES AND FEES	\$730	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.0%
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$163,330</b>	<b>\$173,395</b>	<b>\$172,828</b>	<b>\$179,684</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>					
SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$27,734	\$29,592	\$29,592	\$29,313	-0.9%
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$27,734</b>	<b>\$29,592</b>	<b>\$29,592</b>	<b>\$29,313</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>					
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$19,074	\$0	\$17,695	\$17,000	ERR
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$19,074</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,695</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>ERR</b>
<b>AUDITING SERVICES</b>					
AUDIT SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	0.0%
<b>TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$62,358	\$60,816	\$65,604	\$67,929	11.7%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$15,747	\$16,323	\$16,323	\$17,139	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,453	\$4,441	\$4,845	\$4,974	12.0%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,448	\$2,413	\$2,454	\$2,527	4.7%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$96	6.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$420	\$366	\$566	\$489	33.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$37	\$37	\$38	2.7%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$938	\$1,004	\$1,004	\$1,004	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$265	\$314	\$314	\$326	3.8%
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$4,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$671	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
WATER & SEWER-SEE REPAIRS & MAINT	\$4,145	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,160	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180	0.0%

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	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	PROJECTED 2012	FINAL BUDGET 2013	Bud13/Bud12 % CHG
SNOW REMOVAL	\$4,422	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$3,105	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	0.0%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROUNDS	\$18,127	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	0.0%
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.0%
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$6,946	\$8,056	\$8,169	\$8,056	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$100	\$300	\$300	\$300	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$7,056	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	0.0%
ELECTRICITY	\$20,645	\$24,805	\$24,805	\$25,805	4.0%
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$17,956	\$20,020	\$20,020	\$21,020	5.0%
EQUIPMENT	\$1,212	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
<b>TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT</b>	<b>\$188,279</b>	<b>\$195,165</b>	<b>\$198,711</b>	<b>\$205,883</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV**

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$85,066	\$83,795	\$83,795	\$81,147	-3.2%
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$2,559	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	0.0%
<b>TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV</b>	<b>\$87,625</b>	<b>\$85,395</b>	<b>\$85,395</b>	<b>\$82,747</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

INTEREST	\$2,625	\$875	\$875	\$0	-100.0%
PRINCIPAL	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	-100.0%
UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
WATER PROJECT LOAN REPAYMENT	\$0	\$2,869	\$2,869	\$0	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$32,625</b>	<b>\$33,744</b>	<b>\$33,744</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>-85.2%</b>

**FUND TRANSFERS**

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
STUDENT ACTIVITIES-FOUR WINDS	\$1,910	\$0	\$800	\$900	ERR
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	50.0%
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$18,910</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,800</b>	<b>\$20,900</b>	<b>-47.8%</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$86,712	\$77,680	\$104,446	\$127,108	63.8%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$115,192	\$114,422	\$88,962	\$79,925	-30.1%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$23,793	\$8,136	\$15,136	\$15,136	86.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$30,973	\$31,386	\$43,121	\$44,594	42.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$14,715	\$14,911	\$15,394	\$16,417	10.1%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,551	\$4,534	\$3,557	\$3,153	-30.5%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$301	\$313	\$313	\$334	8.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,411	\$1,194	\$1,778	\$1,579	32.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$311	\$118	\$96	\$123	4.2%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,764	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	20.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$2,526	\$3,263	\$3,263	\$3,012	-7.7%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$864	\$983	\$983	\$1,056	7.4%
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$26,849	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
SU SHARED SERVICES-BEHAVIOR SPEC.	\$2,480	\$0	\$0	\$4,300	ERR
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$142	\$50	\$50	\$50	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$559	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$2,000	17.6%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED</b>	<b>\$293,828</b>	<b>\$266,340</b>	<b>\$281,449</b>	<b>\$301,937</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

**PSYCHOLOGICAL SVCS**

OTHER PROF SVCS-PSYCHOLOGICAL	\$4,295	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SVCS</b>	<b>\$4,295</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	PROJECTED 2012	FINAL BUDGET 2013	Bud13/Bud12 % CHG
<b>SPEECH SVCS</b>					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$31,877	\$32,847	\$29,015	\$33,832	3.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$13,982	\$9,101	\$8,039	\$9,556	5.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,121	\$2,395	\$2,115	\$2,464	2.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$48	6.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$222	\$198	\$298	\$244	23.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$13	\$20	\$20	\$19	-5.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$477	\$301	\$301	\$301	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$212	\$171	\$171	\$176	2.9%
SHARED SU SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	ERR
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SVCS</b>	<b>\$48,949</b>	<b>\$45,078</b>	<b>\$40,004</b>	<b>\$54,140</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS</b>					
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	ERR
<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>ERR</b>
<b>SU ASSESSMENTS</b>					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$16,933	\$18,151	\$18,151	\$18,294	0.8%
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$19,740	\$12,264	\$12,264	\$10,092	-17.7%
<b>TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$36,673</b>	<b>\$30,415</b>	<b>\$30,415</b>	<b>\$28,386</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>					
SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$8,164	\$6,989	\$6,989	\$6,989	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$624	\$535	\$535	\$535	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$0	\$42	\$48	\$50	19.0%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$0	\$4	\$4	\$4	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$436	\$0	\$0	\$0	ERR
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>	<b>\$9,224</b>	<b>\$7,570</b>	<b>\$7,576</b>	<b>\$7,576</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,165,399</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,179,286</b>	<b>\$2,295,522</b>	
			0.64%	6.15%	
<b>EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$31,558</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,056</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL**  
**Significant Changes Budget 2013 vs. 2012**

