

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representative Klein of East Montpelier,

S.C.R. 1. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Middlesex.

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees (proprietors) for the new town of Middlesex in the territory known as the New Hampshire Grants, and the geographic boundaries were described as "Beginning at the southerly or South Easterly Corner of Waterbury, on the Northerly side of Onion or French River (So Called) from thence Runing Easterly up said River (& bounding on the same) so far as to make it six Miles on a streight Line allowing the same to be Perpendicular with the Easterly Line of said Waterbury," and

Whereas, the proprietors gathered for the first time in New Milford, Connecticut on May 10, 1770, electing Partridge Thatcher as moderator and Samuel Averill as clerk, and

Whereas, they met for the first time in Vermont at Sunderland on October 13, 1783, the same year Middlesex became the first town settled in present-day Washington County, and

Whereas, on August 14, 1787, in Middlesex, the first proprietors' meeting was held at the home of Lovewell Warren, one of the town's first settlers, and

Whereas, having completed transacting their duties to assign lots, the proprietors' role was concluded, and the first official Middlesex town meeting occurred on March 29, 1790, at the home of Seth Putnam, and

Whereas, this first town meeting elected Levi Putnam moderator, Seth Putnam town clerk, and both along with Thomas Mead were chosen as the first members of the Middlesex Selectboard, and

Whereas, the first representative from the town of Middlesex to serve in the General Assembly was Samuel Harris in 1791, and

Whereas, throughout the 19th century, the town of Middlesex grew as a community of farms, forests, and especially mills in the area of the town known as Putnamville until their destruction in the 1927 flood, and

Whereas, the construction in Middlesex of a hydroelectric plant along the Winooski River was a major technological advancement for central Vermont, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 250 years since the Middlesex charter was granted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Middlesex's legal establishment, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Middlesex Town Clerk.



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House

Attested to:



John H. Bloomer, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Date: January 25, 2013

DEDICATION



The Middlesex Select Board is pleased to dedicate the 2012 Town report to Allen Alexander.

39 years, but who's counting? We are. Allen Alexander, better known as "Joe" or "Butch", has served as Middlesex delinquent tax collector from his home on Portal Road for nearly 40 years.

During his professional working years, Allen was available at his home early mornings, evenings and weekends for inquiries and receiving payments from town taxpayers. Upon retirement, his hours were more flexible for meeting and speaking with taxpayers. Not everyone would want this job, but Allen's good nature and compassion helped to make difficult situations easier for taxpayers. His dedication to the job and ability to collect the taxes helped to keep the Town financially secure over the years.

Thank you, Allen, for your many years of public service. You have made a real contribution to our Town. For these reasons, the Middlesex Select Board dedicates the 2012 Town Report to Allen Alexander.

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MIDDLESEX FACTS AND ASSISTANCE

Zoning and Access Permits:

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

Zoning Fees:

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

(Above fees include a \$10.00 recording fee: there will be an additional \$10.00 recording fee if a Certificate of Occupancy is required)

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

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

Hearings:

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

Access Permits:

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.	
Access Permit Fees.....	\$35

Applications for Zoning Permits and Access Permits are at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Licenses:

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

Dog Fees

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

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS - HANG ME UP!

Middlesex Fire DepartmentEmergency911
 Middlesex Fire DepartmentStation223-5525
 Middlesex Fast Squad911
 Montpelier AmbulanceEmergency911
 Vt. State PoliceEmergency911
 Vt. State PoliceK Troop229-9191
 ConstableEric Young229-9908
 Health OfficersElizabeth Fortman.....249-1058
Jeff Koonz229-6907
 Zoning AdministratorCindy Carlson223-5915
 Fire WardenJason Merrill.....229-4797

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Office223-5915
 (or).....223-0569
 Fax223-1298
 Emailmiddlesxtreas@comcast.net
 Website.....www.middlesex-vt.org

State RepresentativeTony Klein
 Office828-2424
 Home224-9097

MEETING SCHEDULES

Middlesex Selectboard2nd & 4th Tuesday
 Middlesex School Board1st Monday
 Fire Department1st & 3rd Tuesday
 U-32 School Board.....2nd & 4th Tuesday
 Conservation Commission.....1st Thursday
 Planning Commission3rd Wednesday
 Cemetery Commission.....3rd Monday

MIDDLESEX CONTACTS

Auditor	Helen Weed, 223-5818
.....	Joanne Hull, 223-7068
Bandstand	John Puleio, 229-0881
Boy Scouts	Jeff Koonz, 229-6907
Budget Committee:	Shaun Fielder, 223-9838
.....	Tim Hayward, 223-5540
.....	Kelly Sullivan, 223-0725
Cemetery Contacts:	Gary Lamell, 223-2710
.....	Janet McKinstry, 223-5997
.....	Michael Patterson, 223-9940
Central VT Regional Planning Commission Rep.:	Ron Krauth, 229-5496
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep.:	Anita Krauth, 229-5496
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Offices:	229-9383
Central VT Youth Orchestra:	Sarah McGinnis, 229-5120
Conservation Commission:	Dave Shepard, Chair, 229-1744
.....	Barry Goodman, Secretary, 223-4660
.....	Scott Gurley, Treasurer, 229-0177
.....	Rich Langdon, 229-5975
.....	Aaron Moore, 223-4254
.....	Eric Seidel, 223-1406
Constable:	Eric Young, 229-3648
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Cindy Carlson, 223-5915
Fire & Emergency:	In case of Emergency, dial 911
Use these numbers for non-emergencies:	
Fire Chief:	Doug Hanson, 229-6361
Fire Warden:	Jason Merrill, 229-4797
Emergency Management Chairperson:	Michael Morrisette, 223-6911
Fishing Derby:	Duane Sorrell, 229-9404
Girls/Boyz First! Community Based Mentoring Program: Wendy Farber, 229-4798	
Girl Scouts & Studio 2-B:	Tammy Hoermann, 223-4257
Green Up Day:	Jeff Koonz, 229-6907
.....	or Green Up Vermont, 229-4586
Health Officer:	Elizabeth Fortman, 223-1878
.....	Jeff Koonz, 229-6907
Highway:	Paul Cerminara, Foreman, 778-0404
.....	Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, 229-4832
Historical Society:	Patty Wiley, 229-0499
.....	Sarah Seidman, 223-4828

Justices of Peace:	Janet Heyman, 229-4979
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748
.....	Doug Lombard, 229-9600
.....	Peter Hood, 223-9644
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Charlie Merriman, 223-1112
Learn to Swim Program:	Karen Brown, 461-6397
Listers:	Richard Alderman, 223-3953
.....	Caleb Deane, 223-5752
.....	Eric Young, 229-9908
The Middlesex Newspaper:	Neely Washington, 223-1033
Moderator:	Susan Clark, 223-5824
Planning Commission:	Steve Martin, Chair, 229-4832
.....	Johnnie Krezinski, jr., 223-6875
.....	Richard Alderman, Sec., 223-3953
.....	Thea Schwartz, 229-4184
.....	vacant
Recreation Committee:	Tammy Joslyn, 223-3146
.....	Mark Campbell, 229-5610
.....	Tanya Perry, 223-3146
Rumney School Directors:	J. Lauri Scharf, 223-9189
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Sorsha Anderson, 229-1781
.....	Julie Moore, Chair, 223-4254
.....	Beth Holtzman, Vice Chair, 229-1206
Rumney Community School Partnership:	Hilary Nelson, 223-0322
Rumney Community Connections:	Karen Allen, 223-5429 x 322
Rumney PTO (Parent-Teacher Org.):	Monique Haupt, 229-4256
Rumney Playgroup (for pre-schoolers):	Jennifer Miller-Arsenault, 229-5463
Selectboard:	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
.....	Bill Callnan, 223-5794
.....	Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair, 223-7123
.....	Mary Alexander, 223-3648
.....	Matthew Dwire, 461-5791
Service Officer:	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
Town Agent/Grand Juror:	Larry Mandell, 223-6483
Town Clerk/Treasurer:	Cindy Carlson, Town Hall; 223-3297
Assistant Town Clerk:	Maryke Gillis
U-32 School Director:	Adrienne Magida, 223-8672
Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board:	Jane Dudley, 229-0177

Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters Reservations:

.....Collin O'Neal, Wrightsville Beach Manager, 223-7774
.....Laurie Emery, CVRPC 229-0389

Zoning Administrator:Cindy Carlson, 223-5915

Zoning Board of Adjustment:Roger Hirt, 223-0531

.....Charlene Bohl, 229-9908

.....Charles Merriman, Chair, 229-2643

.....Dennis Nealon, 229-0870

.....Doug Lombard, 229-9600

Middlesex Town Office

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Cindy Carlson

Assistant Town Clerk: Maryke Gillis

Address: 5 Church Street, Middlesex VT 05602

Phone: 223-5915 Fax: 223-1298 E-mail: middlesxtreas@comcast.net

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-4:30 (closed noon-1:00) Fridays, open 8:30-noon.

Website: www.middlesex-vt.org - A great place to go for events, election results, updated contacts, committee agendas and minutes, maps, history, and lots more. Check it out!

School Contacts

Rumney School

433 Shady Rill Rd., Middlesex VT 05602

Phone: 223-5429 Fax: 223-0750

Email: office@rumney.org

Website: www.rumney.org

U-32 High School

930 Gallison Hill Rd., Montpelier VT 05602

Phone: 229-0321

Website: www.U32.org

Vermont General Assembly

You can call legislators at home or send messages to them at the State House,

Mail: Vermont State House, 115 State St. Montpelier, VT 05633-5501.

Phone 828-2228 or 1-800-322-5616. Fax 828-2424.

E-mail addresses available at: www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/e-mail.cfm

Vermont State Senators (Washington County)

Sen. Ann Cummings (D)

24 Colonial Drive, Montpelier VT 05602

Phone: (h) 223-6403; (w) 229-0345

Sen. William "Bill" Doyle (R)

Murray Road, Montpelier VT 05602

Phone: (h) 223-2851; (w) 802-635-2356

Sen. Anthony Pollina (I)

93 Story Road, North Middlesex, VT 05682

Phone: 229-5809

Vermont State Representative (Middlesex/East Montpelier)

Rep. Tony Klein (D)

965 Powder Horn Glen, Montpelier VT 05602 • Phone: 224-9097

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Office	Name	Expires	Term
Moderator	Susan Clark	2013	1 yr
Selectboard	Mary Alexander	2014	2 yr
	William Callnan	2014	3 yr
	Peter Hood	2015	3 yr
	Matthew E. Dwire	2013	2 yr
	Mary Just Skinner	2013	3 yr
Rumney School Directors	J. Lauri Scharf	2014	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2014	2 yr
	Julie Moore, Chair	2015	3 yr
	Sorsha Anderson	2013	3 yr
	Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair	2013	2 yr
U32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2013	3 yr
Budget Committee	Tim Hayward	2015	3 yr
	Shaun Fielder	2014	3 yr
	Kelly Sullivan	2015	3 yr
Auditors	Helen Weed	2014	3 yr
	Joanne Hull	2014	3 yr
	Vacant		1 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2015	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2014	3 yr
	Eric Young	2013	3 yr
Town Clerk	Cindy Carlson	2013	1 yr
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2013	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2013	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson	2013	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2013	1 yr
Cemetery Commissioners	Janet McKinstry	2015	3 yr
	Michael Patterson	2014	3 yr
	Gary Lamell	2013	3 yr
Planning Commissioners	Richard Alderman, Sce.	2015	3 yr
	Vacant	2013	3 yr
	Johnnie Krezinski, jr.	2015	3 yr
	Steve Martin, Chair	2014	3 yr
	Thea Schwartz	2013	3 yr

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Office	Name
Road Commissioner	Steve Martin
Zoning Administrator	Cindy Carlson
Asst. Town Clerk	Maryle Gillis
Constable	Eric Young
Health Officer	Elizabeth Fortman Jeff Koonz
Board of Adjustment	Charles Merriman Rogert Hirt Charlene Bohl Doug Lombard Dennis Nealon
Town Service Officer	Peter Hood
CV Regional Planning Commissioner	Ronald Krauth
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael Morissette
Fire Warden	Jason Merrill
Wrightsville Beach Board Member	Jane Dudley
CV Solid Waste Management District	Anita Krauth

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2013

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business (Voting by Australian Ballot will be from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

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

Town Clerk	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Lister	3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year term
Planning Commission	3 year term
Planning Commission	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 8: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town Voters authorize an expenditure of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the following non-for-profit service agencies in the amounts listed and voted on separately on the Ballot? RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program) \$750 (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice: A full service Visiting Nurse Association providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of ability to pay; health promotion & long term care services in the amount of \$3,750. (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$26,800 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of money not to exceed \$10,000 for the Waterbury Area Senior Center during the year 2013. (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit organization, working toward economic growth, more job opportunities and increasing the tax base for Washington and northern Orange County cities and towns. (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,050 to Montpelier Senior Activity Center to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the following municipal service agency in the amount listed and voted on separately on the Ballot? Green Mountain Transit Agency meeting the needs of transit dependent citizens including seniors, persons with disabilities, low-income residents and the general public. \$953 (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3208 to support the following organizations:
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American Red Cross	250
Circle (Battered Women)	199
CV Community Action	199
CV Council on Aging	250
Family Center of Vermont	250
Home Share Now	250
Montpelier Veteran's Council	200
No. T. Resource & Development	100
Our House	200
Peoples Health & Wellness	200
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	195
Vermont Cares	250
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	195
Vt. Center for Independent Living	195
Vt. Green Up	100
Washington County Youth Service	175
Total	3208

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the updated Middlesex Town Plan dated 2013 – 2017? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex instruct the Select Board to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transport through Vermont?

WHEREAS, the oil industry appears to be planning to use an aging oil pipeline, built in 1950, to bring Canadian tar sands diluted bitumen through Vermont on its way to Portland, Maine for export; and

WHEREAS, the mining, drilling, and processing of tar sands requires a vast and destructive industrial operation that emits 3-5 times more carbon pollution per barrel than conventional U.S. crude oil, among many other problems; and

WHEREAS, pipelines carrying tar sands have a greater likelihood of leaks and spills because of the corrosive properties of tar sands, and such spills are more costly and difficult to clean up than conventional oil spills, as demonstrated by a 2010 tar sands spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River in Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and

2. That the Town shall require every fuel vendor, as a precondition for doing business with Town, to provide complete and current lists of the refinery sources of origin for all fuel the vendor sells, and thereby direct the Town 's purchases as much as possible toward vendors whose refinery sources do not use any material derived from tar sands; and

3. That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands, and support policies such as a Clean Fuels Standard to help keep such fuels out of the region's fuel supply; and

4. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills, along with clear guidelines for tracking the origins and chemical composition of pipeline contents and feedstocks; and

5. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and the CEOs of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pipe Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil, and Enbridge Inc.

