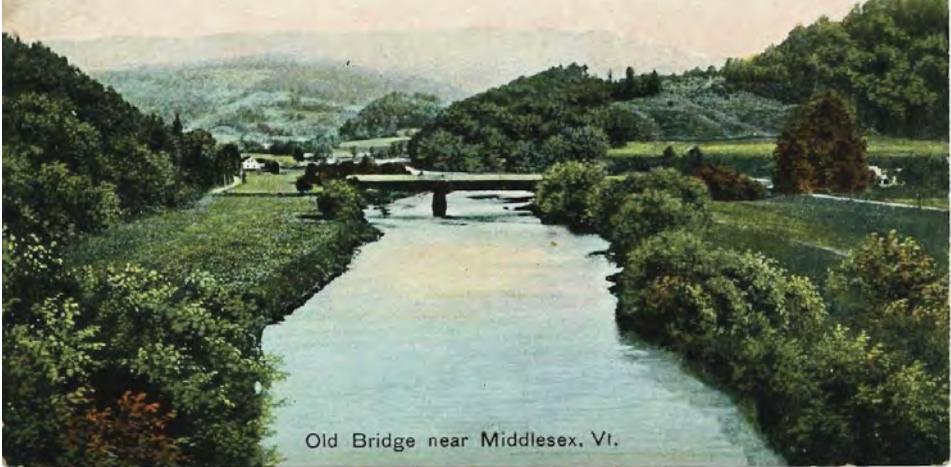

TOWN OF
MIDDLESEX, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT

**Current reports of the Town Officers
for the year ended June 30, 2015**

**Town School District for year ended
June 30, 2015**

**Town Meeting is at the Rumney School and
starts at 4:30 p. m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.**

Please bring this book with you!

TOWN MEETING DINNER

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

When: Tuesday, March 1
(Meal begins right after Town Meeting)

Where: Rumney School

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

Proceeds benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf.

Menu:

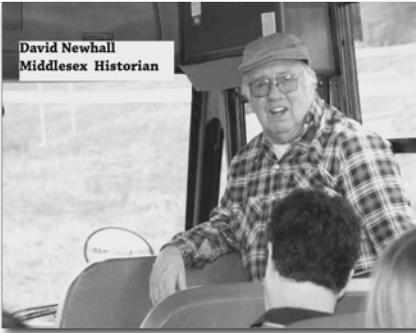
- Spaghetti with your choice of topping (meat sauce made with local grass-fed beef marinara sauce or pesto).
 - Homemade whole wheat rolls with butter
 - Fresh green salad
 - Dessert smorgasbord!

Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Middlesex Food Shelf will be collected on Town Meeting Day. Please bring an item if you liked to make a donation.

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

COVER: The cover image is a vintage postcard from David Newhall's collection of Middlesex memorabilia. The view is of a covered bridge on Route 2 spanning the Winnooski River. The riverbank on the left is now the site of the VTrans facility and the small white house in the distance is the home of our Road Foreman, Paul Cerminara.

DEDICATION



At seventy-nine, (mostly) life-long resident David Newhall has witnessed Middlesex's transformation from a rural outback to a diverse community split by the permanent gash of a major interstate. Last fall, Dave delivered a presentation on the history of I-89 to a packed meeting of the Middlesex Historical Society, though that's not where his interest ends. As an amateur historian, Dave has helpfully documented hundreds of photos of local events and people now long gone, providing insight into a slower era fading

from modern memory. For those reasons, this report is dedicated to him.

Dave was born at Heaton Hospital in Montpelier in 1936 and raised at Settlement Farm, which had been in the Newhall family since his grandparents built it in 1869, having relocated from Orange in search of arable land. When a power plant was established down river, the Newhalls and neighboring land owners affected by fluctuations in the water's flow received free electricity – a compact that stands even today.

Farming, though, is never easy and money was tight. Like his grandmother, Dave's mother worked at a tavern in Montpelier to help support the family, so he was mostly raised by his Aunt Calista, an "old maid." There were animals to look after and little free time between chores and attending school in the one-room schoolhouse that's now the old fire station behind Town Hall. Back then, the biggest daily disruptions were the fifteen trains a day that passed right by the farm carrying passengers and milk. That was until the 1950s when, partly to address post-war concerns about amassing a military presence, the federal government built Interstate 89. It cut right through the Newhall farm, forever separating it from its grazing pastures. In compensation, the Newhalls were paid \$9,000 for nine acres taken through eminent domain.

Dave married twice and worked for years in maintenance for the State of Vermont. He was also a founding member (despite missing the first organizational meeting!) of the Middlesex Fire Department.

One of his hobbies has been raising sheep, beloved pets he would often take to local schools each year. History, his other passion, developed gradually. He couldn't stand the subject in high school; now he is an active member of the Middlesex Historical Society. Once a month, he makes a special trip to the Aldrich Library in Barre to identify old photos donated from people's attics that would slip into obscurity if not for his sharp memory. He's also collected over 200 photos of the I-89's construction that forever changed the nature of this town.

"The Eisenhower Autobahn," he said, referring to the U.S. President who championed the highway and the slick German road that influenced him. "Cut off a lot of time from Montpelier to Burlington. Used to take over an hour, now it's 30 minutes. That's what you call progress!"

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TOWN OF MIDDLESEX FEES

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.

Applications for Zoning Permits and Access Permits are at the Town Clerk’s Office or online at: www.middlesexvermont.org.

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)

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

Hearings:

Planning Commission Hearing	\$ 75.00
Board of Adjustment Hearing	\$ 75.00

Access Permits: Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

Access Permit Fees:.....	\$ 35.00
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Dog Licenses & Fees: All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1, 2016.

Neutered/Spayed	\$ 9.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$ 13.00

If Registered After April 1, 2016:

Neutered/Spayed	\$ 11.00
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$ 17.00

Marriage License:	\$ 45.00
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Recording Fees:

Land Records (per page)	\$ 10.00
Certified copies of Birth Certificates, Death Certificates and Marriage Certificates (each)	\$ 10.00

IMPORTANT NUMBERS - KEEP THEM HANDY!

Middlesex Fire Department.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Middlesex Fire Department.....	Non-Emergency	223-5525
Middlesex Fast Squad.....		Dial 911
Montpelier Ambulance.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	Emergency	Dial 911
Vermont State Police.....	Non-Emergency	229-9191
Zoning Administrator.....	Cindy Carlson	498-7475
Fire Warden (Burn Permits): Contact Jason Merrill.....		793-6069

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE:

Office..... 223-5915
 Fax..... 223-1298
 Clerk Email: middlesxtwnclrk@comcast.net
 Asst. Clerk Email: mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net
 Treasurer/Tax Collector Email: middlesxtreas@comcast.net
 Website: www.middlesexvermont.org

LISTERS:

Office Hours: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to Noon
 Telephone: 223-5915 E-mail: middlesxlisters@comcast.net

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Town Garage, Shady Rill Road..... 229-0838
 Road Foreman: Paul Cerminara (802) 399-7216
 Email: middlesxhgw@comcast.net

STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Tony Klein
 Cell..... 793-6032
 Email: twk@tonyklein.com

MEETING SCHEDULES

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

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

All numbers are 802 area code unless otherwise noted.

Animal Control Officer:

Erika Holm, 249-2127

If Erika is unavailable, please contact Health Officer Liz Fortman 249-1058.

Auditor: Helen Weed, 223-5818

Bandstand: "Martha Pellerin & Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand"

John Puleio, 229-0881

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Cindy Carlson, 498-7475

Cemetery Contacts:

Middlesex Cemetery Commission

(Carr Cemetery, North Branch Cemetery, and Middlesex Village Cemetery)

Gary Lamell, 223-2710

Janet McKinstry, 223-5997

Middlesex Center Cemetery (Lot Sales):

Earle Ellingwood, 223-7555

Central VT Regional Planning

Commission Rep.: Ron Krauth, 229-5496

Central VT Solid Waste Management Dist.

Rep.: Anita Krauth, 229-5496

Central VT Solid Waste Management Dist.

Office: 229-9383, www.cvswwmd.com

Churches:

Middlesex United Methodist Church

For information call 223-5118.

Website: www.middlesexUMC.org

Shady Rill Baptist Church:

For more information call Tonya Brett, 229-5458 or Charles Brett, 223-6706.

Cub Scouts: Eric Benedict, 223-0969

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Middlesex Fire Department: 911

Montpelier Ambulance/Middlesex Fast Squad: 911

Vermont State Police (K-Troop): 911

Use these numbers for non-emergencies:

Fire Chief: Doug Hanson, 229-6361

Fire Warden: Jason Merrill, 793-6069

Emergency Management Chairperson:

David Jablonski, 989-2864

Vermont State Police (K-Troop): 229-9191

Food Shelf: (Middlesex United Methodist Church)

Ben Skolnik: 318-0827 or

benskoln@gmail.com

Liz Scharf: 223-9189 liz.scharf@gmail.com

Girls/Boyz First!! Community-Based

Mentoring Program: Wendy Freundlich,

229-4798

Girl Scouts & Studio 2-B:

Tammy Hoermann, 223-4257,

Green Up Day:

Dave Shepard, 229-1744

Green Up Vermont, 229-4586

Health Officer: Liz Fortman, 249-1058

Historical Society:

Patty Wiley, 272-8074

Sarah Seidman, 223-4828

Richard Alderman, 223-3953

Justices of the Peace:

Janet Heyman, 229-4979

Peter Hood, 223-6518

Doug Lombard, 229-9600

Theo Kennedy, 223-4748

Chris McVeigh, 223-6558

Charlie Merriman, 249-8096

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)

Learn to Swim Program:

Debbie Goodwin
goodwin.debbie@comcast.net

Charles Merriman, 249-8096
Lee Rosberg, 309-1629
Dave Shepard, Chair; 229-1744

Listers:

Richard Alderman, 223-3953
Caleb Deane, 223-5752
Eric Young, 229-9908

Planning Commission:

Richard Alderman, Secretary, 223-3953
John Krezinski, 223-6875
Steve Martin, Chair, 371-8697
Thea Schwartz, 229-4184

Moderator: Susan Clark, 223-5824,

Road Commissioner:

Steve Martin, 371-8697

Select Board:

Peter Hood, 223-6518 (h), 371-8042 (c)
Bill Callnan, 223-5794 (h), 249-0284 (c)
Mary Just Skinner, 223-7123
Liz Scharf, 223-9189
Steve Martin, 371-8697
Sarah Merriman, Assistant, 223-5915

Road Foreman:

Paul Cerminara, 229-0838 (w), 399-7216 (c)

Town Service Officer:

Liz Scharf, 223-9189

Town Clerk:

Sarah Merriman, 223-5915
Maryke Gillis (Asst. Clerk), 223-5915

Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds:

Cindy Carlson, 498-7475

Town Meeting Solutions Committee:

Susan Clark, 223-5824

Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters***Reservations:***

Collin O'Neal, Beach Manager, 223-7774
Laurie Emery, Central VT Regional
Planning Commission, 229-0389

Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board:

Debra Craddock, 223-6517
Jane Dudley, 229-0177

Zoning Administrator:

Cindy Carlson, 498-7475

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Charlene Bohl, 229-9908
John Demeter, 272-3548
Roger Hirt, 223-0531
Linda Jackson, 249-1726

Middlesex Boards and Committees***Budget Committee***

Barry Bolio, 229-0433
Ruth Dockter, 229-5744
Bill Dorigan, 223-1030
Elias Gardner, 778-0899
George Longenecker, 229-9787

Conservation Commission:

Richard Alderman, 223-3953
Larry Becker, 229-0296
Scott Gurley, Treasurer, 229-0177
George Longenecker, 229-9787

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX CONTACTS (continued)

School Contacts***Rumney School:***

Address: 433 Shady Rill
Road, Middlesex, VT 05602
Phone: 223-5429 FAX: 223-0750

Rumney School Board:

Beth Holtzman, Chair, 229-1206
Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
Julie Moore, 223-4254
J. Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair, 223-9189
Brian Tagliaferro, Clerk, 249-6572

Rumney Community School Partnership: Adam Rosen, 223-5429 x 302

Rumney Community Connections: Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator: 223-5429 x 322

Rumney Playgroup (for pre-schoolers): Jennifer Miller-Arsenault, 229-5463

Rumney PTO: Pascale Stephani, 225-8902

U-32 High School:

Address: 930 Gallison Hill Road,
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: 229-0321

U-32 School Board: Adrienne Magida, 223-8672

U-32 Boosters Club: Darcy Cacacio, 223-4318

U-32 Project Graduation: Jane Tolassi, 229-0321

Washington Central Friends of Education: Deb Wolf, 223-3456

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OFFICE	NAME	EXPIRES	TERM
Moderator	Susan Clark	2016	1 yr
Selectboard	Peter O. Hood, Chair	2018	3 yr
	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair	2016	3 yr
	Steven K. Martin	2017	2 yr
	William Callnan	2017	3 yr
	Elizabeth Scharf	2016	2 yr
Rumney School Board	Beth Holtzman, Chair	2016	3 yr
	Jonathan Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair	2017	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2016	2 yr
	Julie Moore	2018	3 yr
	Brian Tagliaferro	2017	2 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2016	3 yr
Budget Committee	Barry Bolio (appointed)	2016	3 yr
	Ruth Dockter (appointed)	2016	3 yr
	William Dorigan	2018	3 yr
	Elias Gardner (appointed)	2016	3 yr
	George Longenecker	2018	3 yr
Auditors	Helen Weed	2018	3 yr
	vacancy		3 yr
	vacancy		3 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2017	3 yr
	Eric Young	2016	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman	2016	1 yr
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2016	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2016	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson	2016	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2016	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Janet McKinstry	2018	3 yr
	Michael Patterson	2016	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2016	3 yr
Planning Commission	Steve Martin, Chair	2017	3 yr
	Theo Kennedy	2016	3 yr
	John W. Krezinski	2018	3 yr
	Thea Schwartz	2016	3 yr
	Richard Alderman	2018	3 yr

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer	Erika Holm
Assistant Town Clerk	Maryke Gillis
Board of Adjustment	(Chair) Charlene Bohl John Demeter Roger Hirt Linda Jackson
Central VT Regional Planning Commission Representative	Ron Krauth
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Representative	Anita Krauth
Emergency Management Coordinator	David Jablonski
Fire Warden	Jason Merrill
Health Officers	Elizabeth Fortman Jeff Koonz
Road Commissioner	Steve Martin
Town Service Officer	Liz Scharf
Wrightsville Beach Board Member	Jane Dudley
Zoning Administrator.....	Cindy Carlson

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 1, 2016

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 4:30p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 8:00 am to 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)

(THIS ARTICLE (8) WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town eliminate the Office of Town Auditor(s) and instead authorize the Middlesex Select Board to contract with a public accountant, licensed in this state, to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the town? This change would be effective on the 45th day after the vote or when the Select Board contracts with the public accountant, whichever occurs first. (17 VSA §2651b) (Voting by paper ballot.)
(THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARTICLE 8.)
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town change the term of Town Clerk from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA § 2646(2))
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town change the term of Town Treasurer from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA § 2646(3))
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town change the term of Collector of Delinquent Taxes from one year to three years, effective March 7, 2017? (17 VSA §2646 (9))
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 to help support Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures \$1,500 to help support the Central Vermont Council on Aging? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to help support Community Connections? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,300 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to help support the Waterbury Area Senior Center?
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WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,411 to support the following organizations:

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

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECTBOARD:

Peter O. Hood, Chair
William Callnan

Mary Just Kinner, Vice Chair
Steven Martin

Elizabeth Scharf

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:


 Peter O. Hood, Chair

 Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

 William Callnan

 Steven Martin

 Elizabeth Scharf

Signed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 26, 2016.

I attest that this Warning for the 2016 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 26, 2016.


Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING BALLOT: MARCH 1, 2016

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-In line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

<p>TOWN CLERK Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>SARAH MERRIMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>MARY J. SKINNER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY COMMISSION Vote for not 1 year of a 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>GARY LAMELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TREASURER Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>CINDY CARLSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD Vote for not 2-year term more than ONE</p> <p>ELIZABETH SCHARF <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY COMMISSION Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>EVELYN GANT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>CINDY CARLSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>AUDITOR Vote for not 3-year term more than TWO</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>PLANNING COMMISSION Vote for not 3-year term more than TWO</p> <p>THEA SCHWARTZ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR Vote for not 1-year term more than ONE</p> <p>CINDY CARLSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for not 2 years of a 3-year term more than THREE</p> <p>BARRY A. BOLIO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ELIAS K. GARDNER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RUTH DOCKTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>LISTER Vote for not 3-year term more than ONE</p> <p>ERIC YOUNG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SELECT BOARD REPORT

This was a very productive year for the Middlesex Select Board which revised the Town's personnel and purchase policies, sold land behind Town Hall to an abutting neighbor, used the money from said sale to expand the Town Forest and, in between, handled a variety of issues, from nuisance dog complaints, to a muddy playing field, to upgrading the last remaining Class 4 portion of a Class 3 road.

The Board began 2015 by passing a Winter Road Policy that clarified when the Town Road Crew maintains roads in the winter (from 3 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and under what conditions (snow and ice). It also set a \$1,052,974 budget (before special articles) that was later approved by the voters at the 2015 Town Meeting.

David Specht, an owner of the Middlesex General Store, approached the Board in February to discuss buying the old "Morse Property" that lay between his store and Town Hall. David said he needed the property in order to expand his septic system and, perhaps, install gas tanks at the store. First, the Select Board had to determine whether the Town needed the property for its own septic system. When a consultant identified several perkable sites on Town Hall property, the Board posted notice of the impending sale. There were no petitions in opposition and the Board agreed in September to sell the 1.6 acres for \$21,500.

Again, the Board waived the 8% penalty that towns with higher residential tax rates (such as Middlesex) may apply to late and non-filers of their Homestead Declaration forms. But there's no guarantee they will do the same in 2016! The Board also approved the Listers' request to hire appraiser Rich Lewis to conduct a town-wide reappraisal over 2015 and 2016 to make sure the Town's Common Level of Appraisal remains high. Rich is being paid through a town reappraisal fund to which the state has been contributing annually.

The year did present some fiscal challenges, however. For example, the town spent \$43,000 more than it received during the fiscal year primarily because \$56,000 was spent refurbishing the town grader, a critical piece of road equipment. The good news is that by repairing the grader, the town postponed spending \$200,000 on a new capital expense. In addition, \$35,000 in extra payments on debt service were offset in part by extra revenue of \$24,000 and reduced Select Board discretionary expenditures of \$10,000. With other net expenses, the fund balance decreased by \$36,000 from \$275,000 to \$239,000 compared to the anticipated reduction of \$15,000 when the tax rate was set back in July 2014.

In the spring, Bill Rossmassler approached the Board with an offer from Cynthia Steed, owner of 38.9 acres off Notch Road that would provide much-needed access to the Town Forest. He said Cynthia was willing to sell the undeveloped property at a very reasonable \$40,000, especially considering the property was appraised at twice that. In return, Cynthia and her descendants would have use of one camp for 100 years along with a small surrounding area. With \$20,000 in the Conservation Fund earmarked for acquisitions of this sort and another \$20,000 from the sale of the Morse Property in the fall, the Steed purchase would have

SELECT BOARD REPORT (continued)

zero impact on the Town's coffers. At its last meeting in December, the Board approved a purchase and sale agreement, thereby setting the wheels in motion for closure which took place on January 14, 2016.

Finally, the Board considered a request from several residents on McCullough Hill Road to upgrade a .4 mile Class 4 stretch of McCullough Hill to Class 3. A public hearing was held with some saying they enjoyed the quiet of a dead-end road in the winter and others noting it was unsafe. After taking comment, the Board voted unanimously to upgrade the section.

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

Sincerely, the Middlesex Select Board:

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

William Callnan

Steven Martin

Elizabeth Scharf

Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant

ROAD FOREMAN HIGHWAY REPORT

The summer of 2015 was yet again a productive and busy construction season. We also learned a lot about the capabilities of the Highway Department Crew and equipment.