	<u>Final</u> Amount of Increase(Decrease)	Entire Budget % Increase	BUDGET FY2011-2012	BUDGET FY2012-2013
<b>Staffing Changes:</b>				
<b>Negotiated Items</b>				
Salary Increases - Estimate	\$40,824	1.88%		
Horizontal Increases-As of Dec 1	\$11,356	0.53%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 5% With Current Enrollment	\$30,111	1.38%		
Retirement Benefits	(\$2,126)	-0.10%		
Other Benefit Changes	(\$1,737)	0.08%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$78,430	3.63%		
<b>Position Changes:</b>				
Instructional Svcs-Anticipated Staffing Change	(\$8,138)	-0.19%		
Red ass of 1 Paraeudicator to Principal's Office Clerical Support	\$51	0.00%		
SLP Prof Staff Paid in FY 12 by State Funds	\$3,426	0.29%		
Subtotal Position Changes	\$2,343	0.11%		
<b>Total Salary and Benefit Changes</b>	<b>\$80,773</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>\$1,649,890</b>	<b>\$1,730,483</b>
<b>Nonsalary changes:</b>				
WCSU Assessments-Final with ADM Changes	(\$1,847)	-0.08%		
Instructional Svcs-Tuition Reimbursement, Classroom supplies, Equipment	\$2,100	0.10%		
Instructional Svcs-Other Prof Svcs-Board Goals	(\$2,000)	-0.09%		
Technology Svcs-Equipment & Software	\$6,716	0.31%		
Operation of Plant-Fuel Oil & Electricity	\$2,000	0.09%		
Student Transportation Svcs-Estimate for new contract new bus'	(\$2,648)	-0.12%		
Debt Service Principal & Interest Savings	(\$25,875)	-1.20%		
Debt Service Water Loan-Deferred One Year	(\$2,868)	-0.13%		
Fund Transfers-Four Winds	\$900	0.04%		
Fund Transfer-Capital Improvement Fund	\$5,000	0.23%		
Fund Balance-Transfer to General Fund	(\$25,000)	-1.16%		
Special Education-Physical Therapy Svcs, Tuition Reimb., Supplies, Incl Behavior S	\$1,800	0.09%		
Shared SU Services-SLP Early Education Program-Grant Shortfall	\$7,300	0.33%		
<b>Total Nonsalary Items</b>	<b>(\$34,723)</b>	<b>-1.61%</b>	<b>\$512,827</b>	<b>\$478,104</b>
<b>Total Base Budget Expense Increase(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$46,050</b>	<b>2.13%</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,208,567</b>
<b>New Items:</b>				
Instructional Svcs-Add 1 FTE Professional Staff Kindergarten	\$95,355	3.02%		
SPED-Add Professional Staff 4 FTE& Paraeudicator & Add'l Days-Co-Teaching	\$22,174	1.03%		
SPED-Paraeudicator RIF 1.0 FTE-Co-Teaching	(\$17,574)	-0.81%		
Interest Expense-Revenue Anticipation Note-Offset 100% by Interest Income	\$17,000	0.79%		
<b>Subtotal New Items</b>	<b>\$86,955</b>	<b>4.02%</b>		
<b>Total Budget Expense Increase(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$133,005</b>	<b>6.15%</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,295,522</b>
<b>Use of Other Funds to Reduce Taxes</b>				
Interest Income-See Interest Expense Above	(\$17,000)	-0.79%		
ARRA Job Funds	(\$31,334)	-1.45%		
Projected Additional Special Educ. Reimbursement	(\$33,306)	-1.54%		
<b>Net Impact on Taxes</b>	<b>\$51,366</b>	<b>2.38%</b>		

## RUMNEY AUDIT REPORT

An independent audit for the Middlesex School District was conducted by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The completed audit is available at the Town Clerk's Office. It is also available at the town website: middlesexvermont.org. Please note that the audited financial statements are for the Fiscal Year 2010 -2011 which ended June 30, 2011.

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## WCSU SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE REPORT

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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 goal is to provide quality educational opportunities for the 1,700 students we serve PreK through grade 12 and to ensure that we are preparing our students for their future.

To meet this goal, we have continued to focus on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; expanding our 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.

### WCSU Strategic Plan 2008-2013

Recognizing the need to prepare all of our students for a rapidly changing 21st century, WCSU developed a Strategic Plan to help us as a school system proactively plan for the future needs of our students PreK-12. The Strategic Plan builds on a strong core foundation, is connected to the schools' Action Plan and focuses on five key areas: Collaborative Systems, Green and Wired, Engaged Citizens, Innovative Programming and Starting Early. As superintendent, it is my responsibility to make sure we set annual goals so that we can achieve the desired state outlined in this plan. A review of the year revealed that WCSU made progress as a system in many areas including our priorities of:

- Expanding our preschool programs at all of our elementary schools
- Developing a Spanish curriculum for grades K-6 and providing Spanish instruction including cultural studies at all of our elementary schools
- Enhancing collaboration and creating opportunities for teachers and administrators to engage in professional development opportunities to ensure the success of all students
- Strengthening our foundation and collaborating on a three-year literacy project to improve the WCSU PreK-8 literacy curriculum and instruction
- Ensuring equity and access for all students through encouraging regular and special educators to co-teach classes
- Greening the supervisory union and reducing our carbon footprint
- Integrating and increasing the use of technology for learning
- Offering more alternative paths to graduation, helping us meet our Strategic Plan goal of 100% graduation rate.
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Dr. Carole Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development. Dr. Freeman works with administrators and teachers across all of our schools to review student assessment results, to provide on-going professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and to coordinate curriculum development PreK-12. Dr. Freeman has been instrumental in designing, implementing, and monitoring the WCSU Literacy Project. This major

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school improvement project, which has been funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and other federal funds, has included a literacy audit of all of our schools PreK-6 and U-32 middle school conducted by consultant Dr. Marjorie Lipson. Over the past three years, administrators and teachers have engaged in on-going professional development with Dr. Lipson and, at the middle level, with Dr. Sue Biggam from the Vermont Reads Institute. This past summer Dr. Lipson taught a lab school course for elementary teachers and special educators focused on the acceleration of literacy learning for kindergarten and first grade children. We have also continued to have on-going follow up work throughout the year provided by Lindy Johnson, WCSU Literacy Coordinator, hired through this project to work in the schools with staff. Lindy works directly in classrooms with teachers and students demonstrating current practices in reading and writing, including integrating technology. This work has been guided by the recommendations from the literacy audits and is leading WCSU to changes in instructional practices and an improved literacy program.

The work we are doing across WCSU positions our schools well to take on the challenge of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that are replacing the current Vermont Standards. The CCSS in literacy align well with the goals of our literacy initiative. This is especially true, for example, in the focus on student independence and the integration of technology. In mathematics, the CCSS align well with our K-8 programs both in content and in the emphasis on student thinking required for success.

## **Special Services**

Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services, works closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and support for over 200 students with disabilities ages birth to 21 and assures compliance with federal laws. This includes managing contracted services for state placed students and out of district placements.

Last year, WCSU presented a plan to the Vermont Department of Education to provide special education services through a more inclusive co-teaching model. Our approved plan allows for regular and special education teachers to share responsibility for teaching all of the students assigned to a classroom. We currently have 12 co-teaching teams across WCSU. Part of the requirement through the approved plan is to provide on-going professional development to these teams. The teams are organized into a professional learning community and come together for 90 minutes a month to improve their skills and share strategies and insights from their work together. WCSU is excited to be launching this co-teaching approach and fostering more equity and access for all students.

WCSU, like other districts across the country, has seen an increase in the number and complexity of needs of students on the Autism Spectrum as well as those with Emotional Disabilities. To assist with meeting the needs of students with behavior needs, WCSU hired a behavior specialist, Luke Aither. Luke provides training to staff and, along with Kelly, helps plan services across the supervisory union, as well as working with other agency partners, such as Washington County Mental Health to meet the diverse needs of this population and assure their success.