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting

THE MIDDLESEX SELECTBOARD:

- Peter O. Hood, Chair
- Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair
- Mary Alexander
- William Callnan
- Matthew E. Dwire

Town of Middlesex, VT

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT MARCH 5, 2013

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

For **TOWN CLERK** for 1 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

CINDY CARLSON.....
WRITE IN.....

For **CEMETERY COMMISSION** for 3 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

GARY LAMELL.....
WRITE IN.....

For **TREASURER** for 1 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

CINDY CARLSON.....
WRITE IN.....

For **CEMETERY COMMISSION** for 3 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

MICHAEL S. PATTERSON
WRITE IN.....

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

CINDY CARLSON.....
WRITE IN.....

For **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.

THEA SCHWARTZ.....
WRITE IN.....

For **SELECTBOARD** for 3 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

MARY JUST SKINNER.....
WRITE IN.....

For **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER** for 3 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.

THEO KENNEDY
WRITE IN.....

For **SELECTBOARD** for 2 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

STEVE MARTIN.....
WRITE IN.....

For **LISTER** for 3 year term.
Vote for not more than **ONE**.

ERIC YOUNG.....
WRITE IN.....

For **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR** for 1 year term. Vote for not more than **ONE**.

CINDY CARLSON.....
WRITE IN.....

Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the updated Middlesex Town Plan dated 2013 – 2017?

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

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board would like to recognize and congratulate the Town of Middlesex for its 250th Sestercentennial Anniversary. On June 8, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees for the new Town of Middlesex. A copy of the State of Vermont Senate Concurrent Resolution outlining highlights of Middlesex's history is included in the front of the Town Report.

The Board would like to thank the various Town Committees and volunteers who have participated on Town projects and served on Town committees this past year and encourage their and others' continued involvement. The Board would like to give special thanks to Janet McKinstry who served at the Assistant Town Clerk for over 20 years. We wish Janet the best and thank her for all of the assistance she provided to the Town.

The Board is proposing a budget of \$1,015,541, before Special Articles, for the 7/1/2013- 6/31/2014 budget period. This represents an increase of 2.73% from the current year. This year's proposed Special Articles total \$56011.

Last year the Board was able to utilize a portion of the Fund Balance to reduce the 2012 tax rate. The Board was also able to pay off the remaining debt of \$22,000 on the 2009 One-Ton Truck. As of June 30, 2012, the Fund Balance is \$203,895. This Fund will be further reduced by \$43,000 towards the \$80,000 purchase for an excavator. The balance of the cost of the excavator will be expensed over two years in the regular budget. There will be cost savings for the Town with less wear and tear on other equipment and lower costs for hired equipment.

The Board worked closely with Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, and Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, to develop a plan to address "Mud Season". At their recommendation and input from residents, the Town obtained estimates for reconstruction of 3 test sites. The sites are located on Center Road, Molly Supple Hill, and East Hill. Based on these estimates the cost is approximately \$1,000,000 to improve one mile of road. After a public hearing and careful consideration, the Board agreed to purchase an excavator for the Highway Department. The Town will be able begin to start "Mud Season" improvements and other construction projects with reduced use of outside sources.

The Town applied for a grant from the State of Vermont to replace the culvert on Shady Rill Road, which we discovered was failing in 2011. Unfortunately, the Town was not awarded any funding. As a temporary measure steel plates were buried over the culvert. The Town will reapply for a grant this year and continue to watch the culvert closely.

The Planning Commission has worked diligently to update the Town Plan. A Town-wide survey was sent out to all Town residents, public hearings were held, and information was gathered from various Town Committees and Boards. The Select Board has reviewed the draft Town Plan and held a public hearing. The Town Plan will be voted on at Town Meeting. A copy of the draft Town Plan is available at the Town Clerk's office or on the Town website: middlesexvermont.org.

The Town has entered into a Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement for two properties on Three Mile Bridge Road that were damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. Once the Town has met the grant requirements, the land will become Town property. There will be no expense to the Town for this acquisition. The property will be remediated and will remain as open land for use of the public.

The Board continues to develop a plan for the "Old Fire Station". The Board advertised for interested parties to purchase the building or submit ideas for potential uses. There have been two interested parties, but both proposals have been withdrawn. The Board is currently evaluating water and septic needs for the Town Hall and the "Old Fire Station" comes into consideration with this evaluation. A final decision is expected to be made in 2013.

SELECT BOARD:

Peter O. Hood, Chair

Mary Just Skinner, Vice-Chair

William Callnan

Matthew E. Dwire

Mary Alexander

5 YEAR SIGN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Town of Middlesex Highway Department is planning to implement a 5-year mandatory sign-updating schedule. Starting in the summer of 2012, we plan to upgrade all street and regulatory signs to the current MUTCD standards, which include size, placement, and retro reflectivity. We have allocated funds in our budget and have allotted time for this project in order to complete it in a timely fashion.

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

Summer 2012

TH#1 - 3 Mile Bridge Rd.

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

TH#3 – East Hill Rd.

TH#4 – Knapp Rd.

TH#5 – West Hill Rd./Story Rd.

TH#6 - Chase Rd.

TH#7 – North Bear Swamp Rd.

Summer 2013

TH#8 – Macey Rd.

TH#9 – Wood Rd.

TH#10 – Norton Rd.

TH#11 – Merritt Rd.

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

TH#16 – Bushey Rd.

Summer 2014

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

TH#18 – Culver Hill Rd.

TH#19 – Horn of The Moon Rd.

TH#20 – LeLand Farm Rd.

TH#21 – Daniels Farm Rd.

TH#22 – Center Rd.

TH#23 – Warren Rd.

TH#24 – Dolan Rd.

Summer 2015

TH#25 – Bolduc Rd.

TH#26 – Tangle Town Rd.

TH#27 – Portal Rd.

TH#29 – Zdon Rd.

TH#32 – (D’Anna Rd.) Continuation of Notch Rd.
 TH#33 – Notch Rd./Mead Rd. TH#34 – Gallagher Rd.
 TH#35 – Ryan Rd.

Summer 2016

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

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

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

FIVE YEAR PLAN

2013/2014

Full Service - Center Rd, Story Rd, Zdon Rd, Chase Rd
 Mud Season Mitigation - Center Rd (300' Section)
 Service Preparation - East Bear Swamp, North Bear Swamp, Story Rd
 Bridge Work - 3 Mile Bridge Rd Box Culvert

2014/2015

Full Service - East Bear Swamp Rd, North Bear Swamp Rd, Tangle Town Rd
 Mud Season Mitigation - East Hill Rd, Molly Supple Hill Rd
 Service Preparation - West Hill
 Paving - Shady Rill Rd (Pending Grant)
 Bridge Work - Shady Rill Rd (Herrick Brook Bridge #5)

2015/2016

Full Service - West Hill Rd, Bolduc Rd, Dolan Rd, Warren Rd
 Mud Season Mitigation - Portal Rd, Bolduc Rd
 Service Preparation - McCullough Rd, Upper Barnett Hill Rd
 Paving - East Hill Rd/Terrace St Junction (Grant Pending)

2016/2017

Full Service - McCullough Rd, Upper Barnett Hill Rd, French Rd
 Mud Season Mitigation - McCullough Rd, French Rd
 Service Preparation - Wood Rd, Macy Rd

2017/2018

Full Service - Wood Rd, Macy Rd
 Mud Season Mitigation - Molly Supple Hill Rd, East Hill Rd
 Service Preparation - Portal Rd, East Hill Rd

Full Service = gravel resurface, brush cutting, culvert replacement, ditching
 Mud Season Mitigation = excavation, drainage, fabric
 Service Preparation = shoulder cutting, minor ditching, culvert replacement

CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Replacement Schedule	Year
1989 Chipper		No Date
2007 Backhoe	10 years	2017
1997 Grader	10 years	2021
2012 Western Star Dump Truck	7 years	2020
2009 One Ton	6 years	2015
2010 International	7 years	2017
2008 Kobelco Excavator	10 years	2018
xxxx Loader		2014

MIDDLESEX TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

We have been very busy during 2012 with recording, animal licenses, voter registrations, elections, tax collections, and many other services the Clerk's office provides. We added over 100 residents to the Voter Checklist in 2012, and over 100 address changes that resulted in removal from the checklist. We had three elections in 2012, Town Meeting, August Primary, and November General Election. We handled a record number of absentee ballots for the November General Election. I would like to thank the ballot clerks and counters who help with elections. Your continued support to volunteer your time is very much appreciated.