When we were finally awarded the grant funding for the Herrick Brook Culvert on Shady Rill Road, we were ecstatic. Unfortunately, our excitement turned to discouragement when the initial construction bids came in at \$300,000+/-, significantly higher than what our grant would afford. Fortunately, with the help of our Road Commissioner, Steve Martin, who donated his time, and the Highway Department, we were able to collaboratively complete the project in a manner which satisfied all of the design requirements while being significantly cheaper than the original bids. Our final total was \$209,000. Of that, \$175,000 was reimbursed to the Town through a state grant.

We want to thank Steve for his countless hours throughout this entire project and his efforts in saving the Town time and money. Also, thank you to all those residents and Rumney School Staff and parents who had to deal with our “not-so-convenient” detours during the construction.

We suffered some severe weather earlier in the summer which unfortunately changed our projected work schedule. We had to temporarily halt progress on Molly Supple Hill Road when we received a damaging storm that washed out the lower portion of Wood Road. We changed gears and rebuilt a bad section of Wood Road inherent to mud, completed some extensive brush clearing and ditch work, and replaced culverts that were beginning to fail. In the end, the road turned out wonderful and the residents of the road were delighted to see the improvements.

Finally, we were able to get back to Molly Supple Hill Road to complete the progress we’d made. Initially, we stripped the roadway of the worn material, installed several sections of drainage stone and perforated pipe, and allowed the roadway to drain. Several of the pipes have not stopped running yet! Our final stint of work included laying down overlapping road fabric, an 8” sub-base layer of 3 ½” State Spec Granite Material and a final 6” layer of State Spec Granite surface gravel. This process which we’ve used in the past has proven to work incredibly well and we are able to complete the work within our budget constrictions.

We’re happy to say that the improvements from mud season mitigation we’ve made over the last several years on Story, Center, East Hill, and now Molly Supple Hill Roads are working flawlessly. No longer are we suffering from areas of bottomless mud and rolling clay boils at least in these sections! We continue to strive on making more improvements in the future and keep our budget at an acceptable level. Thank you to all the residents for your support during these significant changes and being so patient with us during the construction season! We would also like to thank the Select Board for their unending support through equipment and material funding. Without the collaboration of a strong Highway Department and supportive Select Board, these momentous changes in our roads would not be possible!

Sincerely,

Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, and the entire Middlesex Highway Department (Bruce Fitch, Jay Files and Joe D’Anna).

FIVE-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN

Summer 2016**May -Mud Season Mitigation**

Complete southern side of Molly Supple

June - Full Service

Bolduc Road

Shady Rill Road – Paving Preparation

July – Pavement Reclaim & Paving

Shady Rill from new culvert to intersection with Story Road

NOTE: Traffic can expect detours, delays, and construction during this time.

Portal Road – Mud Season Mitigation

August & September – Full Service

McCullough Road & Upper Barnett Hill Road

October – Service Work

Notch Road, South Bear Swamp,

North Bear Swamp

Summer 2017**May & June – Full Service**

West Hill & Macey Road

July – Mud Mitigation

East Hill Road

August & September – Full Service

North Bear Swamp Road, South Bear Swamp Road

October – Full Service

Notch Road

Summer 2018**May – Mud Season Mitigation**

Portal Road

June – Service Work

Center Road

July – Service Work

East Hill Road

August – Service Work

French Road

September – Mud Season Mitigation

To Be Determined

October – Service Work

Culver Hill Road

Summer 2019**May – Service Work**

Lower Sunny Brook Road, Lower Barnett Hill Road

June – Pavement Preparation

Center Road

July – Paving & Finish Work

Center Road

August – Mud Season Mitigation

Center Road

September – Mud Season Mitigation

Portal Road

October – Service Work

Culver Hill Road

Summer 2020**May – Service Work**

East Hill Road

June – Service Work

Daniel's Farm Road

July – Service Work

Norton Road

August – Service Work

3 Mile Bridge Road, Cross Road, Rich Road

September – Service Work

Upper Sunny Brook Road & Davy Road

October – Mud Season Mitigation

To Be Determined

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

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

Mud Season Mitigation = Excavation, drainage, fabric, gravel

Service Work = Shoulder cutting, ditching, culvert replacement

HIGHWAY SIGN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

In 2016 we hope to wrap up this program by installing signage as noted below:

Summer 2016

TH#36 – McCullough Hill Rd.

TH#37 – Barnett Hill Rd. (Upper & Lower)

TH#38 – Davy Rd.

TH#39 – Sunny Brook Rd. (Upper & Lower)

TH#40 – Lower Sunny Brook Rd. Extension

TH#42 – Bolio Rd.

TH#45 – Old Brook Rd.

TH#46 – Rich Rd.

TH#47 – Colby Rd.

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

CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT
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Equipment Name	Replacement Schedule	Year of Replacement
1968 GMC 6500 Chloride Truck	As Needed	No Date
1989 Morbark Chipper	As Needed	No Date
2007 Caterpillar 420E Backhoe	As Needed	No Date
1997 Caterpillar 140H Grader	10 Years	2020
2008 Kobelco 140SR Excavator	10 Years	2022
2014 Komatsu WA-270 Loader	12 Years	2026
2014 Western Star Dump Truck	7 Years	2021
2010 International Dump Truck	7 Years	2018
2009 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	7 Years	2017
2014 GMC Sierra 2500 Pick-Up	8 Years	2022

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

As with most years between elections, 2015 was relatively quiet in the Town Clerk's Office. We learned a new statewide online elections system and how to run a vote tabulator. Crack Assistant Clerk Maryke Gillis organized what is becoming an overcrowded vault. (*Hint. Hint.*) Then she put together the entire 2015 Town Report! Along the way, we dealt with some naughty dogs and an explosive, so to speak, sewage issue.

The long cold weeks at the beginning of 2015 were not great for aging septic systems, as many residents of Church Street discovered. Since the outflow pipe to the dry well behind Town Hall had been insulated the year before, we figured we were sitting pretty until a certain children's birthday party led to a disaster that for the sake of civility does not need to be detailed here. After an "alternative system" (thank you, Hartigan!) and more digging and covering by the road crew, the problem has been solved (knock on wood).

Then there were the dogs. God love 'em, but they can be pains - literally. One particularly troublesome beagle who'd already been disciplined and, we'd hoped, restrained, sank his teeth into a passing jogger last summer, the day after he tried to attack a bicyclist on Brook Road. It was time for Snoopy to go... but where?

(Let me pause to give a shout out right now to Erika Holm who is such an awesome Animal Control Officer that she made national news recently for helping to track down a wandering golden retriever. We are absolutely blessed to have her working for the town. I cannot tell you how she has prevented neighbor disputes and saved the outcomes of our furry friends. We love you, Erika!)

...Back to Snoopy. A no-kill shelter in Berlin decided to take the wretched beast who turned out to be quite the sweetheart. A couple from Essex adopted him a few weeks after he was surrendered by his Brook Road owner and they are living happily ever after. The same can be said for a group of dogs on Wood Road who thought it necessary to alert the neighborhood that they were awake - at 3 a.m. Erika to the rescue (along with the Select Board). The owner was alerted, the dogs were given proper bedtimes and everyone got some sleep.

Okay, brace yourselves - we got a tabulator in December. Yes!

No, no, not the hanging chad kind. Relax. In fact, on the voting end it will be the same sort of experience as when you voted in the 2014 statewide primary. (You did vote in the primary, didn't you?) The difference is that instead of your neighbors counting chicken scratches by hand until the wee hours, you as a voter will insert your marked ballot into the tabulator once you're done voting. When the polls close at 7 p.m., the tabulator will spit out the results. Of course, the write-ins will still have to be tallied by hand, but this is a vast improvement that will not have me howling with the Wood Road dogs after midnight.

Also, the Vermont Secretary of State last fall unveiled a new statewide election system that permits Vermont residents to register to vote online, request absentee ballots and check in with those requests to see if they've been received and processed. (<https://olvr.sec.s-tate.vt.us/>) From our end, we can more efficiently manage the checklist and those previously erratic voter registrations from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (continued)

This year promises to be incredibly exciting, starting with the Presidential Primary/Town Meeting on March 1, 2016. If you're reading this report, then that means you can vote now. Request absentee ballots by calling the office (223-5915), emailing (middlesxtwnclrk@comcast.net) or going online (see above). Or just stop by the Town Clerk's Office Monday through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and vote here.

Even if you do vote early, please come to Town Meeting at Rumney School at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. There are some fairly interesting Warning articles that will be debated on the floor and you can vote on them only if you attend.

Until then, thank you Maryke and Erika, as well as amazing Town Health Officer Liz Fortman, ever-capable and calm Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Cindy Carlson, the entire dedicated Select Board, our industrious Road Crew, and Foreman Paul Cerminara for their selfless contributions toward making Middlesex one of the most interesting and fun towns in Vermont.

It's been an honor to serve you this past year.

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

<h3>BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT</h3>

Town Proposed Budget for FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2017 is \$ 1,074,708. This equates to a 2.06% increase over the FY 2016 budget of \$ 1,052,974.00. The Select Board has spent a considerable amount of time deliberating the proposed budget for FY 2017 and feels that the 2.06% increase is reasonable. It is the feeling of the Select Board that increasing the salaries of all town employees, to a more competitive rate is in the best interest of our town. Other contributing factors to the budget increase were, in workers compensation and health insurances. This budget does not include special articles, which are subject to voters' approval at town meeting. The Budget Committee would like to thank the Select Board and recommends approval of this budget. Please feel free to contact any member of the Select Board with your questions regarding the budget.

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

The proposed Rumney School budget of \$3,193,559 is an increase of 5.31% over last year's budget. The number of equalized pupils at Rumney has increased by 5%, this helps the adopted budget fall under the Act 46 cap of a 1.78% increase per equalized pupil. This budget will result in an additional \$8 of tax per \$100,000 of property value.

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the Rumney School articles to be voted on by Australian Ballot at Town Meeting, one on Saturday February 27 at 9 am at Rumney and Monday February 29 at 6 pm at Rumney.

Budget Committee: *Barry Bolio, Ruth Dockter, Bill Dorigan, George Longenecker, and Elias Gardner*

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
AccountWages: Selectboard	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,213	\$3,213	0.00%
Wages: Selectboard Clerk	\$18,084	\$19,777	\$18,450		-100.00% **
Advertising/Printing	\$2,300	\$2,227	\$2,300	\$2,300	0.00%
Selectboard Courses	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0	100.00%
Discretionary Fund	\$11,000	\$820	\$10,000	\$2,800	-72.00%
Legal Fees	\$4,000	\$3,408	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Town Report	\$3,000	\$2,037	\$3,000	\$2,500	-16.67%
VLCT Dues	\$2,600	\$2,750	\$2,827	\$2,854	0.96%
County Tax	\$14,247	\$15,348	\$15,602	\$16,605	6.43%
CV Solid Waste	\$1,735	\$1,735	\$1,757	\$3,514	100.00%****
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$1,818	\$1,904	\$1,904	\$1,904	0.00%
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$378	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Tree Warden	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Elections	\$550	\$678	\$450	\$3,800	744.44%***
Misc. Expense	\$0	\$145	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Tax Abatements	\$0	\$455	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$63,084	\$54,874	\$64,003	\$43,990	-31.27%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
TOWN INSURANCES					
Workers Comp	\$11,909	\$15,971	\$13,000	\$20,000	53.85%
Unemployment Comp	\$1,488	\$608	\$1,500	\$750	-50.00%
Property & Casualty	\$13,853	\$17,970	\$22,000	\$27,000	22.73%
TOTAL	\$27,250	\$34,549	\$36,500	\$47,750	30.82%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Social Security	\$16,500	\$14,510	\$16,500	\$16,700	1.21%
Medicare	\$4,000	\$3,394	\$3,900	\$3,906	0.15%
Retirement	\$12,000	\$11,264	\$12,000	\$12,810	6.75%
Life/ADD Insurance	\$2,000	\$560	\$2,000	\$3,312	65.60%
Health Insurance	\$23,550	\$30,979	\$34,500	\$37,300	8.12%
TOTAL	\$58,050	\$60,707	\$68,900	\$74,028	7.44%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
ADMINISTRATION					
Wages: Office	\$24,607	\$20,791	\$53,353	\$74,320	39.30%**
Wages: Office Staff	\$27,700	\$19,338	\$0		0.00% **
Wages: Listers	\$7,000	\$3,528	\$7,500		-100.00%**
Clerical Mileage	\$250	\$0	\$250		-100.00%
Office Supplies	\$2,600	\$3,234	\$2,600	\$2,800	7.69%
Equipment Purchase	\$2,000	\$280	\$1,000	\$500	-50.00%
Telephone	\$4,200	\$4,354	\$4,200	\$4,400	4.76%
Postage	\$3,000	\$3,331	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Auditing	\$5,000	\$4,025	\$3,800	\$4,000	5.26%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$2,400	\$2,444	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$300	\$215	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Listing Mapping	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	0.00%
Copier Lease	\$2,500	\$2,055	\$2,500	\$2,100	-16.00%
Computer Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,612	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
TOTAL	\$87,307	\$69,206	\$86,753	\$99,670	14.89%

* Time is being donated. ** All office salaries have been combined. Listers, Office, Select Board Clerk, Treasurer, Town Clerk.

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	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
TOWN HALL					
Electricity	\$2,600	\$1,940	\$2,600	\$2,000	-23.08%
Heat	\$3,000	\$3,380	\$4,500	\$4,000	-11.11%
Grounds	\$1,500	\$2,315	\$1,500	\$2,500	66.67%
Building Repairs	\$5,000	\$4,286	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Street Lights	\$2,200	\$2,129	\$2,200	\$2,200	0.00%*****
TOTAL	\$12,100	\$11,921	\$12,600	\$14,700	16.67%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Health Officer	\$250	\$0	\$250		-100.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$0	\$1,760	\$750	\$2,000	166.67%
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Ambulance	\$57,694	\$57,694	\$59,720	\$61,810	3.50%
Speed Enforcement	\$7,500	\$5,263	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%
Dog Pound	\$800	\$450	\$800	\$500	-37.50%
Emergency Management	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$250	-66.67%
TOTAL	\$67,344	\$65,167	\$69,870	\$72,160	3.28%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
FD-Admin Asst.	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	-100.00%*
FD-Supplies	\$300	\$63	\$200	\$200	0.00%
FD-Equipment Repair	\$6,250	\$4,724	\$7,250	\$7,250	0.00%
FD-Equipment Purchase	\$2,260	\$7,695	\$2,100	\$2,400	14.29%
FD-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,023	\$1,000	\$1,100	10.00%
FD-Fast Squad	\$1,600	\$484	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
FD-Electricity	\$1,400	\$1,313	\$1,600	\$1,600	0.00%
FD-Fuel - Heat	\$5,500	\$3,760	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.00%
FD-Building Maintenance	\$2,600	\$1,899	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
FD-Radio Dispatch	\$13,200	\$12,834	\$17,864	\$19,470	8.99%*****
FD-VSFA Dues/Legal Fees	\$1,455	\$1,065	\$1,825	\$1,750	-4.11%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	0.00%
FD-GAS	\$5,000	\$1,404	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
FD-Stipends	\$3,000	\$3,920	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
FD-Communication/Radio	\$1,200	\$426	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.00%
TOTAL	\$46,015	\$40,610	\$49,289	\$50,220	1.89%
	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
PUBLIC WORKS					
Wages: Highway	\$176,430	\$167,553	\$179,959	\$191,810	6.59%
Winter Maintenance	\$71,500	\$77,426	\$69,000	\$69,000	0.00%
Summer Maintenance	\$26,725	\$21,579	\$29,575	\$29,575	0.00%
Equipment Maintenance	\$39,050	\$95,716	\$41,300	\$41,300	0.00%
Courses/Seminars	\$300	\$154	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Utilities	\$3,000	\$11,041	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Garage Maintenance	\$9,325	\$10,005	\$15,175	\$15,175	0.00%
Gas/Diesel/Oil	\$67,400	\$44,327	\$64,000	\$60,000	-6.25%
Culverts	\$2,000	\$12,105	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Signs	\$3,500	\$3,453	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
Bridge Fund	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Paving Fund	\$20,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$20,000	-33.33%
Construction	\$84,125	\$76,675	\$64,125	\$64,125	0.00%
Equipment Purchase	\$1,750	\$7,678	\$1,750	\$3,500	100.00%
Enhancement Grant Match	\$0	\$2,901	\$0		0.00%
TOTAL	\$509,305	\$533,115	\$510,884	\$508,285	-0.51%

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	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
CEMETERY					
Labor	\$4,300	\$5,060	\$4,300	\$4,300	0.00%
Materials	\$1,300	\$200	\$1,300	\$1,300	0.00%
Repair to Cemetery	\$0	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	0.00%
TOTAL	\$6,900	\$5,260	\$6,900	\$6,900	0.00%
RECREATION					
Wrightsville Beach	\$904	\$904	\$904	\$1,600	76.99%
Town BOR	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Learn to Swim Program	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	0.00%
Bandstand Mowing	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	0.00%
TOTAL	\$5,954	\$5,204	\$5,954	\$6,650	11.69%
DEBT SERVICE					
2010 International Dump	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$10,000	100.00%
2010 Int Dump Interest	\$1,500	\$1,214	\$0	\$879	100.00%
2004 Fire Truck	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		0.00%
2004 Fire Truck Interest	\$602	\$301	\$0		0.00%
Fire Station Bond	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0.00%
Fire Station Interest	\$24,585	\$25,766	\$24,585	\$23,357	-4.99%
2014 Western Star 4700 TR	\$29,010	\$29,007	\$29,010	\$29,008	-0.01%
2014 West. Star Trk-INTER	\$3,300	\$4,051	\$3,300	\$2,435	-26.21%
2015 GMC TRK-PRIN	\$0	\$5,870	\$5,870	\$5,870	0.00%
2015 GMC TRK - INT	\$0	\$859	\$866	\$520	-39.95%
2014 Komatsu Loader -PRIN	\$0	\$23,658	\$23,678	\$23,657	-0.09%
2014 Komatsu Loader-INT	\$0	\$3,461	\$2,662	\$2,094	-21.34%
1995 Fire Truck	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$7,500	25.00%
1995 Fire Truck Interest	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$750	-6.25%
Equipment Note FD	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Equipment Note FD Interes	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$285	-5.00%
TOTAL	\$138,997	\$174,186	\$139,071	\$148,355	6.68%
ZONING/BRD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Advertising	\$500	\$240	\$750	\$500	-33.33%
TOTAL	\$500	\$240	\$750	\$500	-33.33%
PLANNING COMMISSION					
Advertising	\$500	\$174	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Mail Drop/Postage	\$500	\$52	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Printing & Copying	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.00%
TOTAL	\$1,500	\$226	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
Total Before Special Articles	\$1,024,306	\$1,055,264	\$1,052,974	\$1,074,708	2.06%

* Time is being donated.

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Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY 16/17 Change
SPECIAL ARTICLES					
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.00%
Circle (Battered Women)	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	0.00%
CV Adult Basic Education	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Capstone Community Action	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249	0.00%
CV Council on Aging	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$1,500	500.00%
CV Economic Development	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$600	20.00%
CV Home Health & Hospice	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	0.00%
Family Center of Washington County	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$250	-50.00%
Girls/Boyz First Mentorin	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
Good Beginnings	\$0	\$0	\$249	\$250	0.40%
Green Mtn Transit	\$199	\$199	\$249	\$249	0.00%
Home Share Now	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.00%
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	\$26,800	\$26,800	\$27,760	\$27,760	0.00%
Middlesex Community Conn.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Middlesex Conservation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	-60.00%
Montpelier Senior Center	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$4,300	26.47%
Montpelier Veteran's Council	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$200	-20.00%
North Branch Nature Ctr	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$250	-75.00%
Our House	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	100.00%
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	0.00%
RSVP	\$750	\$750	\$250	\$0	-100.00%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	0.00%
The Childrens Room	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$250	25.00%
Vermont Cares	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.00%
VT Assoc for the Blind	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249	0.00%
VT Center for Indepen. Living	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195	0.00%
VT Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.00%
VT Rural Fire Prot Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Washington County Diversion	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.00%
Washington County Youth Service	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	0.00%
Waterbury Area Senior Ctr	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
TOTAL	\$50,111	\$50,111	\$61,570	\$59,821	-2.84%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,074,417	\$1,105,375	\$1,114,544	\$1,134,529	1.79%

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MIDDLESEX TOWN AUDITOR

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

In an effort to save resources along with printing and postage costs, we have decided to no longer print the 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 online at: www.middlesexvermont.org.