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## Early Education Programs

Starting Early is one of the five key areas of the WCSU Strategic Plan. WCSU is pleased to have Jen Miller-Arsenault working with us as a part-time WCSU Early Education Coordinator. Jen works with our preschool staff to provide leadership and coordination across our schools in order to enhance programs and meet the needs of our youngest students.

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an important step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has a preschool program that serves 3 and 4 year olds from their towns. All of the programs are accredited and this year received the highest 4 or 5 Star rating from the State. WCSU currently serves 127 students in our preschool programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

In addition, WCSU provides programs and supports for our preschool children with disabilities and those at-risk of school failure in all of the schools. We also coordinate with the regional Family Infant Toddler Program to support our youngest children (ages 0 – 2) with significant challenges. Our collective efforts in early education are an excellent investment in the future success of all our children.

High quality early childhood programs form the foundation for school success for all students in later years. By continuing to invest in and enhance our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs and high quality literacy experiences for our youngest students, we are building a strong foundation for improved academic achievement for all students and increasing the likelihood that all students will graduate from high school.

## Technology

Last year, Jeff Arey, WCSU Director of Technology, along with members of the WCSU Technology Committee, updated our state required comprehensive 3-year technology plan for each of our schools and the central office. The 2009-2012 WCSU Technology plan (available at <http://wcsutechplan.pbworks.com>) is a high-level guiding document for technology utilization in WCSU schools. There are several goals within the plan to enhance student learning through technology integration. Elizabeth McCarthy, the WCSU Technology Integration Specialist, works with our library media staff, teachers and students to help them explore, expand and engage in the use of technology in new and exciting ways. Through the Learning Network of Vermont (LVN) students take virtual tours to NASA and museums across the country. In addition, U-32 has joined the Vermont Virtual Learning Community and now offers students the opportunity to take a large number of on-line classes.

U-32 Middle School teachers along with Middlesex and Calais school communities were successful in acquiring grants to enhance technology use in the Middle School, Rumney 5/6 and Calais 4/5/6 classrooms. These projects have brought more opportunities for our students to use one-on-one laptop computers regularly in class and out.

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We continue to use technology to provide enhanced communication with our constituents. The electronic ALERT system is used to notify staff and families of school closures or emergencies. The enhanced WCSU web site ([www.wcsuonline.org](http://www.wcsuonline.org)) provides district-wide information and links to each of our school web sites.

## **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 \$32.1 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.

Lori works closely with central office and school administrators, school directors, and town officials to develop and monitor school and central office budgets, grant funds, and special projects. Further, she aggressively seeks out revenue sources and investment opportunities.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest, level or below level increases. In developing budgets for FY 13 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 a ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

WCSU continues to participate in joint bidding and purchasing for fuel, supplies, transportation and technology, which has resulted in a significant cost savings. Lori and her staff continue to look for ways for our schools to collaborate on purchasing and achieve savings for our communities.

Last year the boards negotiated a three year contract with the educational support staff at Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier and U-32. Our current 2 year teachers' contract with the Washington Central Education Association expires this June. The boards and the association are currently engaged in an Interest Based Bargaining process.

## **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 Administrative 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. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Superintendent of WCSU for the past 15 years. We have accomplished much together and I feel this is a good time to leave a successful, stable and forward-looking school system. It will be exciting for WCSU

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and the next superintendent to build on our many strong programs in the years ahead. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for your continuing support for our schools and students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Robbe Brook  
Superintendent of Schools

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

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Submitted to the Town Auditors for the Towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester.

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, 2011, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,350,277. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2011 with a \$252,559 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$166,782 operations, \$48,827 special education, \$31,381 office equipment and technology, \$5,569 building capital fund and \$ 0 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2012, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,350,277 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2013, it is anticipated that the supervisory union general fund and special education budgets will total \$1,758,396.

Robbe Brook  
Superintendent of Schools

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

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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  
802-229-0553 X 303

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# WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

## WCSU Summary of Expense Changes FY 2012-2013 Budget

FINAL

Expense Budget FY 11-12	<b>\$1,350,277</b>
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**Operations-A:****Salary and Benefits**

	Increase(Decrease)	% Increase(Decrease) Over Total Budget 11-12
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Salary increases & Staffing Changes	\$19,849	1.47%
Health Insurance-Estimated Inflation @ 5 % & Current Enrollment	\$10,132	0.75%
Retirement Benefits	\$1,018	0.08%
Other Benefits & Changes	\$2,789	0.21%
Curriculum & Supt Clerical Support .4 FTE	\$17,370	1.29%
Fiscal Savings from FY 11-12	(\$12,322)	-0.91%
Fiscal Salaries And Benefits-Admin Fee Reduction from Consolidated Federal Grant	\$5,436	0.40%
<b>Subtotal Salary and Benefit Items</b>	<b>\$44,272</b>	<b>3.28%</b>

**Nonsalary Items**

Office of Superintendent-Other Prof Svcs-Communications	\$2,000	0.15%
All Programs-Updated Budget to reflect actual spending using 3 year average	(\$7,745)	-0.57%
Debt Service & Fund Transfers*	(\$1,408)	-0.10%
<b>Subtotal Nonsalary Items</b>	<b>(\$7,153)</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>

<b>Subtotal of Operations Budget Changes-For Assessment Purposes</b>	<b>\$37,119</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
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**Reimbursable Programs-State Placed Students -B:**

State Placed Students-Addl Cost Estimate**	\$371,000	27.48%
<b>Subtotal of 100% Reimbursable Programs Budget Changes</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>	<b>27.48%</b>

<b>Combined Total Expense Budget FY 12-13(A+B)</b>	<b>\$1,758,396</b>	<b>30.22%</b>
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**NOTES:**

\* Indicates those items that are linked to the Strategic Plan.

\*\* Indicates Mandatory State Placed Student Program Costs

Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget Summary

FINAL

**A) OPERATIONS:**

**Anticipated Revenues:**

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Projected 2012	Budget 2013	Increase (Decrease)
Assessments	\$1,006,277	\$1,012,077	\$1,012,077	\$1,033,396	\$21,319
Earnings on Investments	\$10,501	\$9,200	\$9,200	\$8,000	(\$1,200)
Misc Income and Admin Fees	\$15,360	\$0	\$3,877	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,032,138</b>	<b>\$1,021,277</b>	<b>\$1,025,154</b>	<b>\$1,043,396</b>	<b>\$22,119</b>

Fund Balance Usage	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
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<b>Total Operations Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$1,056,138</b>	<b>\$1,021,277</b>	<b>\$1,025,154</b>	<b>\$1,058,396</b>	<b>\$37,119</b>
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**Expenditures:**