We strive to make the Town Clerk's office a source of information and service to the townspeople, especially those who volunteer on our Town's Boards and Committees. We continue to update the Town's website, middlesexvermont.org, with information such as meeting minutes, important notices, audit reports. The interactive zoning map tool which is under the "Zoning/Maps" category can be used to find property owners, zoning districts and other parcel information.

I would like to thank Jody Dwire who served as the Town Clerk Assistant in 2012. I am happy to welcome Maryke Gillis as our new Town Clerk Assistant. Maryke joined the office in September and has been busy learning the digital recording and helping in other areas.

We look forward to a busy and productive 2013.

Cindy Carlson, Town Clerk

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

**Rumney School Proposed Budget for FY 2014
(July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)**

The School Board with input from the principal, superintendent and other community members has proposed a budget for Rumney School of \$2,575,355 for FY 2014. This is an increase of 4.5 % over last year's budget. This budget is assuming that a special education reimbursement in the amount of \$144,792 will be obtained from the state. There are a number of reasons for the increase in this budget including several areas that cannot be controlled by the school board. These include health insurance cost increases at 14%. This rate isn't negotiated but is provided to our district by the insurance provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield. Another area that is outside of the board's control is in special education. Our school, just as with all others, is obligated to meet the special education and transportation needs in this area. One other unique issue is that Middlesex's percentage share of students in the supervisory union will go up this year and that leads to our school having to pay an increased share to Washington County Supervisory Union (WCSU). In all other categories the board has carefully reviewed, discussed and assigned funding amounts to best reduce expenses. The overall goal is to continue to maintain a sound educational delivery process for the 184 students anticipated for the 2013 - 2014 school year. The budget committee recommends that the voters approve the proposed budget.

With a budget increase of 4.5 % state law dictates our town is required to vote on the school budget in two parts. The state guidance stipulates for any school budget that is greater than a 3.2% increase (this is the New England government inflation rate plus 1 %) the community must vote two portions of the budget. Therefore the Middlesex Town School District Warning to be voted by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day will list a part A at \$2,508,151 and a part B at \$67,204. The sum of these is the total budget amount of \$2,575,355.

Information provided by WCSU officials notes that this budget proposal would result in a tax rate impact to Middlesex tax payers of \$0.092, in other terms for each \$100,000 of home value a given tax payer would see an additional tax burden of \$92.

Do take the opportunity to attend either of the school budget public information meetings to be led by the school board. These meetings will be held on Saturday February 23 at 9 am at the Red Hen Bakery and on Monday March 4th at 6 pm at the Rumney School.

Town Proposed Budget for FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

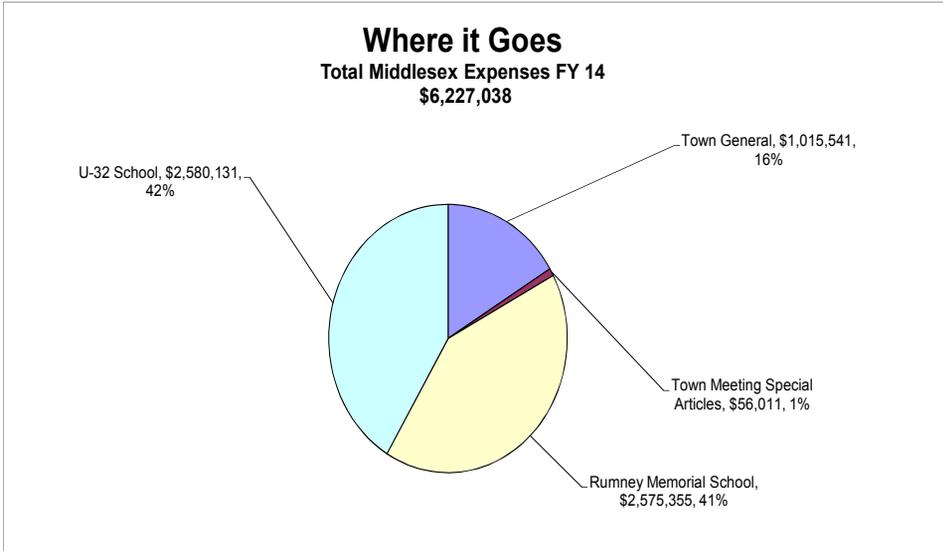
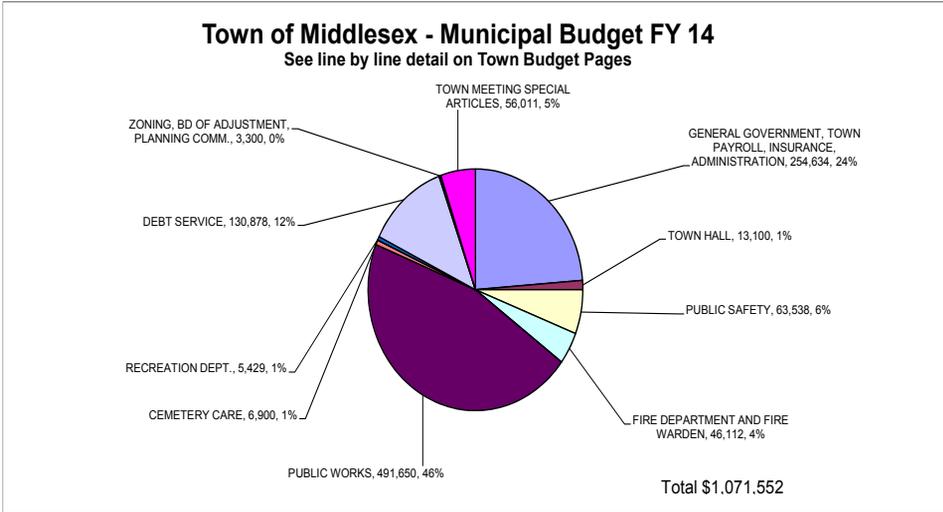
The selectboard's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 of \$1,015,541 is a 2.7% increase from this current year's budget of \$988,489. This current year's budget reflected only a 1% increase from its predecessor. The selectboard continues its diligent work to hold down Town expenses, while recognizing the very real needs and demands of Middlesex residents. The budget committee commends the board for its diligence and recommends that the voters approve the budget.

During the discussions surrounding the proposed budget it was clear that there was always more demand for money than there was money available. The budget committee appreciated the spirit with which those directly affected by it approached this reality, and made proposals to best meet their obligations with limited funding. The challenging economic times continue, and the budget requests reflected that understanding. The budget does include a 2.5% cost of living salary adjustment for town employees.

As a further note the budget amounts above do not include the special articles. These will be voted on separately from the town budget. We would like to underscore that these special articles, if passed by the voters, become a part and parcel of the budget and must be paid for by the Middlesex property taxpayer.