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

Helen Weed, Auditor

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

For the year ending June 30, 2015 a budget was approved for the General Fund for \$1,074,417, including special articles. Actual expenditures for this budget period were \$1,114,880, \$67,463 over budgeted expenses. There were some unforeseen expenses that were offset by an increase in revenue. The Select Board offset some of the expenses by decreasing the Fund Balance and using the discretionary fund. Please see the Select Board report for further explanation. We worked with the Select Board and all the departments to present a fiscal year 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,074, 708 (before Special Articles) for consideration of the voters. The proposed budget is a 2.06% increase over 2016-2017.

For the year ending, June 30, 2015 delinquent taxes were \$28,021. Payment agreements are in place for these funds. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney in June of each year. The delinquent tax payer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A Section 3258)

We look forward to a productive 2016 as we continue to serve the Town of Middlesex. Thank you for your continued support.

Cindy Carlson, Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	2015 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	\$1,443,399	1.6328	\$2,356,782
Non-Residential	528,756	1.5846	837,867
Municipal Property Valuation			
Tax Rate	1,970,057	0.4231	833,531

Total Billed			\$4,028,180
Add: Delinquent Taxes July 1, 2014			39,141
Total to be accounted for			\$4,067,321

Accounted for as Follows:

Property Taxes Collected			\$4,013,380
Discounts Allowed			25,593
Abatements/Adjustments			327
Delinquent Taxes Receivable - (Taxes Only) June 30, 2015			28,021

Total Accounted For			\$4,067,321
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NOTES PAYABLE

As of June 2015

Item	Outstanding Amount	Interest Rate	Matures
1995 Fire Truck	\$ 30,000	2.23%	2017
2010 International Truck	\$ 39,400	2.05%	2018
2014 Western Star Truck	\$116,029	2.79%	2019
2014 Komatsu Loader	\$ 94,631	2.95%	2019
2015 GMC 2500 PU	\$ 23,480	2.95%	2019
Repairs for 1995 Fire Truck	\$ 10,000	2.85%	2019
Fire Station	\$600,000	2.93%	2029

2015-2016 TAX EFFORT

2015-2016 General Government

Expenses	Expenses
Budget	\$ 542,090
Special Articles	61,570
1% Discounts	18,000
BCA Adjustments	-
Total Expenses	\$ 621,660

Receipts	Receipts
Interest	\$ 2,000
School Reimbursement	4,000
Licenses and Fees	22,000
Delinquent Tax Interest	4,000
RR Tax	1,670
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	51,973
PILOT/ Agency of Natural Resources	30,471
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000
Fund Balance Reduction	20,000
Total Receipts	\$ 146,114

Total General Government **\$ 475,546**

2014-2015 Highway

Expenses	Expenses
Budget	\$ 510,884

Receipts	Receipts
State Aid to Highways	\$ 114,513
Other	-
Total Highway	\$ 396,371

Sub-total **\$ 871,917**

Total Municipal Tax Effort **\$ 871,917**

2015 Grand List	\$1,991,844.95
2015 Homestead Tax Rate	1.757(State of Vermont)
2015 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.576(State of Vermont)
2015 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4377
Local Agreement Rate	0.0016
Total Town Tax Rate	0.4393

Total Non- Residential Rate	2.015
Total Residential Rate	2.1965

2015 DOG REPORT

Total Number of Dogs Registered 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015: 246

Total Fees Collected: \$2,240

Total Fees to State: \$987

Licensing your dog is easy, affordable and, also, the law.

One tag is good for a year and costs less than a week's worth of puppy chow - \$9 per spayed/neutered animal; \$13 for all others. Here are just some of the advantages of licensing:

- 1) Helps the town maintain a record of each dog, including its owner and phone number, in case the dog is lost or found.
- 2) Insures that all dogs are current on their vitally important rabies vaccines at a time when rabies cases are increasing in Vermont.
- 3) Offsets the cost of maintaining a town Animal Control Officer, while \$5 from each license funds the state's spay and neutering program.

By Vermont law, all dogs must be licensed by April 1st. Please call 223-5915 for more information.

2015 MARRIAGES

Spouse	Spouse	Date
Shalini Narasipur Suryanarayana	Joseph Wade Loga	June 20
Frances Julia Johanna Wade	Asher Michael Burns-Burg	June 20
Jesse David Sipple	Jennifer Ashely Holmes	June 20
Kelley Erin Moran	Philip Andrew Giles	June 22
Lawrence Albert Desillier, II	Linda May Alexander	July 14
Mikaela Ann Ryan	Ryan Christopher Pearson	July 25
Elissa Catherine Johnk	Sarah Katz	August 1
Taylor Ellen Kloss	Jeb Andrew Pittsinger	September 12

2015 DEATHS

Name	Date	Age
Samuel Sussman	March 16	92
Katharine Kiernan	April 19	70
Elaine Keen Harrington	July 16	65
Mary Margaret McKay	July 19	84
Lawrence Albert Desillier, II	November 23	70

2015 BIRTHS

Parents	Gender	Month
Geraldine Beatrice Vatan Jackson Thomas Joshua Jackson	Boy: Matisse Vatan Jackson	February 20
Ashley Marie Demers Joshua Randall Demers	Girl: Zoey Marie Demers	March 31
Shauna Bisson Redmond Justin Paul Redmond	Boy: Blakely Alan Redmond	March 15
Crystal Lynn Pierce Stanley Allen Lund	Girl: Stephany Mae Lund	April 4
Stephanie Lauren Boucher Nicholas Dominic Dentico	Girl: Amelie Raine Boucher	April 15
Courtney Lee Lacillade Brandon Charles-Lee Codling	Girl: Alexis Lee Codling	April 27
Jessica Rae Patterson	Girl: Taylor Drew Patterson	July 7
Caitlin Dee Hopkins Donald Edward Bean III	Boy: Matthew Ryan Bean	July 30
Cynthia Rachel Barry Douglas Joseph Barry	Girl: Evelyn Sky Barry	August 23
Desiree Emilia Matheson Gordon David Matheson	Girl: Mila Rae Matheson	August 31
Michelle Lynne Thomas Travis Steven Beto	Boy: Henry Banyan Beto	September 2
Brittany Abigail Mcallister Mitchell Richard Mcallister	Boy: Brycen Cole Mcallister	October 1
Patricia Renee Harris Nathan Sonny Picard	Girl: Rocquelle Renee Picard	October 21
Emily Rose Leader Brian Todd Tagliaferro	Girl: Claramae Ruth Tagliaferro	October 28
Nichole Lynn Martin Nicholas Dwight Martin	Girl: Ellie Virginia Martin	December 31

MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MARCH 3, 2015

Meeting convenes at 4:35 p.m. Don Dockter and Jeff Koonz present the colors. Brian Tagliaferro urges residents to attend the all-you-can eat pie breakfast March 21, 2015, to benefit the PTO and the Middlesex Bandstand series. Sarah Seidman of the Middlesex Historical Society encourages residents to join for \$1 and notes that the historic train station in Middlesex Village will turn 100 in 2018. It will be demolished by the railroad if it is not removed and preserved before that. Vermont State Representative Tony Klein laments inaction in the state legislature and answers questions about mandatory vaccines and possible school consolidation.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:50 p.m. 2014 Moderator Susan Clark reviews Roberts Rules of Order.
Civil invocation at 4:55 p.m. by Dan Krezinski.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Chip Darmstadt nominates Susan Clark. John Dick seconds. The motion passes. Susan Clark is elected Moderator for the 2015 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year. Tim Hayward nominates Larry Mandell. Anita Krauth seconds. The motion passes. Larry Mandell is elected Grand Juror and Town Agent.

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Jeff Koonz moves; Ron Krauth seconds. Michael Levine suggests the budget figures in the report be rounded off in order to be easier to compare. Also, he wants to know where the mud mitigation, as indicated in the Town Highway report, will occur. Highway Foreman Paul Cerminara says the road crew will work on two sections of Center Road, one below

Zdon Road and the other in the dip before the hill leading up to the Middlesex Center Cemetery. They will also try to smooth Molly Supple Hill Road. Select Board Member Liz Scharf asks if the school has been notified that Shady Rill Road will be closed for the summer due to resurfacing; Paul says they've been apprised. The article passes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1% on the net property taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773) John Dick moves; Jeff Koonz seconds. Gordon Grunder asks how much the discount costs the town. Select Board Chair Peter Hood says about \$20,000 total and that the Select Board put this item on the Warning because interest rates had plummeted. When interest rates were high and the town had to borrow money at the beginning of the fiscal year, the town offered a 2% discount rate as incentive. Then it was lowered to 1.5% and now a proposed 1%. The motion passes.

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 5136) Jeff Koonz moves; Anita Krauth seconds. Peter Hood notes that the town has historically charged 1% per month and that was reduced to .7% per month to reflect lower interest rates. The .5% interest proposal follows the same reasoning. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 9: (This article was considered at 5:10 p.m.) Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board) Janette Shaffer moves; Michael Katzenberg seconds. Sarah Seidman asks how much is in the Conservation Fund right now. Dave Shepard, chair of the Conservation Commission, says over \$17,000 – about as much as the commission had when it purchased the town forest. Gordon Grunder asks if there are current projects in the works. Dave says nothing in the pipeline. Mike Levine asks for a clarification in that there are ongoing projects for which the money could be used. Dave says the fund could be used to acquire more land or land management. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM) Eric Benedict moves; William McManis seconds. Susan notes that the budget is \$1,052,974 for fiscal year 2016. Peter says the budget represents a 2.16% increase over the previous year and attributes that to a change in benefits among town employees. Most of the budget goes to the highway department.

Sarah Seidman asks about the mowing budget. Peter says the town will start mowing twice a year, spring and late summer, to prevent dispersal of invasive species. She also asks about the 216% increase in the office salary staff. Ron Krauth explains that the percentage is confusing since, according to the his budget template, level funding would be shown as a 100% increase. Treasurer Cindy Carlson says the line item is also misleading because all office staff including town clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer and zoning administrator have been combined into one. Ruth Dockter asks which budget is correct: the \$1,024,036 in the Budget Committee Report or the \$1,052,974 in the proposed budget. Peter says it's the latter. Eric Benedict praises the road crew. Julie Moore asks if there will be a reduction in PILOT payments to the town. Peter says the state has not informed Middlesex of any changes. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition) Linda Prescott moved to accept; Sarah Braun-Hamilton seconds. Marcie Andres notes that for years she worked at CVABE and provided an extremely valuable service for many Middlesex residents. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500.00 to help support the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition.) Ron Krauth moves; Jeff Koonz seconds. Peter Hood says he serves on the board as has fellow Select Board Member Mary Just Skinner in the past. Central Vermont needs jobs and this organization helps facilitate that. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition) John Dick moves; Doug French seconds. Mary Hood notes her support for the organization. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to help support Community Connections? (By Petition) Wendy Freundlich moves; Jane Dudley seconds. Scott Harvey asks what it is. Wendy says it provides before and after-school child care. Liz Scharf says her kids have used it not for child care but for high-quality programs. Marcie Andres says it's a great program for rural children because then they have other kids to play with. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 to help support The Family Center of Washington County? (By Petition) Mary Hood moves; Paul Zabriskie seconds. Liz Scharf voices support. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition) Laura Lyle moves; Sarah Knauss seconds. Wendy Freundlich, the program director, explains the mentoring program, one of whom is Selma Hadzic of Middlesex. Selma says the program gave her a "big sister," and changed her outlook on life and increased her happiness to great applause. Lynn

Walther corrects the 2014 Town Report. There were ten mentees, not mentors. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$27,760 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition) Linda Prescott moves; John Puleio seconds. Jeff Koonz asks why there's a 5% increase in this year's request. Michael Katzenberg, a library trustee, says the cost of everything goes up. Besides, this is the first increase in four or five years so there's some catching up to do. Mary Hood, a retired librarian, speaks in favor. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3400 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015? (By Petition.) Barbara Buckley moves, Ruth Dockter seconds. Lynn Walther speaks in support. Lisa Carlson questions the wording of the article since the fiscal year is almost done. Janna Clair, director of the senior center, says it's a typo. The article should read within the fiscal year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. John John Dick moves an amendment to correct the dates; Eric Benedict seconds. The motion passes and the article is amended to July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition.) Anita Krauth moves, Lisa Carlson seconds. Anita asks that Chip Darmstadt speak since he directs the North Branch Nature Center. Chip lists its programs and services. John Puleio asks if surrounding towns participate in funding the center. Chip says Montpelier and East Montpelier. The motion passes.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to help support the Waterbury Area Senior Center? Mary Hood moves; Lauri Scharf seconds. Linda Prescott asks what services are provided. The voters permit Karol Smith, director of the center, to speak. She says the main focus of her program is Meals on Wheels which serves meals to an average of 30 to 45 residents in Middlesex. The program asks for donations of \$4 for each meal from its recipients. The focus is on keeping senior citizens fed at home instead of malnourished and in the hospital.

Ruth Dockter asks how many members are from Middlesex. Karol says there are no members; the center counts by meal. Karol says federal funding makes up one-third of the center's budget. Mary Hood, who used to volunteer for the program, asks how many deliverers are volunteers. Karol says they are all volunteers. Mary asks why Duxbury and Moretown contribute \$5,000/year even though their populations are similar to Middlesex. Karol says because more residents in Middlesex avail themselves of Meals on Wheels and the volunteers have to travel further. Eric Benedict asks if mileage is reimbursed. Karol says yes, but that fewer than half of the volunteers seek reimbursement. Michael Katzenberg says it's a wonderful program that deserves the town's support. Janet Andrews notes that since Meals on Wheels is

federally funded, by law it cannot charge per meal. She says the cost per meal needs to come down and asks why the town would donate \$10,000 to the Waterbury Senior Center when it approved only \$3,400 to the Montpelier Senior Center. Ruth Dockter asks the cost of each meal. Karol says each meal costs \$7.50. Of that, \$3.50 is paid for by the federal government. The rest must come from donations. Shawn Fielder asks for a count of meals served to Middlesex residents. Karol says she doesn't have that figure with her. Sarah Seidman moves to amend the article to reduce the expenditure to the same as what was just approved for the Montpelier Senior Center - \$3,400. Janet Andrew seconds. Lisa Carlson notes that keeping senior citizens out of the hospital has many benefits, including savings for taxpayers. She says it's not unreasonable to pay more than other towns because Middlesex is farther away than Duxbury and Moretown. Kathy Shapiro notes that the Montpelier Senior Center provides different services and has a broader base of support. It might be an unfair comparison. Randy Brown asks how the center settled on a request of \$10,000. Karol says that's what the town has approved in the past. John Dick disagrees with the motion to reduce funding. One is a center that offers exercise classes; the other provides Meals on Wheels. Linda Prescott says she sees a disparity in what Middlesex is paying vs. other communities. Whether or not that's the case, she feels as if the town goes through this argument every year because voters are not given the statistics they need to make an informed decision. She is quite tired of the WASC asking for more money without clear, concise statistics. Myron Dorfman speaks in support of the center. Mary Hood questions whether recipients could pay more. Karol says the average donation is \$1.29 instead of the suggested \$4. Janette Shaffer agrees that the town wrangles with these same questions year after year. Charlie Merriman asks what the \$10,000 request would cost each taxpayer using a per penny tax rate formula. Peter calculates \$11 for a \$200,000 property. Liz Scharf notes that no one in the room is against Meals on Wheels. She is happy to give \$11. But the \$10,000 request feels arbitrary and she wants the center to return next year with real numbers. Tim Kasten calls the question to great applause. The amendment fails. Lynn Walther moves to amend the request to \$5,000. Mary Ann Johnson seconds. Shawn Fielder asks what would be the impact on the center of \$5,000 vs. \$10,000 and notes he raised the same issues two years ago and, yet, the center failed to return with better statistics. Karol says last year the center received nothing from Middlesex because they couldn't get 75 signatures on a petition. Meals were reduced, though the center is under contract with the state to deliver a certain number of meals each year. Dave Magida expresses frustration with the lack of statistics. Greg Whitchurch says it doesn't matter what Duxbury or Moretown pay because the town doesn't have the stats to know if their appropriations are justified, either. Andy Leader notes the town gave \$5,000 to the Conservation Fund without any discussion. Dave Shepard asks if the data the voters want is even something the center can produce. Karol says she has lots of data – but what does the town want? Jane Dudley says this is the cost of living in a rural community. The amendment fails. The original article stands and is approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,160 to support the following organizations:

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

Linda Prescott moves; Joe Loga seconds, The motion passed.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. John Puleio notes this summer marks the tenth anniversary of the Middlesex Bandstand Concert Series and says there will be a barbeque and extra festivities planned.

Town Meeting adjourns at 6:50 p.m.

Approved by the following:



 Peter O. Hood, Middlesex Select Board Chair

3/5/15

 Date



 Susan Clark, Moderator of the 2015 Town Meeting

3-5-15

 Date

I so attest that the above approved minutes were recorded in the Middlesex Town Records on March __, 2015.



 Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

3/5/15

 Date

MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year has been a somewhat normal year for calls received by the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department. As of December 15, 2015 we had received and responded to a total of 81 calls. The type and number of calls are as follows: Vehicle incidents 37, vehicle fires 8, structure fires 6, hazards 6, wildland fires 2, alarms 10, mutual aid 5, and other 7.

We have put our new-to-us engine (a 1995 KME pumper) in service this year and it greatly adds to our capability. New for this year we have started tracking the number of volunteer hours members have provided beyond going to calls and training. Members of the department have provided 148 hours of additional service to the department and community this year.

We are asking for your help. Our Department is small and we are always looking for new members to join the us. Besides joining the Department to be a firefighter or EMT, we could use members whose role is to help out with the routine operations needed to run a fire department: Such as small engine maintenance, vehicle maintenance and inspection, fire equipment maintenance and inspection, and building and grounds maintenance. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter or EMT we can arrange the training for you. If you would like to help the department in some other way please come and talk to us. We have monthly training on the first Tuesday of every month and our monthly business meeting is the on the third Tuesday of every month, both start at 7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing more members of the community on your Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Hanson, Chief

Jeff Koonz, President

MIDDLESEX FAST SQUAD

Middlesex supports an Emergency Medical System they should be very proud of. Middlesex EMS consists of a “Fast Squad” and transporting ambulance from Montpelier.

Your Middlesex Fast Squad consists of 4 EMT’s - Jeff Koonz of Middlesex, Doug Hanson of Montpelier, Bob & Marge Bower of Moretown who respond to a remarkable 85% of emergency requests. 141 times in 2015 one or all of these 4 individuals stopped what they were doing, they leave family dinners, warm beds and other responsibilities to respond to the EMS requests of Middlesex. In today’s climate of Fast Squads and EMS these numbers are remarkable and something I am very proud of. We are proud to sponsor Anthony Rieder as our newest recruit. Anthony is a Middlesex resident, U32 student who is involved in the Barre Technical School firefighting and EMS training. He is currently in the EMT class, will be responding to calls with fast squad members to learn the ropes prior to achieving his full EMT license.

Equally important is our partnership with Montpelier Fire and Ambulance. Middlesex has a contract which guarantees an ambulance response. Montpelier staffs their ambulance with 2 advanced EMT’s, providing excellent care and additional treatments helpful prior to getting to the ER. Rarely are both Montpelier ambulances at other calls, but those few times, other local ambulances are able to make it to Middlesex quickly. We are lucky to have the support of staffed ambulance service to respond 100% of the time.

The state recently updated the EMS protocols for all providers. This required additional training by all levels of EMT’s to match the latest National standards and research.

A few stats for 2015 include 158 calls for Middlesex EMS were made. 73 times the calls were for medical assistance, and 18 calls for trauma issues, 30 calls to the interstate, 26 lift assists and 6 motor vehicle crashes in Middlesex (other than the interstate) Middlesex Fast Squad also covers the back side of the river in Moretown and was called there 6 times in 2015.