Instruction Develop. Services	\$109,182	\$120,660	\$123,376	\$130,178	\$9,518
Technology Services	\$65,298	\$62,202	\$62,202	\$64,113	\$1,911
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$265,668	\$289,914	\$303,979	\$311,382	\$21,468
Preschool Administration	\$54,342	\$51,134	\$45,236	\$54,716	\$3,582
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$257,620	\$270,998	\$258,676	\$272,041	\$1,043
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$14,266	\$24,120	\$24,120	\$21,640	(\$2,480)
Debt Service	\$50,400	\$25,760	\$25,760	\$24,352	(\$1,408)
Fund Transfers- Capital	\$8,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0
Behavior Specialist	\$0	\$0	\$73,021	\$0	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services	\$153,813	\$161,989	\$161,989	\$165,474	\$3,485
<b>Total Operations Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$979,089</b>	<b>\$1,021,277</b>	<b>\$1,092,859</b>	<b>\$1,058,396</b>	<b>\$37,119</b>

% INCREASE TOTAL BUDGET 2.75%

**B) REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS-STATE PLACED STUDENTS:**

**Anticipated Revenues:**

State Placed Reimbursements	\$668,076	\$329,000	\$727,818	\$700,000	\$371,000
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<b>Total Special Ed Program Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$668,076</b>	<b>\$329,000</b>	<b>\$727,818</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>
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**Expenditures:**

Instructional Svcs- State Placed Students	\$639,874	\$329,000	\$727,818	\$700,000	\$371,000
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<b>Total Special Ed Program Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$639,874</b>	<b>\$329,000</b>	<b>\$727,818</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>
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% INCREASE 100% REIMBURSABLE FROM STATE 27.48%

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

<b>Total Source of Funds ( A+B)</b>	<b>\$1,724,214</b>	<b>\$1,350,277</b>	<b>\$1,752,972</b>	<b>\$1,758,396</b>	<b>\$408,119</b>
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<b>Total Use of Funds ( A+B)</b>	<b>\$1,618,963</b>	<b>\$1,350,277</b>	<b>\$1,820,677</b>	<b>\$1,758,396</b>	<b>\$408,119</b>
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**Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget FY 2012-2013**

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2012 Projected	FINAL FY 2013 Budget	BUD 13-BUD12 Increase (Decrease)
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Earnings on Investments	\$10,501	\$9,200	\$9,200	\$8,000	(\$1,200)
Administrative Assessment	\$335,344	\$351,994	\$351,994	\$353,774	\$1,780
Curriculum Assessment	\$107,957	\$120,660	\$120,660	\$130,178	\$9,518
Technology Service Assessment	\$60,880	\$62,202	\$62,202	\$64,113	\$1,911
Fiscal Service Assessments	\$275,489	\$264,098	\$264,098	\$265,141	\$1,043
Preschool Assessments	\$58,404	\$51,134	\$51,134	\$54,716	\$3,582
Special Services Assessments	\$168,203	\$161,989	\$161,989	\$165,474	\$3,485
Miscellaneous Income	\$13,095	\$0	\$3,877	\$2,000	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Income -Fund Transfers	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Income-SPED	\$2,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Placed Reimbursements	\$520,624	\$329,000	\$685,048	\$700,000	\$371,000
Other State Reimb-504 students	\$94,883	\$0	\$18,000	\$0	\$0
Case Management Revenue	\$52,569	\$0	\$24,770	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,724,214</b>	<b>\$1,350,277</b>	<b>\$1,752,872</b>	<b>\$1,758,398</b>	<b>\$408,119</b>

**EXPENDITURES:****Instruction Develop. Svc**

Salaries	\$83,179	\$89,717	\$92,409	\$98,604	\$8,887
Health Insurance	\$11,526	\$11,920	\$11,649	\$12,231	\$311
Social Security/Medicare	\$6,279	\$6,712	\$6,922	\$7,388	\$676
Retirement Benefit	\$2,985	\$2,952	\$3,037	\$3,128	\$176
Section 125 Benefit	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$48	\$3
Workers' Compensation	\$373	\$776	\$776	\$836	\$60
Unemployment Insurance	\$42	\$213	\$213	\$234	\$21
Tuition Reimbursement	\$810	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$654	\$653	\$653	\$628	(\$25)
Disability Insurance	\$360	\$397	\$397	\$401	\$4
Professional Educ Svcs	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$200	(\$500)
Travel	\$1,028	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$1,660	(\$190)
Supplies	\$291	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	(\$500)
Books and Periodicals	\$620	\$675	\$675	\$620	(\$55)
Dues and Fees	\$990	\$350	\$350	\$1,000	\$650
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Instruction Develop. Svc</b>	<b>\$109,182</b>	<b>\$120,660</b>	<b>\$123,376</b>	<b>\$130,178</b>	<b>\$9,518</b>

**Technology Services**

Salaries	\$36,477	\$37,207	\$37,207	\$38,324	\$1,117
Health Insurance	\$6,245	\$6,426	\$6,426	\$6,748	\$322
Social Security/Medicare	\$2,535	\$2,763	\$2,763	\$2,844	\$81
Retirement Benefits	\$2,705	\$2,881	\$2,881	\$2,967	\$86
Section 125 Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Workers' Compensation	\$325	\$251	\$251	\$259	\$8
Unemployment Insurance	\$19	\$88	\$88	\$91	\$3
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$0
Disability Insurance	\$147	\$160	\$160	\$164	\$4
Professional Services	\$0	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,100	(\$800)
Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,573	\$500	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000
Telephone/WAN Line	\$5,928	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	(\$500)
Travel	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$245	\$45
Supplies	\$2,173	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$200
Software	\$745	\$400	\$400	\$745	\$345
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Technology Services</b>	<b>\$65,298</b>	<b>\$62,202</b>	<b>\$62,202</b>	<b>\$64,113</b>	<b>\$1,911</b>

**Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget FY 2012-2013**

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2012 Projected	FINAL FY 2013 Budget	BUD 13-BUD12 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Board of Education Svcs</b>					
Treasurer Services	\$1,000	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$1,030	\$22
Board Secretary	\$828	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,030	\$30
Social Security/Medicare	\$133	\$161	\$161	\$158	(\$3)
Retirement Benefits	\$11	\$0	\$68	\$70	\$70
Professional Educational Svcs	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
Other Prof Services-Supt Search	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$345	\$0	\$0	\$345	\$345
<b>Total Board of Education Svcs</b>	<b>\$2,317</b>	<b>\$2,269</b>	<b>\$9,837</b>	<b>\$2,733</b>	<b>\$464</b>