With the proposed increase of 4.5% for the School District budget, and 2.7% for the Town's, Middlesex voters are encouraged to review both and feel free to ask any and all questions before Town Meeting and School District voting.

Budget Committee: Shaun Fielder, Tim Hayward and Kelly Sullivan



JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Account	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	% of change
General Government							
Selectboard Salary	3150	3150	3150	3150	3150	3150	100.000%
Selectboard Clerk	18000	17984.26	18270	18173	18544	18989	102.400%
Advertising /Printing	1500	1667.11	1500	2147	1700	2300	135.294%
Discretionary Fund	5000	4368.45	9000	8993	9000	11000	122.222%
Legal Fees	5000	348.33	3000	2365	3000	3000	100.000%
Town Report	4000	3660.03	4000	3523	3200	4000	125.000%
VLCT Dues	2478	2478	2532	2592	2577	2541	98.603%
County Tax	15477	15477	12783	12783	14347	15161	105.674%
CV Solid Waste	5800	3630.9	3744	3738	3800	1731	45.553%
CV Reg Planning Comm	1968	1967.7	1968	1968	1818	1818	100.000%
Conservation Commission	1000	186.47	1000	101	1000	1000	100.000%
Tree Warden	500	0	100	0	100	100	100.000%
Elections 2300	873.48	1000	435	1000	400	40,000%	
Total General Government	66173	55791.73	62047	59966	63236	65190	103.090%
Town Insurances							
Workers Comp	12000	10099.5	9314	7528	8000	9000	112.500%
Unemployment Comp	1889	2192	2492	2226	1957	2000	102.197%
Property & Casualty	19253	17918.5	18000	14576	16000	18000	112.500%
Total Town Insurances	33142	30210	29806	24330	25957	29000	111.723%
Employee Benefits							
Social Security	15164	16060.36	14800	15273	15906	16700	104.992%
Medicare3547	3756.02	3500	3572	3720	3900	104,839%	
Retirement	10764	10935.32	10741	10848	11222	12421	110.684%
Life Insurance	300	991.69	832	1392	860	0	0.000%
Health Insurance	25567	21375.39	36742	24366	33000	35000	106.061%
Life Ins/LTD	0	0	939	0	950	1900	200.000%
Total Employee Benefits	55342	53118.78	67554	55450	65658	69921	106.493%

Account	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	% of change
Administration							
Clerk Salary	37000	37014.9	37555	37706	38119	39088	102.542%
Office Staff Salary	12754	12910.2	13000	12527	13578	17085	125.829%
Lister Wages	7500	7266.14	5000	5913	5000	7500	150.000%
Clerical Mileage	400	104.7	400	0	250	250	100.000%
Office Supplies	2000	2211.75	2000	1789	2300	2300	100.000%
Equipment Repair	250	1263.33	250	0	250	250	100.000%
Equipment Purchase	2000	1157.42	1500	3860	2500	2500	100.000%
Telephone	2500	3165.02	4000	3491	3300	3800	115.152%
Postage	1800	3152.37	1800	2170	2000	3000	150.000%
Auditing	3100	3250	3200	3375	3300	3400	103.030%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	2200	3320.93	2200	1764	2200	2000	90.909%
Clerk's Office Seminars	750	95	750	721	500	500	100.000%
Listing Mapping	500	500	2000	1828	500	750	150.000%
Copier Lease	2030	2167.6	2030	2150	2030	2200	108.374%
Computer Maintenance	0	0	2400	3328	2450	5900	240.816%
Total Administration	74784	77579.36	78085	80621	78277	90523	115.644%
Town Hall							
Electricity	1500	1759.99	1800	2004	1900	2100	110.526%
Heat	4000	3701.71	4000	3956	4000	4500	112.500%
Grounds	2000	1120	2000	1539	1500	1500	100.000%
Building Repairs	6000	7718.94	5000	2399	5000	5000	100.000%
Total Town Hall	13500	14300.64	12800	9898	12400	13100	105.645%
Public Safety							
Constable	1500	917.79	1500	254	1500	1000	66.667%
Health Officer	500	0	500	0	500	500	100.000%
Courses/Seminars	100	0	100	0	100	500	500.000%
Ambulance	49034	49034	51974	51974	53851	55738	103.504%
Speed Enforcement	1000	445.4	5000	1920	5000	5000	100.000%
Dog Pound	700	700	700	800	800	800	100.000%
Total Public Safety	52834	51097.19	59774	54948	61751	63538	102.894%

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

Account	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	% of change
Fire Department							
Supplies	300	32.43	300	214	200	300	150.000%
Equipment Repair	3000	1901.4	3000	6582	3000	6500	216.667%
Equipment Purchase	3400	4975.62	5900	6993	5000	2225	44.500%
Telephone	1200	885.11	1200	917	1000	1000	100.000%
Communication - Radio					0	1200	
Fast Squad Supplies	1500	865.58	1200	17	1000	1600	160.000%
Electricity	1000	1056.82	1000	1276	1200	1400	116.667%
Fuel - Heat	5000	5462.02	5500	3305	5500	5500	100.000%
Building Maintenance	500	2313.33	900	2948	1100	2600	236.364%
Radio Dispatch	9000	8994.84	9000	7241	9500	10562	111.179%
VFFA Dues/Legal Fees	1600	1115	1200	2164	1000	1975	197.500%
Forest Fire Warden	250	0	250	0	250	250	100.000%
GAS/Diesel	1500	593.15	1000	1635	1000	5000	500.000%
Administrative Assistant				676	5000	1500	30.000%
Tanker Payoff					0	2500	
Stipends				2000	2000	100.000%	
Total Fire Department	28250	28195.3	30450	33968	36750	46112	125.475%
Public Works							
Salaries	157294	163703.33	163000	160676	168000	172200	102.500%
Winter Maintenance	45000	18592.64	45000	44263	45000	65650	145.889%
Summer Maintenance	30000	30538.72	30000	34307	27000	26000	96.296%
Emergency Road Repairs	0	19136.5	0	13281			
Equipment Maintenance	40000	32810.94	40000	49228	40000	40000	100.000%
Courses/Seminars	400	30	0	60	300	300	100.000%
Utilities	3000	2583.34	3000	2740	3000	3000	100.000%
Town Garage Maintenance	12000	4924.01	10000	9093	10000	6000	60.000%
Street Lights	2000	1934.24	2000	2296	2000	2000	100.000%
Gas/Diesel/Propane	50000	66160.23	50000	65594	66000	63000	95.455%
Culverts	6000	5599.89	6000	-6477	4000	4000	100.000%
Signs	750	-23	750	232	3000	3500	116.667%