Imagine driving to your residence in the dark of night. Is your house easily visible? Are your house numbers still visible? Imagine how much easier it would be to find the right location quickly if you had many indoor and outdoor lights on, or a car in the driveway with it’s 4 ways on. Help us help you!

While we have the greatest fast squad, there are ways to make us better. We would welcome new members interested in providing emergency care, especially those available in Middlesex during the day. No experience is necessary to start. Joining for a probationary period is job shadowing at Fast Squad Calls. As you develop experience and obtaining training, you can then be providing care to those in need and assisting the transporting ambulance crew.

For more information about joining the fast squad, or general EMS information email or call: Marge Bower, director of the fast squad. margebower@comcast.net home - 299-1935.

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middlesex Conservation Commission's (MCC) mission is to conserve the town's natural and cultural resources. The MCC works with the Town's other governmental entities and the public to identify and assess resources, offer the town and landowners guidance on planning for the conservation of these resources, and educate the residents of Middlesex the importance of conserving these resources. The Town has a modest conservation fund to help conserve the Town's natural, scenic, recreational and historic and cultural resources. The MCC's volunteer members are appointed by the Middlesex Selectboard for staggered terms of four years. The MCC meets at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00 p.m.

Summary of 2015 Activities:

Middlesex Town Forest – During 2015, the Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) continued scouting a trail route in the Town Forest to culminate at a viewpoint on the ridgeline of Chase Mountain. Trail scouting outings occurred in April and October. A flagline has now been completed to demarcate the proposed trail route, and with some fine tuning in the spring of 2016, we anticipate trail construction to begin during the 2016 field season. Two natural history walks, led by Middlesex residents, were held in the Town Forest – a bird walk led by Chip Darmstadt in July, and a geology walk in September under the guidance of Larry Becker. In December the Select Board approved a purchase and sale agreement for an important land addition to the Town Forest. The 38.9 acre property, known as the Steed parcel, was part of the property that the Town Forest was initially created from, but had been retained by the original owners. This latest acquisition was made possible, in part, by \$20,000 from the Middlesex Conservation Fund that has been supported for many years by appropriations approved by voters at Town Meeting. This parcel occupies a key location adjacent to the Town Forest and its purchase will protect the Town's investment in the Town Forest and provides much better access to the Forest. The following individuals, who are not also MCC members, served on the Committee in 2015: Steve Juiffre, Brian Redmond and Bill Rossmassler. The MCC also thanks John Buddington for his support with field activities and with mapping and recording information from field trips and to Seth Coffey for lending his expertise in trail design and layout.

Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area – The MCC participated in initial discussions of potential changes in the ownership and management of the lands of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area.

Green Up - MCC members staffed the Town Garage to accept roadside trash collected by town residents and to segregate landfill and metal recycling waste streams. Once again, thanks to the Middlesex road crew for providing trucks and hauling the collected trash to the transfer station and to Bolduc's Salvage for the metal recycling roll-off .

Spring Salamander Migration – This past spring the MCC coordinated an effort to assist salamanders and other amphibians with crossing Molly Supple Hill Road near the intersection with East Hill Road. Salamanders and other amphibians journey from the wooded uplands, where they spend most of the year, to their spring breeding habitat. Volunteers were on hand during several rainy April evenings at this significant crossing to help the amphibians across the road unscathed and to collect data on numbers of amphibians for the North Branch Nature Center. This effort supplemented the actions of Middlesex residents who have been

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offering similar assistance to our resident amphibians. Thanks to Wendy Knapp for allowing the MCC to copy a salamander crossing sign that she created so that we could mark the Molly Supple Road crossing site.

Additions and Departures -

During 2015 members Barry Goodman and Rich Langdon stepped down from the MCC. The MCC thanks both Barry and Rich for their service to the town. Barry joined the MCC in 2004 and had been secretary since 2006. The MCC welcomed new members Dick Alderman and Larry Becker in 2015. Dick had served as liaison with the Planning Commission before officially joining the MCC.

Agendas and minutes for MCC meetings are posted on the Town of Middlesex website at <http://middlesexvermont.org>. If you would like to find out more about the MCC, please feel free to get in touch with any one of us.

Respectfully Submitted, *Dick Alderman, Larry Becker, Scott Gurley, George Longenecker, Charlie Merriman, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard*

<h2 style="margin: 0;">MIDDLESEX LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM</h2>

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

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

Last summer, one session was offered and 35 Middlesex children participated. Parents appreciated the opportunity to have their children take swim lessons at an affordable price. Thank you to the town residents for supporting this important program and to First in Fitness for offering swim lessons at a reduced price.

Balance from 2013: \$1175.50

Total Expenses: \$1350.00 (for one swim session)

Town Contribution: \$675.00

Income

2014 Town Contributions:

Fees Collected from Swimmers: \$680.00

Payment made from funds: \$675.00

End Balance: \$1180.50

<p>If anyone would like to take over this volunteer opportunity of organizing lessons with First in Fitness, please email me at the contact below. Thank you!</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Goodwin - email: goodwin.debbie@comcast.net

MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The highlights of 2015 included a very popular fall slideshow and talk by David Newhall and Manny Garcia on the building of the interstate highway through town. The Society was grateful to receive Janet McKinstry's donation of the burial records for the North Branch cemetery. McKinstry worked for 14 years taking photos of each gravesite and creating a guide to locations. The group was also delighted to receive a donation from Bill and Cindy Huntsman of a handwritten and handmade history of Middlesex. Sadly, plans to restore the village railroad station are once again at a standstill. It is time for our community to decide whether we allow the building to crumble or come together as a town to help save this historic relic before its 100th birthday in 2018.

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

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

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

Patty Wiley, President, Sarah Seidman, V.P./Secretary, Dick Alderman, Treasurer

MIDDLESEX LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

During 2015, the Select Board approved undertaking a full reappraisal of all Middlesex taxable properties. Private contractor, Richard Lewis Appraisals, Inc., of South Barre was hired to conduct the reappraisal. Richard Lewis began the onsite inspections in July 2015 completing about 40% of them by the end of the year. The contract is a 2-year contract with the results to impact the town's Grand List of April 1, 2017. The Listers remain responsible for producing the April 1, 2016 Grand List. Property tax payers will not bear the burden of the costs of the reappraisal as they are covered by a special town reappraisal fund established by the State.

The town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) ratio for 2015 was calculated by the State at 94.46%. This compares with 97.39 for 2014. A perfect CLA would be 100. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), a ratio which reflects the uniformity of assessing the wide variety of Grand List properties, came in at 10.62%. The ratio was 8.83% in 2014. The decision to conduct a town-wide reappraisal was based not so much on CLA and COD ratios but more on the fact that Middlesex's last full, town-wide reappraisal occurred back in 2004, more than 10 years ago. Lewis helped on the 2004 reappraisal and conducted an update appraisal in 2009.

Taxable properties in town numbered 909 as of April 2015 with a total assessment of \$211,745,100. This compares with 904 properties in 2014 assessed at \$209,655,800. The number of properties enrolled in the Current Use Program is 93 compared to 91 in 2014. Eight properties are currently qualified for the Veteran Exemption assessment deduction versus nine from the previous year.

Ten residential, arm-length sales were recorded in Middlesex during the year ending March 31, 2015 ranging in price from a home and 73.22 acres on East Hill Road for \$512,000 to a home and 1.68 acres for \$172,000 on Church Street. A 2-unit apartment on Church Street went for \$260,000 and a commercial sale on Three Mile Bridge Road for \$200,000. There were seven land sales ranging from a 3.4 acre lot on South Bear Swamp Road for \$52,000 to a 52-acre parcel on privately-maintained, East Culver Hill Road at \$330,000.

Dick Alderman, Caleb Deane, and Eric Young
Middlesex Listers

ZONING ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT						
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Permits	42	31	37	47	29	37
Fees Collected	\$7,610	\$4,500	\$4,425	\$6,035	\$3,460	\$5,380
New Single Family Dwellings	7	6	3	5	4	7

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission's primary activity in 2015 was the revision and update of the Middlesex Land Use & Development Regulations. The current version of the Regulations was approved by town voters at the March 2011 Town Meeting with changes mostly pertaining to Section 5.6 regarding Flood Hazard Areas and the Flood Hazard Area Overlay District.

The main goals of the latest revision is improved organization and easier to use, more friendly zoning regulations. Public hearings on the revised regulations will be scheduled, one by the Planning Commission and at least one by the Selectboard. The first of the hearings will likely take place in the spring with a final town vote at the November 2016 Elections.

Steve Martin, Chair; Thea Schwartz, Vice-Chair; Dick Alderman, Secretary; Theo Kennedy and John Krezinsky

<h3>TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE</h3>

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

Town Meeting: Participating from Home or Afar

Do you have a neighbor or family member who'd like to attend town meeting but doesn't—whether due to health or mobility issues, or because they are away in the military or public service? The Solutions Committee can help. Since 2008, the Solutions Committee has made it possible for Middlesex voters in remote locations to participate in town meeting. Via phone and internet, participants are able to see and be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, and hear and speak to the assembly. No technological expertise is necessary, and we can set you up with a computer if you need it. Our goal is to allow participation for these citizens while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those in the meeting room. We've heard from both town meeting attendees and remote participants that the experience has been very positive. To learn more about this free service, please contact Janette Shaffer, rtpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-989-2477 (by Friday, 2/19).

Community Communication

- **Front Porch Forum (FPF):** Middlesex's use of Front Porch Forum, our free online "bulletin board," has continued to grow every year. Sign up, and you can be in on community news, timely postings about road conditions, informative and often comical postings from our town clerk, ongoing sagas about lost and found pets, lots of great yard sale items, and more. This year Middlesex's FPF added about 100 members, and as of January, 2016, Middlesex's FPF had 1,102 members out of an estimated 690 households. Together we have posted

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approximately 13,049 messages to date. Middlesex's use of FPF began in June, 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee. If you have email, you can join FPF. It's free! Go to www.FrontPorchForum.com.

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

- The Solutions Committee encourages all residents to check in regularly with the **Middlesex Website**, www.middlesexvermont.org, ably maintained by our Town Clerk's office. You'll always find fresh news and community announcements here, as well as meeting minutes, contact information, and more.

And more...

Other Solutions Committee projects have included: working with the Town Clerk's office to create charts that help make Middlesex's budget information clearer (thanks to Treasurer Cindy Carlson, and also to Middlesex resident John Riley of Capital Accounting Services for donating his services to this project!); promoting child care for town meeting with Rumney Community Connections; helping coordinate the town meeting dinner hosted by the Rumney School to benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf and other volunteers!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Select Board on a "Welcome New Voter" letter sent to people who were added to the Middlesex checklist this year, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing "Town Meeting Tidbits" via Front Porch Forum and information on how to participate in town meeting; and more.

Many thanks to committee members Ron Krauth, Tim Murphy, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, and Barb and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of the Middlesex Select Board, Middlesex School Board (shout out to Lauri Scharf), and others.

Middlesex's democracy can always use fresh ideas. Stop by one of our meetings to have a cookie and share an idea, or get involved in specific projects. Contact Susan Clark, 223-5824, sclark@sover.net.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Clark, Chair

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and consultations with local officials. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5-year capital program. CVRPC continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements, and amended the 2008 Regional Plan. The Commission has been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of Local Emergency Operations Plans. The Commission continued its assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to the impacted towns, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds to repair local infrastructure. CVRPC continued its work with towns on assessing green stormwater infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws, as well as finalizing the Forest Stewardship Plan. CVRPC is developing the 2016 Regional Plan with its "*Plan Central Vermont*" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town of Middlesex with administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, development of the Local Emergency Operations and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, Better Back Roads grant application, updating the parcel maps, bridge and culvert inventory, Mad River Byway, and assistance with review of the Zoning Bylaws.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in State regulatory proceedings for projects that have impacts across municipal boundaries. CVRPC provides model bylaws and assists 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, water quality, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org.

Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director

Ron Krauth, Commissioner

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

In FY15, CVSWMD provided \$12,917 in School Zero Waste and Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$3,705 in Green Up Day Grants to member municipalities. The Town of Middlesex received a \$374 Green Up Day Grant. Rumney Memorial School received a \$1,424.78 School Zero Waste Grant to purchase a water bottle refilling station.

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

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soilsaver composting units and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has **86** participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated **1,276 tons** of food scraps to composting facilities in FY15.
- **School Composting (part of our School Zero Waste Program):** All 25 public schools in the district participate in this program. Over the course of the 2014-2015 school year, our schools diverted an estimated **295,840 pounds** (or 147.92 tons) of high quality food scraps.
 - Rumney Memorial School is in a successful partnership with a local farm, which composts its food scraps. The partnership was established and facilitated by CVSWMD staff. With guidance from CVSWMD staff, the school began a student Green Team in FY 15, involved in the collection and management of the school's food scraps.
 - U-32 High School has diverted 6.5 tons of food scraps from the landfill in FY2015

Special Collections: In 2015, nine events were held, in which CVSWMD collected household hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.

Two collections were held close to Middlesex, one in Barre and one in Montpelier. 94 visitors to our Additional Recyclables Collection Center came from Middlesex.

Web Site: CVSWMD posts useful information about what can be recycled, how to dispose of hazardous waste, and about our goal to move toward Zero Waste, including the "A to Z Guide," Act 148, Paint Care guidelines, dates and times of our special collections, and strategies for achieving a Zero Waste household.

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

MIDDLESEX BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES

This past summer, Middlesex's beautiful Bandstand celebrated its 10th summer concert season with a fabulous series of concerts capped by the most spectacular rainbow ever.

The Bandstand was constructed in 2005 with the help of over 100 individuals and local businesses, volunteer labor, and the support of the Select Board and local organizations. It was dedicated to the memory of two well-known musicians from Middlesex: Martha Pellerin, French-Canadian musician, folklorist and educator; and Andy Shapiro, blues-jazz-gospel keyboardist, teacher and performer.

The mission of the Bandstand has been to present top-quality musical performances to a growing local audience. Last summer, financially underwritten, as always, by many local businesses (thank you!), the schedule included Tammy Fletcher & the Disciples; Joshua Panda; Big Hat No Cattle; Jeremiah McLane/Sarah Blair/Owen Marshall; Katie Trautz & the Green Mountain Playboys; and Even Crandell & Too Hot to Handle. Listeners enjoyed a mix of gospel, R&B, Western swing, Celtic/Quebecois, Cajun, and funk and jazz styles—with great food by Mediterranean Mix. What's more, the night of our final concert, the community was treated to a free barbecue to celebrate our first decade, and with an end-to-end double-rainbow that was...amazing.

Six more incredible concerts are planned for this coming summer, so please block out your WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 6:30 p.m. starting the first Wednesday after July 4. Watch for updates on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and our website, <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesexbandshell1/>. Contact: John at 229-0881 or Elliot at 272-4920

Middlesex Bandstand Committee

Dick Alderman, Elliot Burg, Jerry Gormley, Mary Nealon, Margot Prendergast, John Puleio and Ron Sweet



MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF

The Middlesex Food Shelf (MFS) offers a range of boxed and canned food, meats, prepared foods, bread, beverages, toiletries, and pet food to residents of Middlesex and neighboring towns. Housed in the Middlesex United Methodist Church, it is open Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. On arrival, clients identify their town of residence and the number of people in their household. No further identification is required. In 2015, the food shelf had 513 such visits by a household (not necessarily distinct households since most clients are returning visitors). Based on the clients' reports of household size, in 2015 the MFS assisted individuals with their food needs a total of 1,364 times. For Thanksgiving, the food shelf gave out 40 free turkeys.

Client numbers are comparable to those of two years ago, after a peak last year:

Households Assisted—2013: 515; 2014: 597; 2015: 513

Individuals Assisted—2013: 1,447; 2014: 1,713; 2015: 1364

Weekly Average—2013: 10 households, 28 individuals; 2014: 11 households, 33 individuals; 2015: 10 households, 26 individuals

In 2015, about 31% of the food shelf clients lived in Middlesex. It is quite common for residents of a community to seek out food shelves elsewhere, for reasons of privacy, and our open-door policy works well in reciprocity with other area food shelves.

As a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, the MFS benefits from Foodbank training sessions and acquires food every week from the South Barre distribution center, some items at no cost, others at discounted prices. The MFS derives most of its revenue from the Middlesex Community Fall Harvest Dinner at Rumney School, supplemented by individual monetary donations throughout the year. To make a deductible donation, look for the handy jar on the Town Clerk's desk, or send a check payable to "Middlesex Food Shelf" to the Middlesex Food Shelf, c/o Ben Skolnik, 114 East Hill Road, Middlesex, VT 05602. Food donations are always welcome, especially tuna, soups, peanut butter, and toiletries. A food donation box is in the lobby of Rumney School. Fresh produce and eggs are best delivered to the food shelf just before the Saturday session begins at 9:00 AM.

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

Middlesex residents contribute to the food shelf in many ways—with cash, checks, produce, eggs, and even knitted hats. Thanks to all. We also want to thank the following: David Specht of the Middlesex Country Store; Red Hen Bread; Ben and Jerry's; Joe Buley of Screamin' Ridge Farm; the VT State Police of the Middlesex barracks for a Christmas food donation; Eric Benedict and Cub Scout Pack No. 777 for a donation of firewood to a food shelf family; the postal workers at the Moretown Post Office—carriers Reg Elwell and Joe Bresette and

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postmaster Beth Neill—for donating 12 boxes of food collected during the May Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; Pat Allen and the late Frank Allen for their many years of dedication to the food shelf; the Middlesex United Methodist Church for housing the food shelf and helping in many other ways; and the Rumney School staff, parents, and kids for the always spectacular fall food drive. Hunger and food insecurity are huge problems worldwide, and it is good to know that here in Middlesex, through a friendly and caring food shelf, neighbors are giving an assist to a grateful clientele.

Dave Carkeet (retiring coordinator), Ben Skolnik (incoming coordinator; benskoln@gmail.com), Liz Scharf (Ms. Steady; liz.scharf@gmail.com)

MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
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Last year, the Middlesex Select Board approved two Milford Leonard Scholarships which are awarded annually by a representative from the Select Board and the Rumney School Board. According to Mr. Leonard's will, the scholarship should be used for the "benefit of a child or children residing in the Town of Middlesex desiring to attend a summer camp that provides programs in one or more of the following fields: animal husbandry, agriculture or forestry practices, natural sciences, conservation and wildlife management, with preference being given to children of limited or modest resources."

If you know a child who might qualify for the above, please send a letter outlining why, which camp and how much it costs to the Town Clerk's Office by April 15, 2016. The committee will review candidates and make its recommendation to the Select Board for final approval and release of funds.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your local health district office is located in Barre City in the McFarland Office Building (Suite 250) at 5 Perry Street and the phone number is 802-479-4200. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Between 2014 and 2015, Community Connections and Central Vermont New Directions Coalition were awarded two Health Department grants totaling approximately \$205,000. These funds were used to create the conditions that reduce physical inactivity, inadequate nutrition, tobacco use and substance abuse in Middlesex and five surrounding towns.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Middlesex, 40 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Starting in March of 2016, families served by WIC will be able to shop for WIC foods themselves rather than having them delivered, increasing choice and flexibility.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 177 cases of infectious disease in Washington County. In that same time period, \$13.9 million of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, over \$1.3 million of which was in your district's area.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Central Vermont's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, approximately \$64,000 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at The University of Vermont Health Network – Central Vermont Medical Center

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Town of Middlesex has contracted with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for many years. The Sheriff's Department is glad to be able to assist with public safety within your community. Although the Department's main functions in statute are to transport prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles who are in custody of the State of Vermont and serve civil process, we take great pride in being able to be a part of keeping the citizens and visitors within the County safe.

In the spring of 2015 the Sheriff's Department was once again honored by Vermont's Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 3rd^d in the Sheriff's division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2014.

We continue to work to enhance safety within the County from searching out wanted persons, to patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, offering hunter safety classes, and assisting with snowmobile safety classes.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2015 generated 468 incidents reports and 808 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 10 persons for DUI, 41 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license and arrested 41 persons on arrest warrants.