**Office of the Superintendent**

Salaries	\$180,357	\$183,536	\$186,109	\$199,692	\$16,156
Secretarial Substitutes	\$7,892	\$6,753	\$6,753	\$6,753	\$0
Salary Adjustments	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Health Insurance	\$25,849	\$24,318	\$25,520	\$31,030	\$6,712
Social Security/Medicare	\$13,406	\$13,655	\$13,800	\$14,604	\$949
Retirement	\$7,728	\$7,701	\$7,873	\$8,109	\$408
Section 125 Benefit	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$144	\$9
Workers' Compensation	\$593	\$1,298	\$1,298	\$1,407	\$109
Unemployment Insurance	\$75	\$457	\$362	\$495	\$38
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,230	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$1,241	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$0
Disability Insurance	\$660	\$813	\$813	\$849	\$36
Professional Services	\$3,400	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$2,000
Strategic Plan Implementation	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	(\$2,000)
Legal Services	\$1,813	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Maintenance - Machines	\$818	\$1,523	\$1,523	\$1,000	(\$523)
Copier & Postage Lease	\$1,412	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,450	\$50
Insurance	\$1,075	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,915	\$115
Postage	\$3,027	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,338	\$338
Advertising	\$400	\$1,751	\$4,251	\$800	(\$951)
Printing	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$600	(\$800)
Travel	\$2,966	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$3,758	\$1,208
Supplies	\$3,572	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$6,500	(\$2,500)
Supplies-Employee Recognition Prog	\$1,243	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
Books and Periodicals	\$724	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750	(\$250)
Equipment	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$3,735	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,900	(\$100)
<b>Total Office of the Superintendent</b>	<b>\$263,351</b>	<b>\$287,645</b>	<b>\$284,142</b>	<b>\$308,649</b>	<b>\$21,004</b>

**Preschool & Early Ed Administration**

Salaries	\$38,100	\$38,565	\$32,667	\$41,654	\$3,089
Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Security/Medicare	\$2,982	\$2,950	\$2,950	\$3,187	\$237
Retirement Benefits	\$867	\$737	\$737	\$797	\$60
Section 125 Benefits	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$48	\$3
Worker's Compensation	\$270	\$316	\$316	\$336	\$20
Unemployment Compensation	\$30	\$88	\$88	\$95	\$7
Tuition Reimbursement	\$179	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$0	\$301	\$301	\$301	\$0
Disability Insurance	\$158	\$192	\$192	\$208	\$16
Oth Profesi Svcs & Northstar	\$1,230	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,300	\$200
Rental & Leases Storage & Office	\$6,645	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Communications-Postage	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$0
Advertising	\$273	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300
Travel	\$977	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0

**Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget FY 2012-2013**

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2012 Projected	FINAL FY 2013 Budget	BUD 13-BUD12 Increase (Decrease)
Supplies	\$716	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,000	(\$450)
Utilities	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Equipment	\$480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
<b>Total Preschool &amp; Early Ed Prog</b>	<b>\$54,342</b>	<b>\$51,134</b>	<b>\$45,236</b>	<b>\$54,716</b>	<b>\$3,582</b>

**Fiscal Services**

Salaries	\$178,444	\$185,976	\$182,124	\$191,658	\$5,682
Health Insurance	\$33,492	\$38,064	\$29,594	\$31,678	(\$6,386)
Social Security/Medicare	\$12,493	\$13,733	\$13,733	\$14,251	\$518
Retirement Benefits	\$13,545	\$14,046	\$14,046	\$14,261	\$215
Section 125 Benefit	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$192	\$12
Workers' Compensation	\$586	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,294	\$39
Unemployment Insurance	\$55	\$442	\$442	\$455	\$13
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,422	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,500	\$600
Dental Insurance	\$1,736	\$1,566	\$1,566	\$1,616	\$50
Disability Insurance	\$933	\$811	\$811	\$836	\$25
Professional Services	\$2,027	\$475	\$475	\$750	\$275
Travel	\$1,224	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,700	(\$100)
Supplies	\$2,144	\$2,050	\$2,050	\$2,200	\$150
Equipment	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	(\$250)
Dues and Fees	\$739	\$550	\$550	\$750	\$200
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>\$251,020</b>	<b>\$264,098</b>	<b>\$251,776</b>	<b>\$265,141</b>	<b>\$1,043</b>

**Auditing Service**

Audit	\$6,600	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$0
<b>Total Auditing Services</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Operation and Maint. of Bldg.**

Other Contract Services	\$210	\$4,000	\$2,700	\$2,200	(\$1,800)
Water & Sewer	\$725	\$0	\$0	\$1,050	\$1,050
Cleaning Services	\$4,800	\$4,000	\$5,300	\$5,200	\$1,200
Disposal Services	\$220	\$468	\$468	\$275	(\$193)
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,573	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,600	(\$1,400)
Rental and Leases	\$965	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Building Insurance	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
Supplies	\$552	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$600	(\$400)
Electricity	\$3,470	\$4,252	\$4,252	\$4,315	\$63
Propane	\$1,351	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	(\$1,000)
<b>Total Operation and Maint. of Bldg.</b>	<b>\$14,266</b>	<b>\$24,120</b>	<b>\$24,120</b>	<b>\$21,640</b>	<b>(\$2,480)</b>

**Debt Service**

Interest	\$6,400	\$5,760	\$5,760	\$4,352	(\$1,408)
Principal	\$44,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
<b>Total Fund Transfers</b>	<b>\$50,400</b>	<b>\$25,760</b>	<b>\$25,760</b>	<b>\$24,352</b>	<b>(\$1,408)</b>

**Fund Transfers**

Capital Fund	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0
Building Fund	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
<b>Total Fund Transfers</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget FY 2012-2013**

	<b>FY 2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2012 Projected</b>	<b>FINAL FY 2013 Budget</b>	<b>BUD 13-BUD12 Increase ( Decrease)</b>
<b>Special Education-Instructional &amp; Support Services</b>					
State Placed Student Costs	\$520,623	\$329,000	\$685,048	\$700,000	\$371,000
State Placed 504 Students	\$88,758	\$0	\$24,770	\$0	\$0
Behavior Specialist Salary & Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$73,021	\$0	\$0
Case Management Services	\$30,493	\$0	\$18,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total SPED Instructional &amp; Support Svcs</b>	<b>\$639,874</b>	<b>\$329,000</b>	<b>\$800,839</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>