Account	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	% of change
Bridge Fund	1250	1250	1000	1000	2000	2000	100.000%
Paving Fund	16000	16000	16000	16000	12000	12000	100.000%
Construction & Paving	100208	110433.43	91900	109993	90000	90000	100.000%
Equipment Purchases	0	271.39	3000	325	2000	2000	100.000%
Enhancement Grant Match	463902	473945.66	461650	503481.58	474300	491650	103.658%
Total Public Works							
Cemetery							
Labor	4240	5940	4240	6100	4240	4300	101.415%
Materials	1000	25	1000	0	1000	1300	130.000%
Repair to Cemetery	1000	0	1000	25	1000	1300	130.000%
Total Cemetery	6240	5965	6240	6125	6240	6900	110.577%
Recreation							
Wrightsville Beach	905	904	904	904	904	904	100.000%
Town Bor	2650	2650	2750	2750	3000	2725	90.833%
Learn to Swim	1200	1237.5	1200	1200	1250	1300	104.000%
Band Stand Mowing	4755	4791.5	4854	4854	500	500	100.000%
Total Recreation					5654	5429	96.021%
Debt Service							
1997 Grader Rebuild					27480		0.000%
1997 Grader Rebuild Interest					563		0.000%
2010 International Dump	20040	20040	20400	20040	20400	20040	98.235%
2010 Int Dump Interest	3156	3121.23	2666	2690	2254	2180	96.717%
2004 Fire Truck	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	100.000%
2004 Fire Truck Interest	2378	2582.25	1474	2037	1474	300.75	20.404%
2008 Kobelco Excavator	19892	19892	19893	19893	0	21000	
2008 Kolbelco Excavator Interest	995	992.53	378	488	0	500	
2007 Backhoe	13600	13600	13600	13600	0		
2007 Backhoe Interest	1204	651	556	292	0		
2009 One Ton Truck	11000	10979	11000	32938	11000		0.000%
2009 One Ton Interest	1592	1116.96	834	604	741		0.000%

Account	Budget 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	% of change
Middlesex Conservation Co	0	0	5000	5000	5000	5000	100.0000%
Montpelier Senior Center	199	199	199	199	200	1050	525.0000%
Montpelier Veteran's Coun	199	199	200	200	200	200	100.0000%
No.Vt.Resource & Developm	75	75	75	75	100	100	100.0000%
North Branch Nature Ctr	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	100.0000%
Our House					200	200	
Peoples Health & Wellness	199	199	200	200	200	200	100.0000%
RSVP	500	500	750	750	750	750	100.0000%
Sexual Assault Crisis Tea	195	195	195	195	195	195	100.0000%
U32 Project Graduation	200	200	200	200	0		
Vermont Cares	199	199	199	199	199	250	125.628%
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	190	190	195	195	195	195	100.0000%
Vt. Centr for Indepen. Living	195	195	195	195	195	195	100.0000%
Vt. Green Up	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0000%
Washington County Youth Services	175	175	175	175	175	175	100.0000%
Waterbury Area Senior Ctr	0	0	7500	7500	0	10000	
Total Special Articles	35864	35864	48874	48874	41998	56011	133.366%
Total Budget	1003955	994986.73	1027253	1065806	1030487	1071552.1	103.985%
Budget less Special Articles	968091	959122.73	978379	1016932	988489	1015541.1	102.737%

MIDDLESEX TOWN AUDITOR

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

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

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

Auditors:

Helen Weed, present

Joanne Hull, present

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

As of June 30, 2012 there were delinquent taxes in the amount of \$60,915 which were turned over to the Tax Attorney to hold a Delinquent Tax Sale. As of January 18, 2013 there is an outstanding balance due of \$15,242.63 to be collected. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney on June 1st of each year. The delinquent taxpayer shall be responsible for payment of all statutory tax collection fees and costs, to include interest, court costs and up to an additional 15% of the delinquent tax (32 V.S.A. Section 5258).

Cindy Carlson
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	2012 Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Homestead	1,462,892.30	1.4220	2,080,232.85
Non-Residential	475,674.04	1.4247	677,692.80
Contracts	-2,068.00		
Total Grand List	1,936,498.34		
Town	1,936,498.34	0.4215	816,229.67
Local Agreement	1,936,498.34	0.0016	3,098.40
Total Billed			3,577,253.72
Taxes Accounted For			
Collections through 1/31/2013			2,813,707.78
Due 2/15/2013			743,558.98
1.5% Discount Taken			20,638.21
Adjustment/ Abatements			0.00
Late Homestead Penalty			-651.23
			3,577,253.74

NOTES PAYABLE - AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

Item	Original Issue Date	Original Amount	Principal Payment	Retired	Outstanding	Interest Rate	Due Date
Grader Rebuild	2011	\$27,480	\$27,480		\$27,480	2.05%	7/1/12
2004 Fire Pumper	2004	\$135,000	\$15,000	\$90,000	\$45,000	3.30%	12/1/14
Fire Station	2009	\$825,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$780,000	4.19%	11/15/29
2010 International	2009	\$140,280	\$20,040	\$40,080	\$100,200	1.98%	11/13/16

2012-2013 TAX EFFORT

2012-2013 General Govern.**Expenses**

Budget	514189.00
Special Articles	41998.00
1.5% Discounts	21000.00
BCA Adjustments	(NONE)
Total	577187.00

Receipts

Interest	5000.00
School Reimbursement	4000.00
Licenses and Fees	24000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	5000.00
RR Tax	1295.00
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	65203.00
PILOT/Agency of Natural Resources	15394.91
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10000.00
Fund Balance Reduction	9700.00
Total	120192.91

Total General Government**\$456,994.09****2012-2013 Highway****Expenses**

Budget	474300.00
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Receipts

State Aid to Highways	114968.00
Other	

Total Highway**\$359,332.00****Sub-total****\$816,326.09****Total Municipal Tax Effort****\$816,326.09**

2012 Grand List 1936683.34

2012 Homestead Tax Rate	1.4220 (State of Vermont)
2012 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.4247 (State of Vermont)
2012 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4215
Local Agreement Rate	0.0016
Total Town Tax Rate	0.4231

Non-Residential Tax Rate \$1.8478

Residential \$1.8451

DOG REPORT

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

# Registered	Fees	Fees to State
1/1- 12/31/2012		
201	\$2169.00	\$779

BIRTHS

Child	Parents	Date of Birth
Reagan A. M. McVeigh	Amy A. Miller Sean J. McVeigh	February 22, 2012
Xander M. Stephani	Pascale C. & Kevin G. Stephani	February 25, 2012
Marin W. D. Wright	Joye W. Mudgett John P. Wright	March 30, 2012
Maya D. McCrory	Melissa M. Christian L McCrory	April 20, 2012
Lila M. Crowley	Kathryn D. Lichtig Michael T. Crowley	April 26, 2012
Owne B. Shelton	Gwendolyn S. Lattimore Brian J. VanHoy	May 8, 2012
Lise C. Teachout	Woden S. Teachout	June 19, 2012
Cora E. Callnan	Orsolya E. Brian M. Callnan	July 1, 2012
Ryder C. Rueda	Halie R. Powers David P. Rueda	July 2, 2012
Solden M. Moffatt	Danielle M. Nichols Colin Moffatt-Rabbett	July 14, 2012
Amya T. Mable	Maria L. Carpenter Dustin T. Mable	August 13, 2012
Olivier A. Vatan Jackson	Gèraldine B. V. Thomas J. Jackson	August 18, 2012
Amelia A. Gwara-Knowles	Sarah J. Knowles Jimmy D. Gwara	November 9, 2012
Ayla E. McGeary-Cassell	Meghan B. McGeary Todd M. Cassell	November 13, 2012
Hazel J. Walsh Daloz	Susannah O. Todd J. Walsh Daloz	November 20, 2012
Kavin W. Guilfoyle	Elizabeth W. Aaron J. Guilfoyle	November 27, 2012
Abram L. Tagliaferro	Emily R. Leader Brian T Tagliaferro	December 22, 2012

DEATHS

Name	Date	Age
Raymond S. Hamilton, Jr.	May 14, 2012	87
Lewis H. Vernazza	June 10, 2012	73
Kellett D. Hull	September 5, 2012	74
Lee S. Fitzgerald	September 9, 2012	84
Arnold E. Bolio	October 1, 2012	61
Virginia L. Paul	October 27, 2012	68
Thomas R. Gaboriault, Jr.	December 12, 2012	62
Darlene V. Martin	December 13, 2012	62
Regena M. Roy	December 15, 2012	59
Marilyn McCullough	December 28, 2012	79