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

Violation	Description	Total
23V1004	Interstate Highway Regulations	18
23V1007A	Local Speed Town Highways	7
23V1048	Stop/Yield Intersections	18
23V1064	Signals Required	1
23V1221	Condition of Vehicle	1
23V1222	Inspection of Registered VEH	6
23V301	No Registration	2
23V3202	Unregistered Snowmobile	1
23V3206B#10	SM Improper Display Reg>2003	1
23V3206B#18C	Failure Display Comm TMA>2003	1
23V3206B1	On/Across Public Highway	1
23V601	Operating without a License	1
Report Totals		58

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (continued)

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

Observed Offense	Total Incidents
3200 Accident-Damage - DMV Report	1
ASST Agency Assist	4
CITA Citizen Assist	1
PSC Suspicious Person/Circumstance	1
THAZ Traffic Hazard	1
VIN Vehicle Serial # Inspection	2
Total Incidents:	10

We are proud of the work we do and take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,
W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The summer of 2015 was a great summer for everyone who came out to enjoy the beach and other recreational facilities. This was our fourth year with the full 18 hole disc golf course that brought people from around VT to play. The season started off rainy in June and July, but nice weather prevailed in August and continued all the way into October. Even with the rainy start, attendance at the beach was consistent allowing for another high grossing year.

The District expanded on its popular canoeing and kayaking program by adding more boats, along with the two paddle boats. Improvements were made to the wet sections of the hiking trails and 18 hole disc golf course. We were also host to a weekly disc golf league, a variety of day camps and community programs, the 6th annual Wrightsville Beach Disc Golf Tournament and the 7th annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament. We also made more improvements to the paths to the ticket booth and beach by adding a third bench.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreational experience for all users. This requires continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements. The following figures summarize the District's financial operations from January 1, 2015 through year's end:

Revenue		Expenditures	
Washington Electric	\$ 9,500	Personnel	\$36,149
Municipal Assessments	\$ 6,683	Maintenance	\$ 9,046
Season's User Fees	\$47,425	Operating	\$ 6,779
Prior year's carryover	\$ 1,804	Total Expenditures	\$51,974
Grants	\$ 1,875		
Total Revenue	\$67,288		

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

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

Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair
Daniel Currier, Montpelier
Jessica Chaves, Montpelier

Bill Merrylees, East Montpelier
Jane Dudley, Middlesex
Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager

ARTICLE 14: CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided free basic education and literacy instruction to adults and teens in Middlesex for 50 years. Last year, CVABE served six Middlesex residents.

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

CVABE's funding request of \$1,000 represents 5.7% of CVABE's 2014-15 fiscal year cost for instructing the six Middlesex students and is the same amount Middlesex voters approved at the last Town Meeting. This request is on par with the average funding from nearby towns such as Moretown, Waterbury and Montpelier. In addition to state and federal support, CVABE's free basic education programs require over \$200,000 in community funding each year. This community support comes from individuals, businesses, organizations, and the towns/cities we serve, and is essential to help neighbors build a better life through literacy. A small portion of CVABE's annual funding also comes from fee-for-service contracts with local businesses and organizations, and other minimal miscellaneous income.

Last year, six volunteers from Middlesex were among CVABE's 124-volunteer network. There are six CVABE learning centers, including one in Waterbury and another in Montpelier that have provided free instruction to 500-600 people annually. Through CVABE, many Middlesex residents have gained academic skills and credentials for employment so they can improve their lives.

Contact:

Joanne Fitzgerald, Development Coordinator
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
46 Washington St.
Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588
Email: info@cvabe.org
Website: www.cvabe.org

Funding request: \$1,000

ARTICLE 15: CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

CVEDC's mission is to attract and retain good wage paying jobs for the citizens of our region. It assists businesses both large and small on a confidential and cost-free basis to access the programs and services available at the federal, state and local levels. It organizes and hosts workshops (i.e. financing and marketing) throughout the year to assist businesses whether they are start-ups or existing. It hosts business events and works with the Administration and Legislature on issues of importance to the business community. It co-hosts the Annual Central Vermont Job Fair and partners with our region's stakeholders on workforce development issues.

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

CVEDC employs a staff of one full-time and one three-quarter-time people. Middlesex Select Board chair Peter Hood is on the board of directors and is the most recent past President.

CVEDC is most grateful for the support from the residents of Middlesex throughout the years.

Contact:

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

Funding request: \$600

ARTICLE 16: CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization that last year provided free services to 19 Middlesex residents in addition to answering the calls of 41 older Middlesex residents who requested assistance from the CVCOA Senior HelpLine. Case managers served 12 seniors over the course of more than 85 hours to assess client needs, access benefits and services and work to promote their long-term care and service coordination.

Some senior citizens participated in the congregate and/or home-delivered meals program. Additionally CVCOA provides transportation, mental health counseling, family caregiver support, case manager services, information and assistance. RSVP is now included in the services being funded with this request.

CVCOA uses funds from Middlesex and the other 53 towns in its service area to support its Case Management Department – employing, training and supervising case managers to provide assistance to the area’s older population. Its staff includes three Middlesex residents.

CVCOA considered Middlesex’s historical level of support, the increasing number of seniors in town, and the extent of services in compiling this request which is \$1,250 more than last year.

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

Contact:

Scott Robbins, Director of Development and Communications
59 North Main Street, Suite 200
Barre, VT 05641
(802) 476-2739
Email: srobbins@cvcoa.org
Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119
Website: www.cvcoa.org

Funding request: \$1500

ARTICLE 17: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

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

Forty-two (42) Middlesex residents received 1,104 home visits in calendar year 2015 (Jan. 1 – October 31*), for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. Of those total visits, 830 were home care, 93 were for hospice, 168 were long-term care and 13 visits were maternal child health help. The total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefited from health promotion activities such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings.

The objective in requesting funds from all 23 towns CVHHH serves is based upon population. There is a consistent correlation between the size of the towns and the numbers served by CVHHH in those towns. CVHHH believes that a minimum of \$2.00 per capita will assist in properly serving each town's residents, though visit numbers vary annually. Most years CVHHH subsidizes much more care than is covered by the town's allocation. Other sources of funding include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, grants and 2 annual CVHHH-sponsored fund-raising events as well as private donations from the community.

CVHHH enjoys support from Middlesex residents in the form of charitable donations from individuals, employees, volunteers and leadership on its Board of Directors.

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

Contact:

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Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice
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Barre, VT 05641
(802) 223-2235
Website: www.cvhhh.org
Email: dpudvah@cvhhh.org

Funding request: \$3,750

ARTICLE 18: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (RUMNEY)

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

From academics and enrichment, to fitness and wellness, Middlesex kids took part in a wide variety of CC activities in 2015 including archery, fitness, swimming, Brazilian Capoeira dance, African Kokoba drumming, international studies, book making, community service, arts and crafts, yoga, team building games, literary magazine, skiing/snowshoeing, and more.

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

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

Contact:

Paul Dayton, Site Coordinator for Rumney Elementary School
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Montpelier, VT 05602
Tel: (802) 223-5429 X322
Website: www.communityconnections.us
Email: pdayton@rumney.org

Funding request: \$3,000

ARTICLE 19: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring (GBFM) is a community-based mentoring program. In the eighteen years that GBFM has served Central Vermont, 23 Middlesex youth have had mentors and 12 Middlesex adults have been volunteer mentors. In 2015, 11 of the Town's youth had mentors and six Middlesex adults participated as mentors in our program.

Mentoring is research-based, cost effective and simple. The high school graduation rate for youth who have been served by GBFM is 92.3%, which is higher than the state average. GBFM is the only community-based mentoring program that serves Middlesex. Mentors model and reinforce the importance and value of education, help their mentees develop problem-solving and goal-setting skills, and guide them towards making positive life choices. Alongside their adult mentors, GBFM mentees participate in and learn new hobbies and recreational activities, engage in community service projects, learn life skills such as cooking, wood working, career planning, financial literacy and budgeting skills, and engage in new opportunities for cultural enrichment and community connections.

Middlesex support for GBFM will go towards general operating expenses. It costs approximately \$1,200 per match per year to fund a mentor pair. The majority of its budget goes towards the program director's salary which ensures high-quality screening, matching, training and supervision of mentor pairs as well as planning and implementing monthly group events. Requested money will also go toward activity expenses such as bowling, and outdoor recreational activities (ice skating, bike rental, cross country skiing) and background checks.

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

Contact:

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Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 223-3456

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Web site: <http://www.communityconnections.us/ProgramInfo/girlsboyz/GirlsBoyz.html>

Funding request: \$1,500

ARTICLE 20: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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

Eight hundred and forty-four (844) Middlesex residents have used their KHL library card in the last 24 months. In the last 12 months, they checked out 18,216 items.

In addition to very actively using their library cards to borrow books, DVDs, CDs and magazines, many Middlesex residents attend the numerous programs offered by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library for children and adults. Last year, the library ran 575 programs with a total attendance of 10,536. Some patrons use the library's computers or bring their own laptops to access the internet through the library's free Wi-Fi. Many downloaded audio and/or e-books. It doesn't track downloads by town, last year downloads more than doubled to 8,621. Anyone with a KHL card can download audio or e-books from any location where they have access to the internet.

We provide many Outreach services in Middlesex. Last year we lent a total of 524 books to a daycare and library volunteers provided pre-literacy activities and read over 200 books to daycare children. Our Outreach program maintains a book exchange at Red Hen Bakery, provides occasional story times and last year gave away 58 free books at story times. Outreach volunteers regularly delivered books to two families without transportation. During the Rumney School construction in the fall, the library delivered approximately 140 books to the school every two weeks.

Town support is calculated at \$16 per capita vs. \$28.80 per capita, using Vermont Department of Health population figures. Our current budget is \$911,556. Although the percentages vary slightly each year, this year we are receiving 47% of our revenue from our member communities (Middlesex, Calais, East Montpelier, Montpelier – who pays a higher rate - and Worcester); 27% from earnings on our endowment; 20% from fundraising and donations; and 6% from nonresident fees, fines and miscellaneous income. The library is asking Middlesex voters to approve \$27,760 to support the library. This is the same amount as last year and 3% of the cost of running the library.

As of this writing, Michael Katzenberg is the Middlesex representative on the KHL Board of Trustees. Michael has served for nine years, which is the maximum allowed in the bylaws; there will be a new Middlesex representative announced before Town Meeting Day.

Contact:

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Montpelier, Vermont 05602
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Website: www.kellogghubbard.org

Funding request: \$27,760

ARTICLE 21: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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

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

We served at least 51 (unduplicated) Middlesex residents in 2015. This number does not include some of the uncounted residents (approximately 20) who attend our events, and meals, that are open to the public. Since Middlesex is a supporting town of MSAC (through past town funding), members pay lower annual dues than members from non-supporting towns. They also have the advantage of earlier registration. These benefits will apply as long as Middlesex continues its support, and if the funding increases more substantially in future years to equitably cover your town's participation, then we will amend the Middlesex residents fees to be on par with those of Montpelier members.

We receive funding from a Montpelier tax appropriation, from tax appropriations in six supporting towns including Middlesex, from investment income on past donations to an endowment fund, from member dues and fees charged for some of our classes and services, from foundation grants, business donors, and individual donors. We also host a number of fundraising events. In FY17 we anticipate raising over \$90,000 including supporting town contributions. Our request of \$4,300 from Middlesex is based on the number of people served, and it is commensurate both to last year's number of people served and small increases in our expenses.

One Middlesex resident volunteers in our office on a nearly weekly basis for several hours and does outreach, distributing our newsletter, etc. If any Middlesex resident is interested in joining our Advisory Council, we welcome his or her nomination this winter by March 10th, for vote in the spring before our annual meeting in June. We are very grateful for your time and thought in consideration of our request and truly look forward to welcoming even more Middlesex residents to the Senior Center in coming years.

Contacts:

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The Montpelier Senior Activity Center
58 Barre Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602
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Website: www.montpelier-vt.org/msac

Funding request: \$4,300

ARTICLE 22: WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER

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

In the past year, the WASC has delivered meals to approximately 35 clients in Middlesex and served 15 different clients in other ways. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals, as well as free use of medical equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs, some financial counseling, low-impact exercise classes, games, book discussions, computer classes and free Thanksgiving dinners.

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

The center is free to all with no membership. It does request a \$4.50 donation for meals from those age 60 and older, though, as a recipient of Title III of the Older Americans Act money, the center is not permitted to charge for meals. Those under age 60 are charged \$7.50 per meal because there is no federal reimbursement.

One third of the WASC funding is made up of federal monies; the remainder comes from town support, grants, donations and fundraising event. In 2015, Middlesex voters approved WASC's request for \$10,000. In the same year, the Duxbury Select Board awarded \$2,500 and Moretown voters approved \$5,000. At \$30,000, Waterbury made up the lion's share of municipal donations.

According to the center, \$10,000 will feed ten Middlesex residents a meal per day, five days a week for one year. Currently, no Middlesex resident serves on the center's board, though the center would welcome a town representative.

Contact:

Karol Smith
Waterbury Area Senior Center
14 Stowe Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
Tel: (802) 244-1234
Email: director@wasca.org
Website: waterburyareaseniors.org

Funding request: \$10,000

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not not exceed \$4,411 to support the following organizations:

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Capstone Community Action	\$249.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$250.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$249.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council	\$200.00
North Branch Nature Center	\$250.00
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$245.00
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$249.00
Vermont Cares	\$250.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Washington County Youth Services	\$175.00
Total	\$4,411.00

Descriptions of these organizations and their services follow on pages 65 - 84.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

AMERICAN RED CROSS: VT & NH UPPER VALLEY REGION

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

From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, Washington County Red Cross responded to one fire in Middlesex and supported three (3) individuals. County-wide we responded to 16 fires and served 41 individuals. Washington County also saw 2,011 pints of life-saving blood collected at 65 blood drives, and 842 people took one of its many health and safety courses.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, it relies on the financial support of individuals, businesses and local communities. It bases its request for support on how many people live in the town. The Red Cross receives no federal or state funding. All of its funds are obtained through local donors, appropriations, events and foundations.

All money from town appropriations goes directly to disaster relief. It is the only organization that shows up on-site during a disaster to help a family through the first hours and days. It also supports first responders with water, hot beverages and food, allowing them to maximize their time.

Contact:

Claire Giroux-Williams
Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region
29 Mansfield Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401-3323
(802) 660-9130
Website: www.redcross.org/Vermont

Funding request: \$250

CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

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

The majority of its funding comes from federal grants and state contracts. Additionally, it receives some funding from United Way and private foundations, as well as through our annual appeal campaign. It uses a formula for town funding requests that considers both town population and number of resident families served. Town funding provides critical, flexible dollars that can be used to meet local needs. It leverages town funding received both directly and indirectly to secure additional financial resources. Funds are used to support Middlesex residents.

Programs and services accessed by 46 Middlesex households representing 74 individuals this past year included:

- Twenty-five individuals in 10 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the local food shelf.
- Six households with 14 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from CVCAC Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- One child was in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- One pregnant and parenting teen and their child gained literacy skills through our Family Literacy Center supporting one family member.
- Two households received emergency furnace repairs, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- Five households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 10 residents, including one senior and one resident with disabilities.
- Seven people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- One person received information and assistance signing up for VT Health Connect.
- Six residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- One person participated in an intensive 13-week workforce training program for the food service sector.

Capstone employs five staff members from Middlesex and two Middlesex residents serve on the Board of Directors. Capstone thanks the residents of Middlesex for their generous support of our organization in the past.

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Capstone Community Action
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Barre, VT 05461-4138
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Website: www.capstonevt.org

Funding request: \$249

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The mission of The Children's Room is to support children, their families, and caregivers by providing opportunities for playing, learning, and gathering with other community members. It is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that serves the families and caregivers of children from birth to age six. The drop-in center, located in Waterbury, is a support facility and hub of area parenting and care-giving resources. Its goal is to promote children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development through highly accessible programming options.

The Children's Room is an active participant in early child development in Waterbury and its neighboring communities. Its sign-in sheets indicate it served over 300 families last year, consisting of 2,382 child visits and 1,765 adult visits. Of those at least 17 families from Middlesex utilized its services during the year on many different occasions. These numbers do not include attendance at our special events and monthly weekend playgroups, attracting upward of 50 families per event.

The Children's Room is a grassroots organization run by volunteers and one part-time employee. Its annual budget is under \$25,000, which is raised through fundraising activities and events, small grants, and individual donations. Its programs are free and open to the public. The following is a list of current funding sources:

- (20%) Towns committed to giving - Waterbury, Duxbury and Stowe...
- (40%) Fundraising Activities - Tag Sale, Plant Sale and Barn Dance
- (20%) Annual Fund Letter - Sent out December 2015
- (10%) Central Vermont Building Bright Futures, funds one hour and a half playgroup each week and five weekend playgroups for the year.
- (10%) as yet unidentified source(s)

It uses all donations to provide ongoing support through direct services. It has only one part-time employee and all other work is through volunteerism. Overhead is kept very low. Many Middlesex families have donated their time and food to Children's Room events and a number of them donate to the annual children's Tag Sale each spring.

Contact:

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47 Stowe Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
Tel: (802) 244-5605
Email: childrensroom@wwsu.org
Website: www.childrensroomonline.org

Funding request: \$250

CIRCLE

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

During the previous fiscal year of 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) Circle provided the following services to Middlesex residents. (Due to confidential reasons, details are non-specific.):

- Advocates responded to 15 hotline calls from callers who self-identified as being Middlesex residents
- One Middlesex victim received support as their (ex) partner faced criminal charges
- Ten individuals from Middlesex received support with employment and housing needs
- One Middlesex resident received support with civil legal issues

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 5,212 hotline calls, an average of 434 calls per month. Shelter services were provided to 29 women and 18 children for a total of 2,335 bed nights which is 214 more bed nights than last year.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 113 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 121 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

Contact:

Carolyn Baker, Direct Service Coordinator

Circle

P.O. Box 652

Barre, VT 05641

Administrative office: (802) 476-6010

24-hour toll-free HOTLINE: 1-877-543-9498

Funding request: \$199

FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Among the 37 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 were:

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

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

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Joann Jenkins, Administrative Manager
Family Center of Washington County
383 Sherwood Drive
Montpelier, Vermont 05602
(802) 262-3292, Ext. 129
Website: www.fcwcv.org
Email: joannj@fcwcv.org

Funding request: \$250

GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT

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

Nine Middlesex residents participated in Good Beginnings's Family Home Visiting program. Due to an increase in popularity here, Good Beginnings is requesting funding from the town for \$250.

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

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

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Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
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Web site: www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org

Funding Request: \$250

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY (GMTA)

Each year, Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMTA) provides thousands of rides to members within our community through traditional public transit services and coordinated special services for the individual. Each ride provided is a personal story of a need being met. Whether it's offering affordable commute options, access to essential and sometimes critical health care, reliable rides to adult day care and senior meals or convenient trips for daily services.

In FY15, GMTA provided ongoing individual special transportation services to a total of 15 Middlesex residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled transportation totaling 554 trips and equaling 9,473 miles traveled.

The ability to maintain its role as a trusted public transportation provider within the region would not be possible without its partnerships. Since 2003, GMTA has relied on relationships with area organizations, state and federal agencies, local municipalities and private citizens.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request of level funding for FY17 from the Town of Middlesex. It respectfully requests \$249 for FY17 to be placed before the Middlesex voters for consideration. The requested funding directly supports GMTA's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMTA serves.

GMTA thanks and appreciates this mutually beneficial partnership.

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Berlin, VT 05602
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Website: www.gmtaride.org.

Funding request: \$249

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for Green Up Day. Green Up Day celebrated 45 years in 2015. The success of Green Up depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. Green Up Vermont is not a state agency.

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

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

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 7, 2016 the first Saturday in May. Middlesex's coordinator is Dave Shepard.

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Green Up Vermont
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Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802) 229-4586
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Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org

Funding request: \$100

HOME SHARE NOW

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

In the last fiscal year, Home Share Now helped 625 people find affordable housing and supported 114 people in home sharing matches. In that same year, five people from Middlesex received general assistance from Home Share Now; of those, four people secured housing through Home Share.

Home Share Now's annual operating expenses for the most recent fiscal year were \$230,912. Of that, 31% came from foundations, corporations and community organizations, 59% from the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, 3% municipal appropriations, and 7% participant fees.