**Special Area Admin. Services**

Salaries	\$112,229	\$114,506	\$114,506	\$117,992	\$3,486
Health Insurance	\$10,281	\$10,653	\$10,653	\$11,186	\$533
Social Security/Medicare	\$8,166	\$8,622	\$8,622	\$8,881	\$259
Retirement Benefits	\$2,380	\$2,428	\$2,428	\$2,501	\$73
Section 125 Benefit	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$96	\$6
Worker's Compensation	\$483	\$756	\$756	\$778	\$22
Unemployment Compensation	\$50	\$266	\$266	\$274	\$8
Tuition Reimbursement	\$956	\$3,132	\$3,132	\$3,132	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$879	\$879	\$879	\$879	\$0
Disability	\$451	\$496	\$496	\$511	\$15
Legal Services	\$2,721	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Machine Maintenance	\$1,818	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$0
Insurance	\$2,511	\$2,511	\$2,511	\$2,744	\$233
Postage	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,800	( \$100)
Telephone	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$0
Advertising	\$348	\$400	\$400	\$1,100	\$700
Travel	\$1,128	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	( \$500)
Supplies	\$1,012	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$1,600	( \$500)
Supplies-Shared	\$3,601	\$3,550	\$3,550	\$3,700	\$150
Dues and Fees	\$434	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$750	( \$900)
<b>Total Special Area Admin. Services</b>	<b>\$153,813</b>	<b>\$161,989</b>	<b>\$161,989</b>	<b>\$165,474</b>	<b>\$3,485</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,618,963</b>	<b>\$1,350,277</b>	<b>\$1,820,677</b>	<b>\$1,758,396</b>	<b>\$408,119</b>
<b>Fund Balance Increase ( Decrease)</b>	<b>\$105,251</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>( \$67,705)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

WCSU Summary of Expense Changes  
FY 2012-2013 Budget

FINAL

Expense Budget FY 11-12	<b>\$1,350,277</b>
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**Operations-A:**

Salary and Benefits	Increase(Decrease)	% Increase(Decrease) Over Total Budget 11-12
Salary increases & Staffing Changes	\$19,849	1.47%
Health Insurance-Estimated Inflation @ 5 % & Current Enrollment	\$10,132	0.75%
Retirement Benefits	\$1,018	0.08%
Other Benefits & Changes	\$2,789	0.21%
Curriculum & Supt Clerical Support .4 FTE	\$17,370	1.29%
Fiscal Savings from FY 11-12	(\$12,322)	-0.91%
Fiscal Salaries And Benefits-Admin Fee Reduction from Consolidated Federal Grant	\$5,436	0.40%
<b>Subtotal Salary and Benefit Items</b>	<b>\$44,272</b>	<b>3.28%</b>

**Nonsalary Items**

Office of Superintendent-Other Prof Svcs-Communications	\$2,000	0.15%
All Programs-Updated Budget to reflect actual spending using 3 year average	(\$7,745)	-0.57%
Debt Service & Fund Transfers*	(\$1,408)	-0.10%
<b>Subtotal Nonsalary Items</b>	<b>(\$7,153)</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>

<b>Subtotal of Operations Budget Changes-For Assessment Purposes</b>	<b>\$37,119</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
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**Reimbursable Programs-State Placed Students -B:**

State Placed Students-Addtl Cost Estimate**	\$371,000	27.48%
<b>Subtotal of 100% Reimbursable Programs Budget Changes</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>	<b>27.48%</b>

<b>Combined Total Expense Budget FY 12-13(A+B)</b>	<b>\$1,758,396</b>	<b>30.22%</b>
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**NOTES:**

\* Indicates those items that are linked to the Strategic Plan.

\*\* Indicates Mandatory State Placed Student Program Costs

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: <b>Middlesex</b> County: <b>Washington</b>		T124 Washington Central			
		Enter your choice for FY13 base education amount. See note at bottom of page.		Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2013. See note at bottom of page.	
		<b>8,891</b>		<b>0.89</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,999,026	\$2,084,774	\$2,162,517	\$2,295,522
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,999,026</b>	<b>\$2,084,774</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,295,522</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,999,026</b>	<b>\$2,084,774</b>	<b>\$2,162,517</b>	<b>\$2,295,522</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$248,922	\$240,276	\$242,366	\$325,817
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	na
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$248,922</b>	<b>\$240,276</b>	<b>\$242,366</b>	<b>\$325,817</b>
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,750,104</b>	<b>\$1,844,498</b>	<b>\$1,920,151</b>	<b>\$1,969,705</b>
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	134.01	138.09	151.18	155.66
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,059.50</b>	<b>\$13,357.22</b>	<b>\$12,701.09</b>	<b>\$12,654</b>
18.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$219.20	\$197.44	\$223.20	\$58
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20.	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 or amount paid in tuition for those students	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,060	\$13,357	\$12,701	\$12,654
26.	<b>District spending adjustment</b> (minimum of 100%) <b>(\$12,654 / \$8,891)</b>	<b>152.850%</b> <small>based on \$8,544</small>	<b>156.335%</b> <small>based on \$8,544</small>	<b>148.655%</b> <small>based on \$8,544</small>	<b>142.322%</b> <small>based on \$8,891</small>
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (142.322% x \$0.890)	\$1,3145	\$1,3445	\$1,2933	\$1,2667
28.	Percent of Middlesex equalized pupils not in a union school district	45.870%	46.730%	49.660%	51.72%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (51.720% x \$1.27)	\$0.6030	\$0.6283	\$0.6423	\$0.6551
30.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	<b>73.71%</b>	<b>96.81%</b>	<b>97.32%</b>	<b>96.86%</b>
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.655 / 96.86%)	\$0.8181	\$0.6490	\$0.6600	\$0.6763
<p>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.</p>					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (142.322% x 1.80%)	2.76%	2.81%	2.68%	2.56%
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (51.720% x 2.56%)	1.26%	1.31%	1.33%	1.32%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at U-32 UHSD	54.13%	53.27%	50.34%	51.72%
35.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$8,891. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.89 and \$1.38. The administration has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.87 and \$1.36 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,723. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

# MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

As of January 11, 2012

\$0.89 \$1.38

TAX RATES:

	Education Spending Per Eq Pupil	Base Ed Spending Amt	District Spending Adjustment	Equalized Pupils	Equalized Homestead		Actual Homestead		Equalized Nonresidential		Actual Nonresidential	
					Homestead	Nonresidential	Homestead	Nonresidential	Nonresidential	Nonresidential		
Projected Budget 12-13	\$13,400	\$8,891	150.71%	300.97	\$1,341	\$1,385	\$1,385	\$1,380	\$1,380	\$1,380	\$1,425	\$1,425
Budget 11-12	\$13,305	\$8,544	155.72%	304.10	\$1,355	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,397	\$1,397
	0.71%	4.06%		-1.03%								

Town

	Common Level of		Actual		Actual Nonresidential
	Appraisal	Homestead	Homestead	Nonresidential	
FY07-08	87.87%	\$1,526	\$1,526	\$1,548	\$1,548
FY08-09	78.91%	\$1,663	\$1,663	\$1,723	\$1,723
FY09-10	73.71%	\$1,780	\$1,780	\$1,832	\$1,832
FY10-11	74.11%	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,822	\$1,822
FY11-12	97.32%	\$1,391	\$1,391	\$1,398	\$1,398
<b>FY12-13</b>	<b>96.86%</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>	<b>\$1,425</b>	<b>\$1,425</b>
<b>Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)</b>		<b>(\$0.006)</b>	<b>(\$0.006)</b>	<b>\$0.027</b>	<b>\$0.027</b>
<b>Impact on a \$100,000 property</b>		<b>(\$6)</b>	<b>(\$6)</b>	<b>\$27</b>	<b>\$27</b>