MARRIAGES 2011

Spouse	Spouse	Date of Marriage
Patricia G. Drown	William E. McManis	January 23, 2012
Gilbert L. Vanderbush	Penne L Dodge	January 21, 2012
Tyra M. Soble	Lyrone M. Sanders	March 24, 2012
Alyssa M. Graves	Clayton E. Flye	May 26, 2012
Maren L. Langdon	Dominic J. Spillane	June 30, 2012
Cheryl J. Burghdurf	Jayne E. Shoup	July 5, 2012
Tori L. Chapin	Trevor J. Lamson	July 22, 2012
Sean T. Lavin	Brittany F. Lamb	October 21, 2012
Stephanie Lynne Jacobs	Nicholas I. Bogovich	November 10, 2012
Crystal S. Fisk	Vincent J. Davy	November 3, 2012
Robert D. Grandfield	Cheryl D. Morris	December 8, 2012
Sarah E. Semler	Drew W. Tanay	December 12, 2012
Prairie B. W. Ruth Davis	Anna B Yovu	December 25, 2012
Corey T. Harrower	Kathryn C. Enright	December 26, 2012

2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Approved - Minutes of the March 6, 2012 Town Meeting

Susan Clark Moderator announces the start of the meeting.

Announcements:

Tony Klein, State Representative, reports there were 15 unexpected events that happened this year that the legislative worked on.

Kelley Ault states she is collecting questionnaires to present to the State concerning early care and health for children.

Shaun Sheehan, E- Vermont, updates residents on Front Porch Forum, the on-line tools for Rumney, the new website for the Town of Middlesex and a new community calendar hosted by Front Porch Forum.

The Robert's Rules of Order are read and explained.

The Civil Invocation is read by Pat Allen.

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Jeff Koonz moves to elect Susan Clark as moderator. Mike Legendre seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year. Tim Hayward moves to elect Larry Mandell. Anita Krauth seconds, motion carries.

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Peter Hood moves to approve the reports. Jeff Koonz seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1.5% on the net property

taxes, exclusive of tax rebate, if the total annual tax is paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. Jeff Koonz moves, Ron Krauth seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments and the due dates being September 15th and February 15th, except if post marked by the US postal service on or before September 15 and February 15th. Laura Lyle moves, Mike Legendre seconds. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .7% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the due date of the tax. Mary Just Skinner moves, Jeff Koonz seconds. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Middlesex pay the Collector of Delinquent Taxes a salary in lieu of fees and commissions in accordance with 24 VSA 1530? Dave Shepard moves, Charlie Merriman seconds. The Board states that they feel the fees collected are out of proportion with the amount of work required to collect the taxes, especially when taxes are delinquent by property owners with large tax bills. It is the intent that that the process will be computerized within the Town offices. The penalty and fees will go to the Town. The salary discussion has been to pay the same rate as the other part time employees, \$12 - \$14 per hour. There have been steps implemented internally in light of the recent embezzlement reports in other communities. These steps include two signatures required on checks, separation of balancing the bank statements continued, use of the Town auditors and the annual independent audit. There has been a good delinquent tax system in place and Middlesex's has minimal delinquent taxes. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 9: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (taken up at 5:22 pm) Eric Bennett moves to approve the budget of \$988,489, seconded by Laura Lyle. The school payoff as shown in the expense projection cannot be discussed at this meeting. There is discussion of repairs to the tennis courts at Rumney School. There is a small increase in the budget to cover minimal repairs to the courts. A reserve fund that has been building in anticipation of repairs will be used to pay the balance. Estimates to rebuild the tennis courts are around \$100,000, so this year's repairs will be minimal. There is discussion of the speed enforcement contract with Washington Country Sheriff's Department. The total expense for year to date is \$908, with a budgeted amount of \$5,000. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the town of Middlesex authorize expenditures of \$3000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections? Bennett Shapiro moves. Mary Beth Domanski seconds. It is noted that there is a report from Community Connections in the Town Report. It was not available when the discretionary spending committee reviewed the request. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize an expenditure of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch nature Center in Montpelier? Ron Krauth moves, seconded by Jan Heyman. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex authorize the expenditure of \$750 to the RSVP for Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom? Mary Just Skinner moves, Anita Krauth seconds. Mary Just Skinner speaks on behalf of the organization. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters of the town of Middlesex authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 to help support the services provided by Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice? Mary Just Skinner moves, Shelley Cohen seconds. Mary Hood speaks on behalf of the organization. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$25,543 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? Michael Katzenberg moves, Sara Seidman seconds. Michael Katzenberg speaks on behalf of the organization. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? Ron Krauth moves, Bill Rossmassler seconds. Dave Shepard speaks on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters of the town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$500 to Central Vermont Economic Development? Jeff Koonz moves, Ron Krauth seconds. Peter Hood speaks on behalf of the organization. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3205 to support the following organizations?

American Red Cross	\$250
Circle (Battered Women)	\$199
CV Community Action	\$199
CV Council on Aging	\$199
Family Center of Vermont	\$199
Green Mt. Transit	\$200
Maple Leaf Farm	\$200
Montpelier Senior Center	\$200

Montpelier Veteran's Council	\$200
No. Vt Resource & Development	\$100
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$195
Vermont Cares	\$199
Vt Association for the Blind	\$195
Vt Center for Independent Living	\$195
Vt Green UP	\$100
Washington County Youth Serv.	\$175

Joshua Cropp moves, Ruth Dockter seconds. The Select Board increased the request limit to \$250 from \$200 where a petition signed by 5% of the Middlesex voters is not required. There is discussion of Green Mountain Transit and the services they provide to the community. Motion: Martin Pincus moves to increase the Green Mountain Transit appropriation to \$250.00, Neely Washington seconds. There is further discussion of increasing the appropriation when the organization has not asked for a higher amount. Vote is called, motion does not carry. Amendment fails.

Sara Seidman asks that everyone look at the discretionary task force report. This committee reviews requests for appropriations submitted by petition or letter. Sarah feels it should be a Town decision whether these organizations are supported by our tax dollars. Sara asks if this task force is a valuable service to the community. The Select Board states they appreciate reading the task force's report.

Motion: Anita Krauth moves to suspend discussion of Article 17 to move to Article 9, Ron Krauth seconds, motion carries.

Article 17 is stated and original motion for \$3,205 is approved.

ARTICLE 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Sarah Seidman speaks about the Middlesex Historical Society asking for support. The Historical Society are still trying to find a way to save the rail road station in the Village. Meetings are held 3 times a year.

Michael Levine states it would be great if a schedule of highway improvements were posted on the Town website. The Select Board states they will do their best; however, schedules are quite often altered due to storms.

Pat Allen speaks on behalf of the Meals on Wheels program. This year a signed petition was not submitted asking for funding. Last year \$7,500 was appropriated at Town Meeting for Meals on Wheels. There has been a mailing to 800 Middlesex residents asking for financial support. There are still Middlesex residents who need Meals on Wheels.

Ron Krauth thanks the road crew for their service. He feels they are really staying on top of the road conditions.

Mary Just Skinner asks how residents feel about the 2012 Town Report having the audit report removed, listing Town and School salaries and whether to mail out the report as opposed to picking them up at the Town Office or view it on line. Some residents are not opposed to picking them up or viewing them on line. Others like having the report mailed them. There is discussion of having an "opt out" or "opt in" post card mailed with property tax bills. One suggestion is to print the articles and hand them out at Town Meeting. Some residents may not read the report if it is not mailed to them.