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

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

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Home Share Now
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Email: cgoodwin@homesharenow.org

Funding request: \$250

MONTPELIER VERMONT VETERANS COUNCIL

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

The council is asking for a donation of \$200. The Montpelier Veterans Council placed 252 flags and 5 markers in Middlesex this year. The flags cost \$1.35 apiece and the markers cost \$8.50 apiece. The individuals who place these flags and markers each Memorial Day are unpaid volunteers so none of the money donated is used for payment or salaries to individuals.

The Council will continue to place the flags and markers as it considers it a privilege to be able to honor our veterans.

Contact:

Carole Baker, Secretary/Treasurer
Montpelier Vermont Veterans Council
1 Pioneer Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 229-9028

Funding request: \$200

NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER

The North Branch Nature Center (NBNC) offers a wide variety of programs. Most programs are held at the nature center in Montpelier and many of educational programs are offered free of charge, including owl banding demonstrations in the fall, amphibian crossing program trainings in the spring and the nature playgroup, which now runs throughout the school-year. The trails at the NBNC are open all year, 24 hours a day, at no fee. There is also trail access to Hubbard Park and North Branch River Park, which offers extended opportunities for hiking and exploring. NBNC also has a Critter Room with live reptiles, amphibians and other animals, open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. There are no admission fees.

NBNC strives to make all of its programs affordable and scholarships are available for Middlesex children to attend programs, in particular our summer nature camps. It also offers or hosts low cost special events, such as BirdFest, Ice on Fire and the Caterpillar Day. NBNC does not record the town of residence for short-duration programs (1.5-hr or less) but most participants of these programs come from towns in Washington County, including Middlesex.

The NBNC is a non-profit organization whose funding comes from a combination of membership dues, private donations, grants and program fees. It receives no federal or state funding (other than the occasional competitive grant). NBNC does not have a strict formula for setting funding requests but attempts to secure funds from as many local sources as possible. Both Montpelier and East Montpelier make annual contributions. Thanks to the support of the local community, it has been able to thrive and grow as an education center for 20 years. Contributions allow the organization to fulfill its missions to “connect people of all ages to the natural world.” Support from towns like Middlesex enable the center to offer a wide variety of nature programs including summer day camps, programs for school groups, after school programs; nature walks, field trips and workshops for adults, a regular Forest Preschool program and much more.

Middlesex residents are well represented at the North Branch Nature Center, including one full-time employee, two board members, and several active volunteers. In 2015 it also employed two teenaged summer camp counselors-in-training who were Middlesex residents.

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Website: www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org

Funding request: \$250

OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT

OUR House of Central Vermont is a non-profit children's advocacy center and special investigations unit serving all of Washington County. Its mission is to provide a safe and supportive setting for child victims of sexual abuse, their non-offending family members, and adult survivors of sexual assault. The OUR in OUR House stands for One Unified Response and to that end the organization works closely with the Vermont Department for Children and Family Services, as well as local and state law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, Washington County Mental health and other organizations.

In 2015, OUR House assisted 143 cases of whom 106 were victims of sexual abuse and 19 were victims of physical abuse, while 11 others were at risk of harm. The youngest victim was only three years old. Three Middlesex families were interviewed by police and submitted forensic evidence at OUR House last year; two other families received counseling.

OUR House runs on a limited staff with one full-time and one-part time employee. It requests \$250 from each town served by the Vermont State Police. Otherwise, 80% of its funding comes from the State of Vermont. The organization opened in 1990.

Contact:

Rebecca Duranleau, Executive Director
OUR House of Central Vermont
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Email: ourhousebarredirector@gmail.com

Funding request: \$250

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness to Central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. Patients must have a household income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level and no health insurance, including Medicaid or Medicare.

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

In 2015, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic treated 478 patients. Of these, 177 were new patients. Three Middlesex residents visited the clinic a total of 15 times for five medical and four dental visits, as well as three diagnostic tests. In addition, the clinic helped two Middlesex residents successfully enroll into health insurance and assistance programs.

In 2015, over 75 volunteers provided \$65,700 worth of their time to serve patients. In addition, over \$47,000 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies were donated. The clinic paid for \$9,666 in diagnostic testing and another \$6,696 in tests were donated.

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

Contact:

Peter Youngbaer, Director
The People's Health & Wellness Clinic
553 North Main Street
Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 479-1229
Email: phwc@sover.net

Funding request: \$200

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

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

In 2015, the SACT received 654 service calls. The organization provided shelter for 12 people including five women, two men, two girls and three boys for a total of 423 bed nights.

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

Contact:

Alexandra Manousos or Bobbi Gagne
The Sexual Assault Crisis Team
4 Cottage Street
Barre, Vermont 05641
Office: (802) 476-1388

Funding request: \$245

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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

During 2015, VABVI served 107 adults and 17 students in Washington County, though no one from Middlesex.

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

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

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

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Funding request: \$249

VERMONT CARES

Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters with HIV/AIDS and their family members since 1986 with the help of the Town of Middlesex. Though confidentiality precludes Vermont CARES from identifying which municipalities have been served, according to the organization's statistics, 165 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and 450 additional family members have directly benefited from the services Vermont CARES provides.

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

Vermont Cares's funding request from Middlesex represents 5% of the organization's total municipal funding request for 2015.

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

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

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Email: peter@vtcares.org

Funding request: \$250

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

For fiscal year 2015 (October 2014 to September 2015), VCIL responded to over 3,265 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 346 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 238 households with information on technical assistance and 500 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

During FY 2015, two residents of Middlesex received services from the Information Referral and Assistance program. VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier. There are also five branch offices around Vermont.

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Email: info@vcil.org

Funding request: \$195

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program – formally called the Dry Hydrant Program – helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire-suppression resources.

For the past 17 years, the Vermont Dry Hydrant Program has issued 991 grants totaling \$2.1 million to Vermont towns for installation of dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair.

In 2014, the program changed its name Rural Fire Protection to reflect the diverse range of products it supports beyond dry hydrants. It also increased the maximum grant award from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project. Last year, the program started reconsidering grants on a revolving basis, instead of just once a year.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has a budget of \$195,000 per year of which \$120,000 is awarded in grants to Vermont communities to cover construction costs. Between 1998 and 2015, four dry hydrant grants were awarded to Middlesex residents out of 847 Dry Hydrant Grants statewide.

Contact:

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Randolph, VT 05060
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Website: www.vacd.org
Email: dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Funding request: \$100

WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

The purpose of the Washington County Diversion Program, Inc. is to provide an alternative to formal court adjudication for certain offenders from Washington County. Diversion is a voluntary and confidential alternative to the formal court process for certain juvenile and adult offenders over age ten. Cases are referred to Diversion by the State's Attorney on an individual basis.

In fiscal year 2015, eight Middlesex residents participated in the Diversion program. Of those, two were in Diversion and six participated in the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP). YSASP participants are held accountable for violating under-age drinking laws by participating in community service, undergoing substance abuse testing and attending several classes. They are referred to treatment if needed.

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

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Funding request: \$250

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit organization assisting young people and families since 1974. Supported by private, local, state, and federal grants, Medicaid and other insurance, donations, and fundraising, most of its services are free. No one is turned away because he or she cannot pay. The Bureau's mission is to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont.

The Bureau has been providing services to the residents of Middlesex for 42 years, and for more than 20 years, has requested \$175 from the Town of Middlesex to support service delivery. This year's funding request represents a cost of approximately \$8.75 per person served. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most of the services provided to Middlesex residents have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation.

Twenty Middlesex citizens were served by the Bureau in the following ways:

- Eight teens participated in the Basement Teen Center in Montpelier that offers regular, supervised drop-in time, a variety of positive enrichment activities, and opportunities for youth leadership.
- Three teens were provided with ongoing substance abuse treatment through the Healthy Youth Program. This includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families.
- One young man was served by Return House that provides transitional assistance to young men who are returning to Barre City from jail. Return House is staffed 24/7.
- Eight community members were served through the 42nd Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner organized by the Bureau (Two meals were delivered to home-bound residents).

The Bureau receives funds from federal government grants, state government grants and contracts, private foundation grants, Medicaid and other insurance, private donations, all Washington County towns and fundraising activities. Funds from the town of Middlesex are used directly to support youth services. No funds are used to support administrative expenses.

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Email: wcysb@wcysb.org

Funding request: \$175

TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES

Town Projected Salaries

Fiscal Year 2017

	Projected Salaries
Alderman, Richard	\$4,677
Dean, Caleb	\$0
Young, Eric	\$4,677
Animal Control Officer	\$1,995
Cerminara, Paul A	\$55,480
Fitch, Bruce	\$45,640
Files, Jay	\$45,640
D'Anna, Joe	\$45,051
Gillis, Maryke	\$10,231
Carlson, Cindy	\$3,654
Merriman, Sarah	\$41,085
Lewis, Patti	\$9,995
Fire Warden	\$250
Hood, Peter	\$750
Skinner, Mary Just	\$600
Callnan, William	\$600
Scharf, Liz	\$600
Martin, Steve	\$600
Fire Department Stipends	\$3,000
Total	\$274,525

Rumney Memorial School District

Salary Projection

As of December 17, 2015

	Projected Salaries
Anderson Sorsha	\$35,134
Babcock Christine	\$44,926
Breidenstein Joanne	\$24,531
Bristol Julie-Marie	\$20,753
Campbell Jennifer	\$48,553
Caspari April	\$19,574
Caswell Lauren	\$44,600
Comtess Peter	\$21,373
Costello Diana	\$63,714
Danyew Christa	\$23,671
Donovan Jennifer	\$29,333
Emmons Linda	\$63,714
Farber Katherine	\$67,463
Fox Theresa	\$54,075
Grossi Sharon	\$37,191
Hedler Chip	\$50,971
Israel Martha	\$39,278
Joslyn Tamara	\$23,944
Kirkorian Kara	\$26,732
Lowe Randi	\$18,088
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$27,785
Lynde Debra	\$26,165
Lynde Robert	\$2,392
Pelkey Matthew	\$60,303
McDonald Emilie	\$13,702
Morgan Caitlin	\$38,500
Morse Sabrina	\$16,427
Raymond Nicole	\$6,397
Robitaille Heather	\$64,119
Rosen Adam	\$91,609
Sheldon Megan	\$41,154
Toffel-Murray Michelle	\$10,866
Trapani Paul	\$35,614
Weiss Benjamin	\$65,562
White Tamara	\$20,342
Woodard Lynne	\$38,228
Total	\$1,316,783

TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES (continued)

U-32 School District		Projected Salaries	
Salary & Benefit Projection		David Beatrice	\$53,960
As of December 17, 2015		Davis Elizabeth	\$23,717
		Decker Anne	\$60,083
Benefits include the cost of: Health		Deguzzman Jodi	\$19,921
Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan,		Desch Marguerite	\$67,463
Social Security/Medicare, Dental		Devries Aanika	\$68,180
Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers		Divelbliss Brian	\$63,851
Compensation Insurance and		Dugger Lloyd	\$51,015
Unemployment Insurance.		Dunn Colleen	\$32,816
	Projected Salaries	Dunn William	\$41,071
Abbiati Judy	\$65,562	Dwire Jody	\$9,862
Albee Brian	\$53,960	Dwyer Colleen	\$36,103
Allen Beth	\$20,406	Dy Krista	\$54,017
Allison Megan	\$51,125	Emerson Jody	\$77,128
Angel Laure	\$59,815	Falby Meaghan	\$53,960
Barewicz Jessica	\$72,000	Fair Patricia	\$32,622
Barrows Stephen	\$25,486	Fitch Lesley	\$51,018
Bashaw Mary	\$23,263	Fournier Dennis	\$47,961
Bazis David	\$51,015	French Adam	\$62,953
Bennett Eric	\$44,528	Gadapee Bonnie	\$63,714
Bird Alden	\$54,017	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$32,376
Blackburn Christopher	\$65,464	Garand Laura	\$22,917
Blakely Xiomara	\$32,364	Garand Travis	\$20,324
Boulanger Chantal	\$33,011	Gauthier Allison	\$44,458
Brown Ronald	\$63,714	George Christiana	\$24,698
Bushey Charles	\$68,078	Gilman Tina	\$21,143
Carey Bodo	\$65,562	Gonzalez Zachary	\$43,344
Carpenter Kelly	\$19,921	Gora Peter	\$25,812
Chaloux Sandra	\$51,015	Grace Caroline	\$67,312
Chaplin Mark	\$69,213	Griggs Janine	\$20,752
Chartrand Kristine	\$47,074	Grow Roger	\$51,015
Christiana Kendra	\$21,039	Guiffre Catherine	\$61,985
Clark-Warner Heather	\$26,355	Gunther Grant	\$43,251
Cook George	\$68,936	Hannigan David	\$42,552
Cook Vicki	\$23,814	Harris Stephen	\$54,075
Cooke Ellen	\$65,562	Heintz Benjamin	\$61,986
Cota Timothy	\$24,313	Hendershot Daniel	\$10,265
Crocco Nicole	\$44,505	Hilferty John	\$64,522
Crossett Paula	\$53,960	Hill MaryEllen	\$25,071
Cueto Linda	\$22,033	Holquist Nicholas	\$60,303
Dalmasse Denise	\$70,362	Horowitz Michael	\$63,714

TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES (continued)

	Projected Salaries		Projected Salaries
Houston Glenn	\$51,015	Rice Lisa	\$23,306
Hungerford Richard	\$55,909	Roberts Caitlin	\$37,000
Ingersoll Jennifer	\$52,743	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$52,495
Jarvis Katie	\$49,684	Simmons Mary Ellen	\$65,632
Jarvis Lucas	\$18,312	Singleton Dorothy	\$19,921
Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$57,999	Slade Jodie	\$20,752
Kalman Abbey	\$46,659	Slopey Brian	\$13,493
Keefe Brianne	\$44,505	St. Peter Hollis	\$53,960
Keese Cairsten	\$48,387	Stevens Debra	\$22,033
Keys Margaret	\$58,666	Thomas Gillian	\$47,224
Kiefer Julie	\$69,482	Towne Stephen	\$63,714
Koenigbauer Amy	\$55,466	VanDeren Lauren	\$42,657
Lakey John	\$42,073	Verchereau Suzanne	\$40,693
Lakey Sam	\$35,037	Volinsky Sarah	\$70,705
Lang Roderick	\$19,753	Wade Adrian	\$45,747
LaPlante Lisa	\$90,471	Walker Katherine	\$69,213
Leiberman Karen	\$27,009	Weinstein Robert	\$42,908
Lovitz Nathan	\$43,344	Weiss Eric	\$26,325
Magoon Heather	\$26,654	Wendel Devin	\$54,693
Martin Christiana	\$42,122	Wheelock Ann	\$44,323
Martin Tracy	\$43,534	Wiese Kathy	\$69,213
McCann Katherine	\$69,213	Williams Christopher	\$64,982
McGinnis Devan	\$29,900	Williams Dylan	\$56,911
McKenna Sara	\$19,958	Wolf Sara	\$21,393
McMahon William	\$33,011	Wourinen Jeffrey	\$24,142
McNaulty William	\$34,348	Yun Kathleen	\$20,752
Mitchell Susan	\$21,175		
Molina Amanda	\$82,396	Total	\$6,290,659
Mooney Erin	\$62,118		
Newcomb Sharon	\$70,764		
Orellana Riena	\$29,316		
Pagel Heather	\$44,064		
Palmer Victoria	\$53,960		
Papineau Amy	\$24,579		
Parker Samantha	\$35,643		
Pate Stephen	\$108,675		
Pollock Pamela	\$22,033		
Poplawski Virginia	\$24,800		
Randall Nanci	\$27,388		
Ramano Sarah	\$49,694		
Reichert Jason	\$63,851		

MIDDLESEX 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 1, 2016 from 8 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

- One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term
- One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term
- One (1) School Director Two (2) Years of a Three (3) Year Term
- One (1) U-32 Director Three (3) Year Term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Middlesex Town School District approve the school board to expend \$3,193,559, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,805 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.55% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

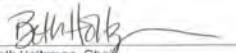
ARTICLE 4. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year?

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, February 27th at 9:00A.M. and the other on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

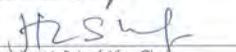
The legal voters of Middlesex Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 1 6, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

School Directors:
Beth Holtzman, Chair
Jonathan L. Scharf, Vice-Chair
Brian Tagliaferro, Clerk
Christopher McVeigh
Julie Moore

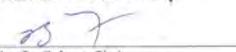
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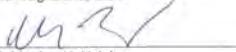
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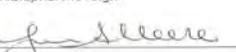
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MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT: MARCH 1, 2016

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, VERMONT
SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

Table with 3 columns: SCHOOL DIRECTOR (2-year term), SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3-year term), and U-32 DIRECTOR (3-year term). Candidates listed include CHRIS MCVEIGH, KAROLINE MAY, and ADRIENNE MAGIDA. Includes 'Vote for not more than ONE' and '(Write-in)' options.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Middlesex Town School District approve the school board to expend \$3,193,559, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? YES NO

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 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 4. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year? YES NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Middlesex Community Members,

2015 was the year of CONSTRUCTION at Rumney School. Structural improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, cosmetic renovations and the addition of space for student services all have improved the school facility. Superintendent Bill Kimball has become extremely familiar with the faculty and facility at Rumney School as he tightly supervised the construction project. With his guidance, and with the support of community members Julie Moore and Scottie Brower, this community has received great value for its dollars. This construction project was in every way professionally managed, with architectural design by Black River Design and Construction Services by Wright and Morrissey, and also had a community feel, as two of the architects involved in this project live in Middlesex, and the Site Supervisor, Jamie Picard is a Rumney and U32 Graduate and a current Rumney parent. The school and community will benefit from these improvements for years to come.

Rumney Memorial School continued to make progress towards the annual goals outlined in our school improvement plan. The Washington Central Supervisory Union Comprehensive Assessment Plan helped us to closely examine student progress in literacy and math, and this student data is used to guide student instruction. In the past year Rumney School has further defined Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 services for students, providing interventions of increasing frequency and duration to the students who most need them. In general, Tier 1 services are those provided by the classroom teacher, Tier 2 are those provided by the math and literacy specialists and by paraprofessionals, and Tier 3 services are special education services provided by trained special education personnel. Through increased staff communication and student centered faculty meetings, we are increasingly able to be flexible in approach to meeting student needs, to use the labels of Tier 1, 2, and 3 to define services but not to limit access to them. A hallmark of this year has been increased communication among staff members.

Rumney's school climate has improved this year through student activities, thoughtful and proactive supervision at lunch and recess, and through an increased amount of team building activities at the onset of the school year. Our school climate has also benefitted from employees who were hired in the past two years, who exemplify both a great attitude and a child-centered approach. The areas of Allied Arts, Regular and Special Education and Community Connections have all improved with the addition of: preschool teacher Caitlyn Morgan, Certified Teacher of the Deaf Leslie Johnson, Music Teacher Kara Krikorian, Paraprofessionals Julie Bristol, Randi Lowe and April Caspari, Community Connections supervisor Paul Dayton and Special Educator Brigitte Kalat.

Adam Rosen, Principal

RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

In developing the proposed 2016-2017 Rumney School budget, the school board worked with Principal Adam Rosen and supervisory union staff to craft a spending plan that will address continued growth in our Pre-K-6th grade enrollment, meet students' needs, and address affordability to taxpayers by staying below the per-pupil spending cap set by Act 46. Unfortunately, as of this writing, there is still considerable uncertainty at the state level about the calculations that will be used to set Act 46 caps, and the impact those decisions will ultimately have on Middlesex property tax rates. It is the board's hope that the Vermont Legislature will act to clarify these factors quickly so that they will be available by town meeting in March.

In January, the board adopted a \$3,193,559 Rumney Elementary Budget for the next academic year. This budget represents a 5.31% increase over the 2015-2016 school year. It reflects both a significant increase in Pre-K-6th grade enrollment and modest --1.55 % -- increase in equalized per pupil spending, based on the state calculations available at the time.

Unlike many Vermont schools where student numbers are declining, Rumney's enrollment has increased by about 15 percent since 2006. Rumney's enrollment for the current (2015-2016) school year is 190 students, up 11 students (about 6%) over the 2014-2015 school year. Because state education funds are allocated, in part, on a two-year rolling average of enrollment, Rumney would see increased revenue (with the same per-pupil spending level and same education property tax rate) simply as a result of the increased number of students.