**\*\*Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:**

TAX RATES:			
	Current	Common Appraised at 100%	Total Tax Rate
<b>FY12-13</b>			
Elementary Tax Rate	Level of Appraisal	Equalized	Total Tax Rate
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.02	\$0.66	\$0.68
TOTAL Tax Rate	\$0.02	\$0.69	\$0.71
	\$0.04	\$1.35	\$1.39

Excess Spending Per Education Spending Per

Equalized Pupil	Equalized Pupil
\$14,841	\$14,841
\$12,843	\$13,400
\$12,596	\$12,654
\$13,107	\$14,199

State Penalty Amount

Amount Per Town	
Elementary	
U32	

**Washington Central Supervisory Union  
As of January 11, 2012**

**Final Budgets**

**Explanation of Tax Rate Changes From Budget 2011-2012 to Budget 2012-2013**

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

	Budget 12-13	Budget 11-12	Change	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	December 2011	December 2010		Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
	Common Level Of Appraisal	Common Level Of Appraisal					
Berlin	103.53%	102.23%	<b>1.30%</b>	(\$17)	(\$0.017)	(\$0.017)	(\$17)
Calais	99.47%	91.02%	<b>8.45%</b>	(\$132)	(\$0.132)	(\$0.129)	(\$129)
East Montpelier	97.16%	98.92%	<b>-1.76%</b>	\$26	\$0.026	\$0.025	\$25
Middlesex	96.86%	97.32%	<b>-0.46%</b>	\$6	\$0.006	\$0.006	\$6
Worcester	98.91%	99.03%	<b>-0.12%</b>	\$1	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$1

Not Affected by School Spending

**Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate- used \$.89 and \$1.38-Per memo 12/1/11-Increase of \$.02**

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$32	\$0.032	\$0.020	\$20
Calais	\$36	\$0.036	\$0.022	\$22
East Montpelier	\$33	\$0.033	\$0.020	\$20
Middlesex	\$32	\$0.032	\$0.021	\$21
Worcester	\$30	\$0.030	\$0.021	\$21

**\*\*\*\*Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32 Proposed FY 12-13 Budgets with Equalized Pupil Changes\***

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	(\$20)	(\$0.020)	\$0.000	\$0
Calais	\$13	\$0.013	\$0.000	\$0
East Montpelier	(\$3)	(\$0.003)	\$0.000	\$0
Middlesex	(\$44)	(\$0.044)	\$0.000	\$0
Worcester	(\$31)	(\$0.031)	\$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	(\$5)	(\$0.005)	\$0.003	\$3
Calais	(\$83)	(\$0.083)	(\$0.107)	(\$107)
East Montpelier	\$56	\$0.056	\$0.045	\$45
Middlesex	(\$6)	(\$0.006)	\$0.027	\$27
Worcester	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.022	\$22

Prepared by: Lori T. Bibeau, WCSU Business Administrator

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## U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

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Annual Meeting Union High School District No. 32, a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Calais Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Town Hall in Gospel Hollow on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Worcester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

**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 elect an Auditor for a term of three (3) years.

**ARTICLE 4.** To fix the annual compensation of district officers.

Auditors	\$200.00 each
Clerk	\$200.00
Directors	\$850.00 each
Chair	\$875.00
Treasurer	\$1,000.00

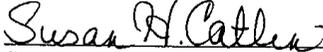
**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$13,594,212.00 for the 2012-2013 school year?

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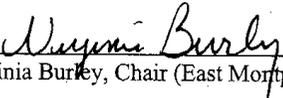
- ARTICLE 6.** Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2012 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?
- ARTICLE 7.** 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?
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall Union High School District No. 32 eliminate the office of District Auditor, effective July 1, 2012, and direct the Board of School Directors to contract with a public accountant, licensed in the State of Vermont, to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the District?

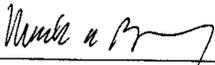
A meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting will be held at U-32 in room 131 and will begin at 6:00 P.M.

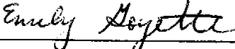
The legal voters of Union High School District No. 32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

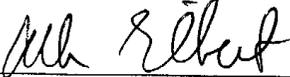
  
Susan Catlin, Clerk

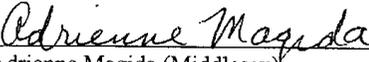
SCHOOL DIRECTORS

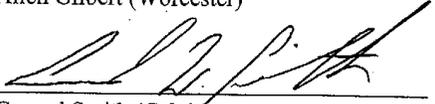
  
Virginia Burley, Chair (East Montpelier)

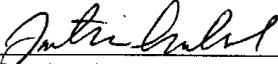
  
Mark Berry, Vice Chair (Berlin)

  
Emily Goyette, Clerk (East Montpelier)

  
Allen Gilbert (Worcester)

  
Adrienne Magida (Middlesex)

  
Conrad Smith (Calais)

  
Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)

Union High School District No. 32

OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 6, 2012

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 5

Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$13,594,212.00 for the 2012 – 2013 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 6

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, 2012 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

For Auditor, for a term of three (3) years  
Vote for not more than TWO

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Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_   
Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

ARTICLE 7

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

ARTICLE 4

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

- Auditors: \$200.00 each
- Clerk: \$200.00
- Directors: \$850.00 each
- Chair: \$875.00
- Treasurer: \$1,000.00

YES  NO

ARTICLE 8

Shall the School District eliminate the office of District Auditor, effective July 1, 2012, and direct the Board of School Directors to contract with a public accountant, licensed in the State of Vermont, to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the District?

YES  NO

## U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL 2010-2011	BUDGET 2011-2012	PROJECTED 2011-2012	BUDGET 2012-2013 FINAL
<b>REVENUES</b>				
TURNOVER	888,883	815,119	775,879	791,767
INVESTMENT INCOME	123,742	23,706	123,888	126,106
IMPROVATION SPENDING REVENUES	10,260,170	11,196,866	11,196,815	11,138,126
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	109,823	57,709	86,846	75,578
STATE REVENUES-AMSL	179,710	177,888	173,386	218,388
EDUCATION JOBS FUND APPR	183,312	0	2,715	93,830
SPFD MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	279,877	283,858	283,849	295,262
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	832,430	873,839	879,284	802,856
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$13,237,825</b>	<b>\$12,123,965</b>	<b>\$14,422,812</b>	<b>\$12,394,212</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
BUSINESS ED.	170,034	198,332	183,117	161,448
DRIVER ED.	69,493	69,497	69,877	65,262
ENGLISH	585,852	711,477	703,106	727,893
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	280,818	296,247	294,811	267,479
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	205,651	313,246	313,779	331,318
TECHNOLOGY ED.	141,128	147,389	141,696	161,825
LEARNING ARTS	95,236	96,806	87,138	85,982
MUSIC	192,626	214,286	220,263	227,083
PHYSICAL ED.	212,706	208,272	206,262	243,794
MATHEMATICS	69,814	817,285	795,271	785,883
SCIENCE	759,178	888,279	887,108	877,283
SOCIAL STUDIES	479,866	618,287	593,288	540,159
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	285,126	268,285	275,767	694,853
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	346,872	446,789	425,768	497,493
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL	9,867	2,709	2,709	2,709
MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS	18,300	18,315	18,379	18,379
INSTRUCTIONAL & SUPPORT SVCS-APPL	330,146	0	2,709	0
GUIDANCE SERVICES	422,807	445,048	448,855	520,170
HEALTH SERVICES	178,232	121,422	120,880	124,612
CURRICULUM SERVICES	126,303	128,906	126,248	141,081
MEDIA SERVICE	96,274	98,704	87,297	82,790
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	244,254	264,790	252,713	262,429
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	331,830	261,039	248,823	261,262
BOARD OF EDUCATION	64,254	89,721	88,721	89,721
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	151,890	170,401	170,401	164,843
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	694,844	763,980	756,944	812,886
RSCAL SERVICES	131,798	17,821	27,261	13,644
INTEREST EXPENSE	83,374	0	99,817	80,600
AUDITING SERVICES	1,800	4,580	3,400	4,800
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	7,167,960	7,125,744	7,52,088	7,178,374
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BY	521,248	623,472	523,472	612,175
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	1,493,225	952,634	963,274	908,851
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1,404,480	1,613,814	1,254,185	1,678,180
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	13,875	24,586	24,930	24,600
SPEECH SERVICES	104,243	103,770	103,737	108,756
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES	63,880	25,604	26,930	34,054
PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICE	0	0	0	0,000
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	143,402	143,882	149,733	131,088
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	40,116	43,203	42,292	46,004
SW ASSESSMENTS SPED	82,901	78,414	78,414	77,704
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	36,221	11,223	11,251	17,774
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	262,992	608,874	617,835	628,234
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,580,490</b>	<b>\$12,123,993</b>	<b>\$13,806,076</b>	<b>\$12,594,212</b>
<b>U 32 Cost per Equalized Pupil</b>				
<b>Historical Trends</b>				
Local Education Spending - Per State Formula			\$11,108,221	\$11,186,185
% Increase in Local Education Spending			0.25%	0.25%
U32 Equalized Pupil-Average Daily Membership			889.72	884.83
Local Ed Spending Per Equalized Pupil			\$12,571	\$14,122
% Increase in Spending Per Equalized Pupil				2.37%

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## U-32 ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

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Adrienne Magida U-32 Board Member - Middlesex

U-32 strives to provide a high quality education for all its students. As always, the administration, faculty, staff and School Board continually look to improve upon the programs offered to better meet the needs of the students who come from all over Central Vermont. The School Board focused its work this year on supporting U-32's effort to prepare for its NEASC reaccreditation in 2013, implementing the recommendations from a committee directed to raise U-32 to the next level, analyzing the value of our complementary and specialized programs, beginning the process of interest based bargaining as part of our contract negotiations with the staff and managing our capital fund for plant improvements.

The U-32 Board of Directors is proposing a budget of \$13,594,212, an increase of 3.6 percent over this year's budget. However, due to the way we're drawing on different funding sources, the increase in per-pupil spending is 2.37 percent. This number is important, for it is what drives the tax rate.

The proposed budget includes some new initiatives and some program cuts. The new initiatives include money to support an Advanced Placement program at U-32, money for the continuation of Community Connections and a small portion of a substance abuse counselor's salary, both of which are losing federal grant funding that has paid for the programs in the past. Cuts include the high school living arts program (which has had continual drops in enrollment) and reductions in the business, math, science and special education departments - all of which are in response to the declining enrollment U-32 has experienced in the last five years. Courses in departments that are not being eliminated will all be offered but with fewer sections of some classes.

The anticipated impact on the Middlesex residential tax rate of both the elementary and high school budgets, which includes the common level of appraisal rate and the statewide tax rate is expected to fall slightly from last year's level.

We know the budget we are presenting will not be to everyone's liking. At the budget forums we held, some people urged us to spend more. Others said we should spend less. Some of the specific decisions we made concerning staff and program changes were seen as harsh. Other decisions were seen as not bold enough. We carefully weighed our decisions and considered all the input we received before we set our final budget.

It continues to be a pleasure to serve Middlesex on the School Board. U-32 is in an enviable position compared to most other schools. We have a top-notch facility, a very strong staff, a wide diversity of academic offerings, terrific sports programs, and rich music and arts offerings. We strive to keep U-32 the special place that it is while being good stewards of the resources you provide. I think I speak for the entire board when I say that we are immensely proud of our school and feel fortunate our own children are or will be U-32 graduates. I continue to be grateful for the town support of our school and our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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## **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, 2/24).

For more information, please contact Julia Chafets, Community Connections Coordinator, 223-5429 x 322 or email [jchafets@rumney.org](mailto:jchafets@rumney.org). Details will also be available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney website, [www.rumney.org](http://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. If you know someone who would like to participate in the Middlesex Town Meeting from a remote location, please contact Greg Whitchurch, Remote Town Meeting Participation Task Force, 223-2416.

## **IF YOU NEED A RIDE...**

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



## TOWN MEETING DINNER

**When:** Tuesday, March 6 (meal begins right after Town Meeting)

**Where:** Rumney School

**Suggested donation:** \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids under age 12

### **Menu:**

Spaghetti with your choice of topping (meat sauce made with locally raised Middlesex beef; vegetarian sauce; or pesto. Gluten-free pasta available.)  
Green salad • Homemade rolls • Dessert smorgasbord!

Proceeds will benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected on Town Meeting Day.

*Calling all Middlesex cookie monsters, cake bakers, and friends of fabulous desserts: Could you make your favorite dessert for the smorgasbord?*

*Please contact Liz Scharf, 223-9189,  
[liz.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:liz.scharf@gmail.com)*



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### **Save the Date! Middlesex All You Can Eat Pie Breakfast!**

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am-11:00 (or until we run out of pies!), Rumney School. This event is for the whole community, and will raise funds for the Rumney PTO and the Middlesex Bandstand Concert Series; attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable contribution for the Middlesex Food Shelf.

For more information, or if you can contribute a pie, please contact Wendy Farber, 229-4798, [Wlsubaru@aol.com](mailto:Wlsubaru@aol.com).

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

Current Reports of the Town Officers  
for the year ended

June 30, 2011

Town School District for year ended  
June 30, 2011

*Please bring this book to Town Meeting*

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012**