Budget Impacts on Local Property Taxes

Based on the figures that available in mid-January, the combined U-32 and Rumney budgets would raise residential property taxes in Middlesex by 2.3 cents, or about \$23 per \$100 of assessed value. The Rumney budget would increase taxes by 4.4 cents, but the overall tax impact is reduced by 2.1 cents (per \$100 of assessed value) by a reduction in the Middlesex share of the U-32 budget.

School Operations & Facilities

The operating budget will allow Rumney to continue offering the same educational programs, while making strategic investments in supports and services to help all students achieve performance targets. It includes increases in contractually negotiated items, including salaries and health benefits, our portion of the services provided by the supervisory union, and salaries and special education costs. It also includes a \$60,000 allocation to Rumney's long term capital improvement fund to continue saving for future facility needs. Renovations at Rumney School are nearing completion and the Board is thrilled to be able to share the results with the community at Town Meeting! Major elements of the project included:

- Replacing the oldest boiler and oldest parts of the heating system with a high-
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RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT (continued)

efficiency, wood pellet system.

- Addressing structural deficiencies in the roof, increasing insulation, and improving the building envelope.
- Improving air quality at the school by replacing unit ventilators with more efficient energy recovery ventilation units.
- Creating flexible-use, small group instructional space in the building.
- Building a kitchen suitable for preparing 500 meals per week, with appropriate ventilation, fire suppression systems and sufficient storage.
- Providing appropriate fire-safety systems, including installing sprinklers (as required by state law), and updating the fire alarms and smoke detectors.
- Overhauling the bathrooms, to improve access and safety.

The Board has scheduled two informational meetings on the 2016-2017 school budget in the coming weeks: Saturday, February 27 at 9 am Monday, Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. at Rumney School. Board members will be available to answer any questions you might have and to offer tours of the building.

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

Also, please feel free to call or email any of us in the interim.

Respectfully submitted by – THE RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Beth Holtzman, Chair

Lauri Scharf, Vice Chair

Brian Tagliaferro, Clerk

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RUMNEY AUDIT REPORT

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

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016

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REVENUES

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$32,790	\$27,000	\$38,223	\$38,223
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$857	\$800	\$800	\$800
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$510	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$1,714	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE-EDUC JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STAT	\$2,246,325	\$2,591,565	\$2,591,565	\$2,764,216
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$34,444	\$35,785	\$35,785	\$35,785
SPED-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$59,751	\$61,219	\$61,219	\$59,888
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$195,873	\$257,937	\$242,852	\$271,429
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$0	\$28,800	\$28,800	\$0
EEE GRANT	\$24,962	\$26,464	\$26,464	\$20,118
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,597,226	\$3,032,670	\$3,028,808	\$3,193,559

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$684,250	\$709,170	\$714,374	\$766,690
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$23,237	\$23,908	\$28,493	\$39,027
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$41,365	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$116,404	\$120,994	\$144,709	\$188,200
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$54,526	\$56,196	\$56,637	\$60,881
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,014	\$956	\$1,139	\$1,180
OPEB ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$5,600	\$7,000	\$7,000
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$992	\$1,080	\$1,142	\$1,125
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$4,953	\$6,338	\$4,000	\$5,650
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$417	\$458	\$423	\$492
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$23,423	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,717	\$6,974	\$7,049	\$7,692
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$1,905	\$3,902	\$3,953	\$4,299
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSI	\$1,068	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
OTHER PROF SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB &	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
OTHER PROF SVCS-ENVIRONMENTAL ED	\$1,441	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
TRAVEL	\$56	\$400	\$400	\$400
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$17,566	\$21,453	\$21,453	\$18,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$1,420	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$2,741	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$2,800
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC	\$986,995	\$1,011,179	\$1,044,522	\$1,150,186

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$56,551	\$41,281	\$33,791	\$34,974
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$31,249	\$22,866	\$20,099	\$20,802
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$5,566	\$5,367	\$5,439	\$5,868
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$6,519	\$4,838	\$4,052	\$4,191
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$110	\$124	\$124	\$130
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$434	\$512	\$512	\$357
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$34	\$39	\$39	\$33
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$426	\$405	\$405	\$414
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$227	\$289	\$247	\$256
TUITION/OTHER PROF SVCS	\$24,704	\$0	\$0	\$16,648
TRAVEL	\$765	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$4,592	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM	\$131,177	\$78,271	\$67,258	\$86,223

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016 (continued)

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GUIDANCE SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$35,003	\$36,228	\$37,191	\$38,493
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$10,900	\$11,315	\$11,315	\$12,209
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,816	\$2,625	\$2,698	\$2,786
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$55	\$62	\$62	\$65
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$279	\$289	\$289	\$246
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$23
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,501	\$500	\$500	\$500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$316	\$324	\$324	\$331
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$105	\$188	\$188	\$200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$94	\$200	\$200	\$200
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$138	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$50,229	\$51,853	\$52,889	\$55,153

HEALTH SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$38,463	\$40,601	\$40,278	\$41,653
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,123	\$4,294	\$4,294	\$4,633
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,702	\$3,050	\$3,026	\$3,126
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$0	\$62	\$62	\$65
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$326	\$324	\$324	\$267
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$426	\$460	\$460	\$460
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$385	\$324	\$324	\$331
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$110	\$206	\$206	\$211
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOME	\$38	\$350	\$350	\$350
TRAVEL	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$294	\$700	\$700	\$700
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$46,892	\$50,546	\$50,199	\$51,971

CURRICULUM SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$18,427	\$16,821	\$16,821	\$18,477
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	\$18,427	\$16,821	\$16,821	\$18,477

LIBRARY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$36,492	\$37,769	\$38,228	\$39,566
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$8,904	\$9,051	\$9,213	\$0
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$12,349	\$14,177	\$11,303	\$9,107
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,148	\$3,398	\$3,483	\$2,909
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$55	\$62	\$62	\$65
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$362	\$374	\$374	\$253
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$28	\$29	\$29	\$24
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$102	\$600	\$600	\$600
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$536	\$216	\$216	\$0
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$130	\$243	\$243	\$206
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$40	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$300
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$2,387	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,285
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$300
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$214	\$500	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$636	\$350	\$350	\$350
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$65,383	\$72,819	\$70,651	\$57,465

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$12,404	\$12,838	\$12,743	\$13,189
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,519	\$3,772	\$3,772	\$4,070
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$888	\$933	\$926	\$956
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$101	\$102	\$102	\$84
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8

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TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$132	\$108	\$108	\$110
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$42	\$67	\$67	\$69
OTH PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$41,095	\$43,059	\$43,059	\$43,897
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$138	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$4,522	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$3,557	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$4,938	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$8,352	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$13,220
EQUIPMENT	\$26,507	\$26,244	\$26,244	\$0
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$107,203	\$112,731	\$112,629	\$90,203
BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.				
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$872	\$605	\$605	\$605
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$67	\$119	\$119	\$119
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$498	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
ADVERTISING	\$513	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,624	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,205	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.	\$7,779	\$12,424	\$12,424	\$12,424
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$47,610	\$50,035	\$50,035	\$51,304
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TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.	\$48,610	\$51,035	\$51,035	\$52,304
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$88,511	\$91,609	\$91,609	\$94,815
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$39,684	\$40,816	\$44,816	\$42,469
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$8,198	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$30,970	\$32,345	\$32,345	\$34,900
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$9,634	\$9,857	\$10,257	\$10,290
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,587	\$1,633	\$1,641	\$1,699
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$124	\$152	\$152	\$159
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,038	\$1,072	\$1,072	\$891
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$80	\$83	\$83	\$84
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,805	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,259	\$1,297	\$1,297	\$1,324
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$356	\$689	\$689	\$714
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$298	\$750	\$750	\$750
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$1,022	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TRAVEL	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,307	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$173	\$600	\$600	\$600
DUES AND FEES	\$225	\$800	\$800	\$800
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$189,071	\$189,518	\$193,926	\$197,310
FISCAL SERVICES				
SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$35,280	\$37,363	\$37,363	\$40,522
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$35,280	\$37,363	\$37,363	\$40,522

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INTEREST EXPENSE

INTEREST EXPENSE	\$26,837	\$27,000	\$38,223	\$38,223
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$26,837	\$27,000	\$38,223	\$38,223

AUDITING SERVICES

AUDIT SERVICES	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150

OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT

SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$59,559	\$65,298	\$57,987	\$59,982
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$17,937	\$18,858	\$18,858	\$20,348
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,251	\$4,115	\$3,898	\$4,325
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,369	\$2,612	\$2,319	\$2,399
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$55	\$62	\$62	\$65
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$503	\$521	\$521	\$384
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$39	\$40	\$40	\$36
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$535	\$541	\$541	\$552
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$157	\$185	\$185	\$192
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$6,367	\$0	\$7,700	\$7,700
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
WATER & SEWER	\$5,095	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$1,924	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180
SNOW REMOVAL	\$5,390	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,000
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$2,830	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$3,500
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROU	\$18,922	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$1,464	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$5,496	\$5,383	\$5,928	\$9,000
TRAVEL	\$90	\$300	\$300	\$300
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$10,053	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
ELECTRICITY	\$27,210	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$28,029	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$14,000
WOOD PELLETS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT	\$199,275	\$208,195	\$208,619	\$204,563

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$86,067	\$87,901	\$87,901	\$90,199
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$4,987	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV	\$91,054	\$91,901	\$91,901	\$94,199

DEBT SERVICE

UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEBT SERVICE-NEW CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$305,355	\$261,190	\$264,038
WATER PROJECT LOAN REPAYMENT	\$3,728	\$5,390	\$3,728	\$3,729
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$8,728	\$310,745	\$264,918	\$267,767

FUND TRANSFERS

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$12,720	\$12,720	\$12,720	\$12,720
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$68,000	\$60,000	\$105,827	\$60,000
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$36,244
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$85,720	\$77,720	\$123,547	\$108,964

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016 (continued)

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2016-2017**
W/Bond
Final
ACTUAL 2015 BUDGET 2016 PROJECTED 2016 BUDGET 2017
INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$118,270	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$147,142	\$169,435	\$146,352	\$151,474
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$3,183	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$48,131	\$58,553	\$33,944	\$36,626
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$19,422	\$12,202	\$10,756	\$11,113
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5,580	\$6,732	\$5,809	\$6,012
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$457	\$471	\$409	\$494
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$2,040	\$1,352	\$1,352	\$969
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$157	\$104	\$104	\$91
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,093	\$0	\$0	\$0
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$3,534	\$3,838	\$3,601	\$3,421
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$802	\$875	\$755	\$782
OTHER PROF SVCS /TUITION TO OTHERS	\$5,006	\$0	\$0	\$28,145
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$296	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL	\$173	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,297	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$5,317	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED	\$362,900	\$253,562	\$203,082	\$239,127

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SU SHARED SERVICES	\$51,847	\$302,472	\$323,657	\$341,242
TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM	\$51,847	\$302,472	\$323,657	\$341,242

SU ASSESSMENTS

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$55,355	\$55,817	\$55,817	\$61,922
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$10,066	\$8,464	\$8,464	\$8,890
TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS	\$65,421	\$64,281	\$64,281	\$70,812

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$4,545	\$6,989	\$10,866	\$10,866
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$303	\$535	\$831	\$831
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$56	\$56	\$56	\$70
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$7
TRAVEL	\$56	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	\$4,964	\$8,084	\$12,257	\$12,274

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,587,942	\$3,032,670	\$3,044,352	\$3,193,559
		22.52%	17.64%	5.31%
EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE	\$9,284	\$0	-\$15,544	\$0

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2015-2016 (continued)

MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL Summary of Changes Budget 2017 vs. 2016

	<u>Final</u>		BUDGET FY2015-2016	BUDGET FY2016-2017
	Amount of Increase(Decrease)	Entire Budget % Increase		
Staffing Changes:				
Negotiated Items				
Salary Increases -Estimate	\$47,528	1.57%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 7.9% With Current Enrollment	\$37,057	1.22%		
Other Benefit Changes	-\$3,991	-0.13%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$80,594	2.66%		

Position Changes:

School-wide Projected Salary/Benefit Savings	-\$28,003	-0.92%		
Vermont Healthcare Assessment-WAS 4 Teachers 3.6 FTE's@ \$1400	\$0	0.00%		
Position Increase (.5FTE)	\$43,020	1.42%		
Subtotal Position Changes	\$15,017	0.50%		

Total Salary and Benefit Changes **\$95,611** 3.15% \$1,776,413 \$1,872,024

Nonsalary changes:

Instructional & Support Program reductions	-\$2,598	-0.09%		
WCSU Assessments-Draft to Full Board	\$13,453	0.44%		
Interest Expense	\$11,223	0.37%	Offset 100% by Revenues	
Operation of Plant- Changes	\$317	0.01%		
Student Transportation Svcs-Per Contract & Field Trips	\$2,298	0.08%		
Debt Service-Bond & Water Loan Savings	-\$42,978	-1.42%		
Special Education-Other Prof Svcs, Equipment, books	\$66,915	2.21%		
Total Nonsalary Items	\$48,630	1.60%	\$1,256,257	\$1,304,887

Total Expense Budget Change(A) **\$144,241** 4.76% **\$3,032,670** **\$3,176,911**

Revenue Changes

Projected Reduction Special Educ. Reimbursement & Extraordinary Re	-\$22,985	-0.76%		
Transportation Aid	\$0	0.00%		
Interest Income	\$11,223	0.37%		
Subtotal Revenue Changes(B)	-\$11,762	-0.39%		

Net Impact on Taxes(A-B)** **\$156,003** 5.14%

Act 166 Prekindergarten Implementation:	
Preschool ADM-(4 Adtl Students)	\$16,648 0.55%
Preschool Program changes-Per State Law-Draft #1(C)	\$16,648 0.55%
Budget Net Impact on Tax Calculation	\$0

Combined Expense Budget(A+C) **\$160,889** 5.31% **\$3,032,670** **\$3,193,559**

Total Estimated Allowable Increase-Per AOE Using 164.49 Eq Pupil **\$172,824**

Projected Ed Spending Change(Net impact on Taxes)**	\$156,003
Preschool Program Changes	\$16,648
Subtotal for Allowable Increase Formula	\$172,651

Reduction Needed(Below) Target **-\$173**

RUMNEY/WCSU 3-YEAR COMPARISON

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Middlesex County: Washington		T124 Washington Central		Property dollar equivalent yield 9.870	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00
		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016 11,065	FY2017 Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures					
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending(Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$2,575,355	\$2,603,355	\$3,032,670	\$3,193,559
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$440,369	\$357,030	\$441,105	\$429,343
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenue@Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$440,369	\$357,030	\$441,105	\$429,343
14.	Education Spending	\$2,134,986	\$2,246,325	\$2,591,565	\$2,764,216
15.	Equalized Pupils	155.99	157.82	156.61	164.49
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
16.		\$13,686.69	\$14,233.46	\$16,547.89	\$16,804.77
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$55.95	\$65.83	\$1,984.20	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	-	-	\$37.68	NA
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless elecorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	NA	NA	\$35.76	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,459	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	District Threshold
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$16,805.82
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,687	\$14,233	\$16,548	\$16,804.77
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	149.565% based on \$9,151	153.295% based on \$9,285	174.943% based on \$9,459	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,804.77 ÷ (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000))]	\$1,4059 based on \$0.94	\$1,5023 based on \$0.98	\$1,7319 based on \$0.99	\$1,7026 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Middlesex equalized pupils not in a union school district	52.75%	54.96%	56.21%	57.25%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (57.25% x \$1.70)	\$0.7416	\$0.8257	\$0.9735	\$0.9747
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.06%	95.61%	97.39%	94.46%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9747 / 94.46%)	\$0.7720 based on \$0.94	\$0.8636 based on \$0.98	\$0.9996 based on \$0.99	\$1.0319 based on \$1.00
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.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,804.77 ÷ \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.69% based on 1.80%	2.76% based on 1.80%	3.15% based on 1.80%	3.04% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (57.25% x 3.04%)	1.42% based on 1.80%	1.52% based on 1.94%	1.77% based on 1.94%	1.74% based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at U-32 UHSD	47.25%	45.04%	43.79%	42.75%
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. **New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

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

As a supervisory union, our primary goals are to provide quality educational opportunities for the 1,500 students we serve in PreK through grade 12, and to ensure that we are preparing our students for their future. To meet these goals, we remain focused on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; providing high quality early education programs; special education services; providing transportation services; grant and construction management; 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.

Consolidation of Services at Supervisory Union

Changes were made during the 2011 legislative session that require supervisory unions to provide increased services — to improve cost effectiveness and outcomes for students. At Washington Central we have already consolidated many services, but this adjustment to the law required that we move two functions of the schools budgets into the central office budget: Special Education and student transportation. Adding these two items will significantly increase the supervisory union budget from a yearly expenditure of approximately \$2.5 million to \$7 million. Adding these services to the SU budget will not increase the cost of the services to the schools or the tax rate, as they were already in the previous year's budget. If the full board had not agreed to move these services into the supervisory union budget, the tax payers of Washington Central potentially could have seen a 5% penalty on their school tax bills.

I am glad to report that this year we are already seeing savings in the consolidation of special education services at the central office through the coordination of the delivery of services.

Board Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

During the 2014-2015 and the 2015-2016 school years the boards have been asking themselves: "What do our communities value that our students know and are able to do when they receive a U-32 diploma?" Five of our six boards have created a first version of Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) and a committee has been established to determine the common themes and develop one version for the entire supervisory union. This unified set of outcomes will focus our work on what it means to be an aligned PreK – 12 school system across Washington Central.

Please stay tuned as a common set of SLO's is drafted and the full board seeks feedback from the community to help them determine if they set the correct outcomes for the students and the supervisory union.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction and assessment, as well as professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide on-going professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-12. Over 137 teachers and administrators participated this past year in improving their skills to help ensure that all students have high quality instruction.

In addition to the summer professional development, we have been able to secure a grant to fund a WCSU math coach this year and at least into the following year. Ellen Dorsey, former U-32 middle and high school math teacher, is directly supporting our teacher leaders and administrators as we work to build capacity in our schools related to instructional leadership in mathematics. The math coach's work is anchored in the outcomes we have articulated for all students. Specifically, she is working to deepen teachers' understanding of students' levels of knowing mathematics and to articulate learning progressions that best meet students' needs.

WCSU has six supervisory union-wide curriculum committees: the Curriculum Council, the Literacy Steering Committee, the Math Steering Committee, the Science Steering Committee, the Social and Emotional Learning Steering Committee and the Social Studies Steering Committee. During the summer teachers came together to engage in curriculum, instruction and assessment work in literacy, math, science and social studies. The work that they did this summer is directly impacting students this school year.

WCSU has created a local comprehensive assessment system that includes different types of assessments. Teachers come together at least twice each year (during the October and February inservice days) to analyze the data at their respective grade levels. For example, fourth grade teachers from all five elementary schools came together in October to score students' reading assessments together. Such scoring opportunities and data analyses inform next instructional steps for individual students, classes, and implications for the school system as a whole.

Special Services

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

In an effort to find ways to "work smarter, not harder", her intent is to look at personnel across the supervisory union to determine more efficient ways to fulfill our commitment to students

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

with our current staff.

There have been a few opportunities throughout the school year thus far in which we were able to shift resources to better meet the needs of the students. Some examples:

In one elementary school there was an increase in speech and language services, while another had a reduction in need. Through a careful review we were able to determine that we could move the speech and language pathologist from one school to another; a win-win situation for both schools.

In another one of our schools there was a resignation early in the fall of a Speech and Language Pathologist. Again, after careful review of workloads, we were able to fill this need with current staff in the supervisory union.

We were also able to be creative with a position that is shared between U-32 and WCSU. Instead of filling the administrative level position Tim Flynn vacated with his retirement last spring, we split it between a half time Coordinator and half time Intensive Needs Case Manager.

With special education consolidated at the supervisory union level we were able to make these changes without having to spend time changing contracts, etc. This allows us to think differently and ask questions of how we are going about the work to best meet the needs of the students across the supervisory union.

Kelly is also the supervisory union coordinator for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBiS) a school-wide approach to creating a positive and safe climate in which students can learn and grow. Throughout this school year (15'-16') and last school year (14'-15') most schools have implemented Phase 1 and 2 of PBiS. Level 1 is the universal level that focuses on every student school-wide and the second level provides interventions for students that need behavioral supports. Each school continues to have a team that takes a leadership role to ensure implementation throughout the school. These teams also participate in professional development, continuing to move the implementation forward.

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

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

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

The costs that are associated with this continue to be funded through a grant from the Agency of Education.

Early Education Programs

For our preschool students, we have expanded our programs at each of the elementary schools and are proud to report that all of our preschool programs meet the highest Vermont STARS accreditation and provide 10 hours per week of preschool instruction. With the implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten, we are proud to announce that all five of our programs have been pre-qualified as Pre-Kindergartens in the state of Vermont. This means that if non-resident students choose to attend one of our programs, they may apply to be a student and be accepted if we have room in our programs. This year most of our programs are full with resident students.

Teacher Supervision and Evaluation System

A committee comprised of teachers and administrators met extensively for the past two years, per our teacher agreement, in order to enhance and improve our teacher supervision and evaluation system. Across the school system we have agreed to use Charlotte Danielson's 2013 Framework for Teaching to inform our practice. Also this past year we have increased the frequency of feedback to our teachers through the use of administrator walk-throughs and a technology document system that provides information to instructors in real time. This is requiring our principals to spend more time in the classroom working with the teachers in high quality instruction.

Technology

This was another great year for the WCSU Technology Department. The greatest impact on student learning has been the expansion of our one-to-one computer-to-student project from grades 5 through 8, to grades 4 through 10. By using Google Chromebooks we have been able to dedicate a computing device to each student and teachers have been able to increase the integration of technology in their classes. This is allowing our students to expand and deepen the skills they will need in the 21st century.

As the use of smart phones and computers is becoming more prevalent, we are finding that we need to keep increasing our internet bandwidth. Four of our locations are serviced by fiber optic internet service, which allows for some of the highest speed access in the state. At Rumney, Doty and Calais Elementary Schools we were able to increase the internet service by 10 times to provide more educational resources to the students. Along with increasing the bandwidth, we have been able to upgrade our wireless technology at every school to provide separate networks for the students and staff and a general network for the public. This allows us to handle more devices using the network at the same time. Having this type of access allows students to use information to build new knowledge and communicate it to others.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION (continued)

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 \$36.3 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. With the advent of Act 46, the education spending per equalized pupil was able to increase from 0.77% to 1.84% across all the schools. In developing budgets for FY16, each school board looked closely at their per pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. Currently the tax projections are showing a level tax rate in Middlesex and lowering in the other four towns. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

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

Parent and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. WCSU is fortunate to have so many parents, community and board members involved in our schools and the education of our students. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for the continued support of our schools and students.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kimball
Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2015, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$2,439,922. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2015 with a \$286,279 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$162,915 operations, \$0 special education, \$60,613 office equipment and technology, \$48,888 building capital fund and \$ 13,863 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2016, the supervisory union budgets total \$6,746,593 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2017, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$7,068,933 which consists of \$1,785,073 for operations, \$700,000 for state placed students, \$3,455,265 for shared Special Education services, and \$1,128,595 for shared student transportation.

William Kimball Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

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

Kelly Bushey

Director of Special Services Washington Central Supervisory Union

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WCSU CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET AND RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL SHARE

The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its enrollment. Using the enrollment, the allocation for Rumney Memorial School is 12.5% for FY 2016-2017. The total assessment for Rumney Memorial is \$225,011 which is an increase of \$13,452 over 2015-2016. The increase of \$13,452 represents a .44% increase to the Rumney budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office.

Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office:

Function & Services (not an exclusive list)

Administration Services- SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation. Rumney share is \$51,304

Curriculum Services- Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; professional development across the SU; grant writing. Rumney share is \$18,477

Technology Services- Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; network administration and support; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; and integration of technology into SU operations are included in this total. Rumney share is \$43,897

Fiscal Services- Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. Rumney share is \$40,522

Student Special Services- Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschoolers, private school students and homeless students, special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. Rumney share is \$61,922

Preschool Administration- Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. Rumney share is \$8,890

Shared Special Education – All Special Education costs are included in the WCSU Budget (except paraeducators.) Rumney share is \$341,242

Shared Student Transportation – All student transportation costs to/from school are included in the WCSU Budget. Rumney share is \$90,199.

MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

Town of Middlesex
 Estimated Tax Calculations
 As of January 6, 2016

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

\$1.00 \$1.538

	Education Spending Per Eq Pupil	Property Yield BaseEd Spend	District Spen Adjustment	Equalized Pupils	TAX RATES:		
					Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Actual Nonresidential
Town							
Projected Budget 16-17	\$16,597	\$9,870	168.16%	287.32	\$1.682	\$1.780	\$1.538
Budget 15-16	\$16,350	\$9,459	172.85%	278.61	\$1.711	\$1.757	\$1.535
	1.51%	4.35%		3.13%			

Common Level		Actual	
Appraisal	Homestead	Homestead	Nonresidential
FY09-10	73.71%	\$1.780	\$1.832
FY10-11	74.11%	\$1.800	\$1.822
FY11-12	97.32%	\$1.391	\$1.398
FY12-13	96.86%	\$1.422	\$1.425
FY13-14	96.06%	\$1.507	\$1.499
FY14-15	95.61%	\$1.633	\$1.585
FY15-16	97.39%	\$1.757	\$1.576
FY16-17	94.46%	\$1.780	\$1.628
Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)		\$0.023	\$0.052
Impact on a \$100,000 property		\$23	\$52

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

TAX RATES:		
Current	Common Appraised at 100%	Total Tax Rate
Level of Appraisal	Equalized	
FY16-17	\$0.057	\$1.032
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.041	\$0.748
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.099	\$1.682
TOTAL Tax Rate		\$1.780

Education Spending Per
 Equalized Pupil

\$16,598
\$16,805
\$16,320

State Penalty Amount
 Amount Per Town
 Elementary
 U32

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary

Final

A) OPERATIONS:

Anticipated Revenues:

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Projected	FY 2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Assessments	\$1,433,690	\$1,407,844	\$1,410,488	\$1,432,059	\$24,215
Earnings on Investments	\$3,706	\$4,000	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$3,600
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,514	\$700	\$700	\$860	\$160
Subtotal	\$1,439,910	\$1,412,544	\$1,418,788	\$1,440,519	\$27,975
Fund Balance Usage	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Total Operations Source of Funds	\$1,454,910	\$1,427,544	\$1,433,788	\$1,455,519	\$27,975

Expenditures:

Instruction Develop. Services	\$140,305	\$145,792	\$147,639	\$153,032	\$7,240
Technology Services	\$348,183	\$358,553	\$365,544	\$349,972	-\$8,581
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$344,286	\$358,715	\$363,841	\$366,596	\$7,881
Preschool Administration	\$4,000	\$11,051	\$7,051	\$11,206	\$155
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$291,362	\$320,823	\$314,814	\$332,863	\$12,040
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$18,057	\$21,085	\$21,085	\$20,085	-\$1,000
Debt Service	\$20,833	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers-Capital	\$88,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services	\$174,346	\$176,525	\$183,814	\$186,765	\$10,240
Total Operations Use of Funds	\$1,429,372	\$1,427,544	\$1,438,788	\$1,455,519	\$27,975

% INCREASE OPERATING BUDGET

1.96%

B) REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS-STATE PLACED STUDENTS:

Anticipated Revenues:

State Placed Reimbursements	\$756,897	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income-SPED	\$121,713	\$0	\$5,508	\$0	\$0
Total Special Ed Program Source of Funds	\$878,610	\$700,000	\$705,508	\$700,000	\$0

Expenditures:

Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students & Case Mgmt	\$876,507	\$700,000	\$705,508	\$700,000	\$0
Total Special Ed Program Use of Funds	\$876,507	\$700,000	\$705,508	\$700,000	\$0

% INCREASE 100% REIMBURSABLE FROM STATE

0.00%

C) SHARED SERVICES-SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Anticipated Revenues:

Assessments	\$286,533	\$321,758	\$319,114	\$329,554	\$7,796
Total Shared Svcs- Source of Funds	\$286,533	\$321,758	\$319,114	\$329,554	\$7,796

Expenditures:

Shared Service Programs-SPED Summer & Eval Team	\$286,533	\$321,758	\$319,114	\$329,554	\$7,796
Total Shared Svcs- Use of Funds	\$286,533	\$321,758	\$319,114	\$329,554	\$7,796

% INCREASE SPED SVC BUDGET

2.42%

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

Total Source of Funds (A+B+C)	\$2,620,053	\$2,449,302	\$2,458,410	\$2,485,073	\$35,771
Total Use of Funds(A+B+C)	\$2,592,412	\$2,449,302	\$2,463,410	\$2,485,073	\$35,771

% INCREASE ENTIRE BUDGET

1.46%

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET (continued)

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget Summary

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D) SHARED SERVICES-SPECIAL EDUCATION/STUDENT TRANSPORTATION- Act 168:					
Anticipated Revenues:					
Shared Service Revenues-Special Education	\$0	\$3,094,895	\$3,413,412	\$3,455,265	\$360,370
Shared Service Revenues-Student Transportation	\$0	\$1,202,396	\$1,099,841	\$1,128,595	-\$73,801
Total Shared Svcs- Source of Funds	\$0	\$4,297,291	\$4,513,253	\$4,583,860	\$286,569
Expenditures:					
Shared Service Programs-All SPED Costs/No Para's	\$0	\$3,094,895	\$3,413,412	\$3,455,265	\$360,370
Shared Service Programs-Student Transportation	\$0	\$1,202,396	\$1,099,841	\$1,128,595	-\$73,801
Total Shared Svcs- Use of Funds	\$0	\$4,297,291	\$4,513,253	\$4,583,860	\$286,569
COMBINED TOTAL WCSU BUDGET(A+B+C+D):					
Total Source of Funds (A+B+C+D)	\$2,620,053	\$6,746,593	\$6,971,663	\$7,068,933	\$322,340
Total Use of Funds(A+B+C+D)	\$2,592,412	\$6,746,593	\$6,976,663	\$7,068,933	\$322,340

Special Education Budget FY1617 Summary by School:

	Local Budgets Paraeducators	WCSU Budget	Total Expenses	Revenues	Net Cost To Taxpayers
Berlin	\$250,968	\$508,892	\$759,860	\$467,600	\$292,260
Calais	\$156,607	\$128,301	\$284,908	\$182,864	\$102,044
E.Montpelier	\$127,738	\$482,015	\$609,753	\$398,359	\$211,394
Middlesex	\$210,982	\$341,242	\$552,224	\$349,365	\$202,859
Worcester	\$88,968	\$168,945	\$257,913	\$154,314	\$103,599
U32	\$471,587	\$1,825,870	\$2,297,457	\$1,542,038	\$755,419
Total	\$1,306,850	\$3,455,265	\$4,762,115	\$3,094,540	\$1,667,575

Student Transportation Budget FY1617 Summary by School:

WCSU Budget

Berlin	\$120,265
Calais	\$90,199
E.Montpelier	\$121,265
Middlesex	\$90,199
Worcester	\$34,912
U32	\$671,755
Total	\$1,128,595

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 (“U-32”), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

- Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Calais Elementary School in Calais – 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 131 at 6:00 PM on February 29, 2016 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities’ respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 3: To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

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

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$15,357,176, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,320 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.39% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 in reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2016-2017 school year?

SCHOOL DIRECTORS: Mary Ormsby, Clerk, Adrienne Magida, Chair (Middlesex), Cari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier), Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester), Emily Goyette (East Montpelier), C. Scott Thompson, Calais, Jonathan Gooddard (Berlin), Michael Law (Berlin)

 Mary Ormsby
 Clerk

 Cari Bradley
 Vice Chair

 Carl Witke
 Clerk

 Emily Goyette

 Jonathan Gooddard

 Michael Law

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32
MARCH 1, 2016**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**ARTICLE 1
FOR CLERK**

(For One (1) Year)
(Vote for not more than ONE)

MARY ORMSBY

(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 2
FOR TREASURER**

(For One (1) Year)
(Vote for not more than ONE)

MARY ORMSBY

(Write-in)

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

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

YES
NO

ARTICLE 4

Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$15,357,176, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,320 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.39% higher than spending for the current year.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 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 6

Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2016-2017 school year?

YES
NO

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROJECTED 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
REVENUES				
TUITION	895,827	800,016	952,673	889,377
INVESTMENT INCOME	170,269	172,106	174,386	174,386
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	11,569,718	12,189,961	12,189,961	12,327,051
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	170,047	122,525	114,424	114,425
STATE REVENUES-MISC	260,529	252,784	262,183	261,466
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	257,457	263,779	261,995	269,473
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	1,359,058	1,114,544	1,335,658	1,320,998
FUND BALANCE	200,000	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	\$14,882,905	\$14,915,715	\$15,291,280	\$15,357,176
EXPENSES				
BUSINESS ED.	153,804	159,539	168,007	174,709
DRIVER ED.	60,234	63,862	63,094	65,290
ENGLISH	708,802	733,327	780,218	822,834
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	285,557	293,683	301,766	316,247
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	367,394	398,728	411,082	419,023
TECHNOLOGY ED .	183,416	183,053	184,441	208,159
LIVING ARTS	69,811	76,474	75,604	79,798
MUSIC	247,903	228,956	229,399	236,732
PHYSICAL ED.	372,753	392,602	390,287	407,105
MATHEMATICS	812,703	836,475	831,752	874,684
SCIENCE	956,161	818,963	888,184	919,154
SOCIAL STUDIES	597,776	625,817	550,239	598,436
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	334,646	371,894	376,186	416,791
OTHER INSTRUCTION-504	2,371	5,800	5,800	5,800
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	551,145	541,988	542,021	357,131
MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS	16,430	17,480	17,480	17,480
GUIDANCE SERVICES	589,661	611,210	590,883	627,869
HEALTH SERVICES	138,308	142,459	119,551	124,156
CURRICULUM SERVICES	152,707	147,621	125,246	96,653
MEDIA SERVICE	89,840	49,510	49,510	0
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	263,665	225,316	219,136	213,485
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	419,457	423,313	423,313	489,553
BOARD OF EDUCATION	44,355	52,700	52,700	49,700
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	188,628	200,017	200,017	193,376
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	853,415	882,469	916,762	944,052
FISCAL SERVICES	138,297	147,867	147,867	151,158
INTEREST EXPENSE	139,481	140,000	142,280	142,280
AUDITING SERVICES	6,950	6,950	6,950	6,950
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,266,690	1,280,944	1,284,650	1,350,085
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	655,147	676,607	676,607	694,305
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	980,081	1,081,085	1,081,085	1,079,625
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	528,435	540,000	515,226	439,850
SUPPORT PROGRAM	1,777,023	1,522,041	1,791,063	1,825,870
SPEECH SERVICES	29,127	30,535	30,535	31,737
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	216,991	220,902	220,902	230,985
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	109	5,000	5,000	5,160
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	707,088	780,528	739,302	740,954
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,906,361	\$14,915,715	\$15,154,145	\$15,357,176

U-32 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET REPORT

One of the most important jobs of a school board is to establish expectations for the work of our administration and staff. This year the U-32 School Board adopted a set of Student Learning Outcomes which will guide all curriculum, teaching and assessment decisions. The short version is:

U-32 exists to cultivate in all students the passion, creativity and power to contribute to their local and global communities. More specifically, U-32 students will meet or exceed rigorous standards for:

- *Academic skills and abilities that prepare students for life-long learning*
- *Core knowledge of essential academic subjects*
- *Life skills and behaviors necessary for success in the 21st century*

Another topic of considerable conversation over the past 9 months has been Act 46 and how the WCSU will govern itself in the future. An Act 46 study committee is meeting monthly to consider a governance plan for the Supervisory Union. If the proposed governance plan is different from our current structure, it will need to be voted on by each town in the SU before it can be implemented. The committee hopes to make its recommendation in the next 6-9 months.

In addition to this work, the School Board has created a budget while taking into considerations the spending caps established by Act 46. The final proposed U-32 budget for 2016-2017 is \$15,357,176, a 2.96% increase over last year. Due to additional revenues to offset special education increases, the net impact on taxes of this budget is 0.92%, which complies with the Act 46 caps. Because of a new methodology for calculating tax rates (“dollar yield”), this budget will result in a 2.1% decrease in the tax rate for Middlesex for the high school budget only. This budget includes reductions in instructional positions in both regular education and special education. Our capital bond payment will drop significantly next year and those savings will be transferred to our Capital Fund, which was formed to sustain our facility and avoid deferred maintenance expenses in the future. For the first time, with this budget, we have been able to fully fund the annual cost of the Capital Fund in our operating budget. U-32 is a beautiful facility in excellent shape and our Capital Fund will help us sustain it and avoid expensive deferred maintenance costs in the future.

This has been an exciting year to serve on the U-32 Board. Education is in transition, with discussion of governance and the delivery of educational services to students at the forefront of everyone's mind. It has been my pleasure to serve as your representative on the U-32 School Board. As a community we should be very proud of our students at U-32 and their varied accomplishments. Thank you very much for your continued support of U-32. Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns you may have.

Adrienne Magida, U-32 Board Chair - Middlesex

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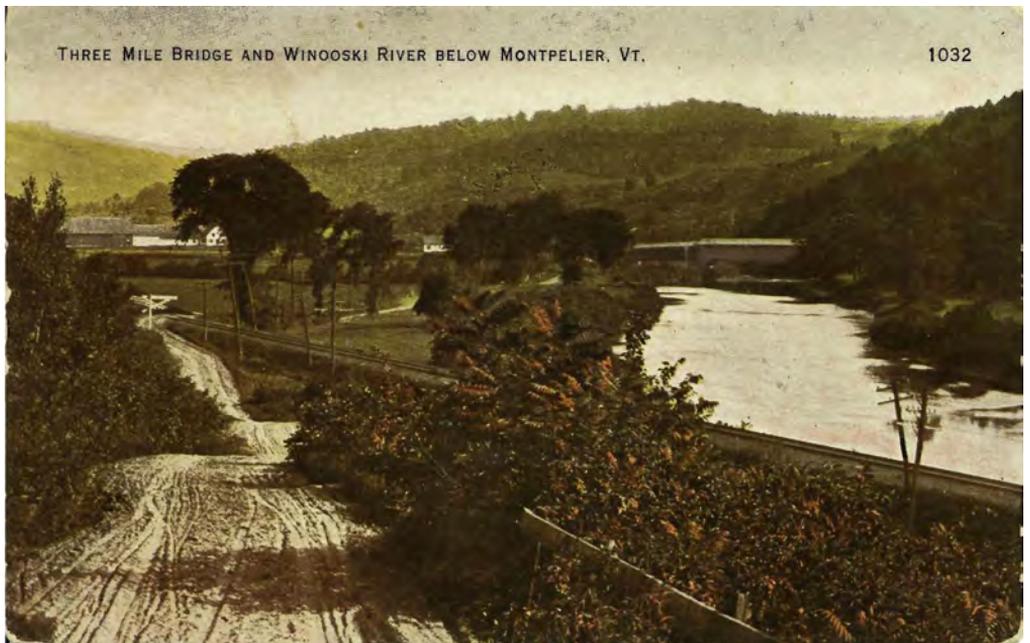
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Middlesex Center, Vt., Mt. Hunger in distance,

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USE THIS SPACE TO TAKE NOTES!

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 the Meeting. Pre-registration is required; be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break.

For more information, please contact Paul Dayton, Community Connections, 223-5429 x322 or email: pdayton@rumney.org. Details are also available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney web site (www.rumney.org).

PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the Meeting for those who, due to physical limitations, cannot attend (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). With a mix of internet and telephone technologies, these voters not only can hear and see, but also speak at the meeting. No technical expertise is needed and we can provide any necessary equipment.

If you know someone who would like to participate remotely in the Middlesex Town Meeting, please contact Janette Shaffer at: rtpmmiddlesexvt@gmail.com or 802-828-0124 no later than February 23, 2016.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE...

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