Motion: Barbra Buckley moves to adjourn. Jeff Koonz seconds, Motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 5:50 pm.

Peter O. Hood
Mary Just Skinner
Matthew Dwire
Mary Alexander

MONTPELIER FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

Committed to Professional Excellence

The Montpelier Fire/Ambulance Department provides ambulance service to the City of Montpelier and, under contract, to three neighboring towns, including Middlesex. The Montpelier Fire/Ambulance Department works closely with the fire departments and FAST squads which serve these towns to provide excellent service to the citizens of those communities. Funding for the ambulance service comes from billing for services provided and taxpayer support from the communities served. During the calendar year 2012 ambulances responded 96 times to calls in the Town of Middlesex. In addition, fire apparatus responded to Middlesex 10 times on mutual aid for various calls.

**MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FAST
SQUAD ACTIVITY REPORT**

In 2012 the call went out to Middlesex Fire Department's Fast Squad members 100 times. Middlesex's Fast Squad's emergency medical technicians (EMT's) were available to leave their homes or workplaces 85 times and respond to assist the responding ambulance from Montpelier Fire Department. Calls were almost equally split between medical emergencies and calls for those injured from falls or vehicle crashes. In addition, EMT members spend at least 12 hours a year in departmental training, have training with Montpelier Ambulance personnel a few times a year and are required to complete 72 hours of continuing education every 2 years to remain licensed EMT's. If you would like any further information about the Fast Squad contact MVFD Fast Squad Director Marge Bower at margebower@comcast.net.

For the 2012 calendar year, your Fire Department responded to 81 calls. The majority of our responses were for motor vehicle accidents, which accounted for thirty one calls. Other calls were for smoke/ CO detector activations, smoke or propane odors, grass fires, hazard conditions and good intent calls.

Fortunately, the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department had only one structure fire in Middlesex, the tragic loss of the DuBois Construction Building.

We did, however, provide mutual aid support to seven of our neighboring towns/cities on twenty seven occasions.

The Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, made up of volunteers from Middlesex and other surrounding towns, stands ready to serve our citizens in their time of need. We appreciate your support. Department visits may be arranged by contacting any of your fire department members.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas L. Hanson, Middlesex Vol. Fire Dept.

MIDDLESEX FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Report as of Dec. 31, 2012**Assets:**

Checking account	\$1,231.37
Money Market	\$2,579.32
Fast Squad Checking	\$2,000.00
Petty Cash	\$160.10

Income:

Donations	\$3,698.55
Fundraising	\$315.68
Interest	\$0.82

Expenses:

Memorial Gifts	\$325.00
Class B Uniform Shirts	\$312.00
Supplies	\$133.91

Current membership:

Fire fighters	18
Fire fighter/EMTs	4
EMTs	1
Junior fire fighters	5
Auxiliary	3

MIDDLESEX BOY SCOUT TROOP 777

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

One of the members of the Troop, Dave Koonz, went to Michigan State University for the National Order of the Arrow Convention there where about 8,000 people attending this convention. The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scout National Honor Society. At the National Convention he met scouts from all over the US and from other countries. Scouting provides great opportunities for boys to learn more about this great country of ours and meet others with common interests.

Green Up Day went well again in 2012 we even had some sun this year. We joined forces with the Middlesex Conservation Commission to get the job done. Troop 777 has coordinated Green Up Day in Middlesex since 1981 and looks forward to having the Conservation Commission help us again 2013. We will continue to have a bin for metal waste donated by Bolduc Auto Salvage. This bin can be used for metal waste you have at home as well as any you find along the road.

The troop is always looking for new members. If you think your son might be interested in joining the Middlesex Troop come to one of our meetings to learn more about what goes on.

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

Yours in scouting,
Jeff Koonz, Scoutmaster

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Middlesex Village –The Middlesex Conservation Commission (MCC) has continued to participate in Route 100B Scenic Byway planning meetings for improvements to the Route 100B corridor.

Middlesex Town Forest –The Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) continued working on implementing the Middlesex Town Forest Management Plan. Several scouting trips took place to follow boundary lines, become more familiar with the property and to seek out potential trail routes. The Committee also explored access options with a neighboring property owner. Committee members in 2012: Dick Alderman; Planning Commission Liaison; Steve Juiffre; Mike Legendre; George Longenecker; Lydia Menendez, Co-Chair; Brian Redmond; Bill Rossmassler, Co-Chair; Dave Shepard, Secretary; and Eric Seidel, Treasurer. Thanks also to extraordinary volunteer John Buddington. For more information check out <http://sites.google.com/site/middlesextown-forest/> or email middlesextownforest@gmail.com .

Recreational Trails –Through the effort of Commission member Scott Gurley a grant from Vtrans funded a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) trail crew for work on the trail system. Additional trail was constructed to extend the trail from the boat launch to Route 12 near the dam. The MCC is planning to conduct a work hike in the spring to help prepare the trail system for the upcoming hiking season. Contact a member of the MCC if you're interested in participating.

Green Up – Once again the MCC assisted the local Boy Scout troop led by Jeff Koonz on Green Up Day. MCC members were present at the Town Garage to accept roadside trash cleaned up by town residents and make sure it was put into the proper town truck or pile for later removal to a landfill. Thank you to the Scouts and to the Middlesex road crew for their hard work with this annual event.

Walt Kelley Park – With the help of Matt Dwire the sign for the Walt Kelley Park was moved to a permanent location. MCC members also planted serviceberry shrubs near the sign. The MCC assessed the wooded portions of the property for the presence of invasive plants of which several species were detected. Two large Japanese barberry bushes were removed but more barberry and several other species need attention. The MCC will conduct a work party in the spring to control these invasive invaders. Fortunately the infestation seems to be at a level where control is still feasible.

Invasive Plants – Also with regard to invasive plants the MCC sponsored a workshop in early June with the help of Middlesex resident and naturalist Chip Darmstadt on identifying some of the common invasive plants in our area. The workshop included removing one of these plants, garlic mustard, from gardens at Rumney School.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Goodman

Aaron Moore

Scott Gurley

Eric Seidel

Rich Langdon

Dave Shepard

CUB SCOUT PACK 777

The Middlesex Cub Scout Pack 777 is busy with many activities and is open to all area 1st through 5th grade boys. We are chartered to the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department. Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship, and respect.

In 2012, Pack 777 participated in many different activities including field trips to Bolduc Metal Recycling, the Middlesex Barracks of the Vermont State Police, Camp Sunrise in Benson VT, the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department's new station, Radio Station WDEV in Waterbury and a hike up Sterling Pond Trail. We participated in Green Up Day by cleaning Shady Rill Road between Wood Road and Rumney School. We held our Annual Pinewood 2012 Derby Race. We collected supplies for and assembled two disaster relief clean up buckets that were donated to Church World Service by Bethany Church. We had a presentation by firefighters from the Berlin and Middlesex fire departments on fire safety and firefighter protective equipment.

These activities are supported by the Middlesex and neighboring communities' support of our Annual Fall popcorn sale. This year, the pack had nearly \$4,000 in sales which resulted in over \$1300 to support Cub Scouting here in Middlesex and another \$1300 to support Scouting in Vermont. We thank you for your continued support!

Eight boys completed all of the achievements and requirements in order to earn the rank badges for their level. Earning their Tiger Cub badge were Cole Hayes and Shane and Lance Starr. This year's Bear Scouts are Even Elliot, Alec Benedict, Bradley Benedict, Troy Bolduc and Hans Krokenberger. Alec, Bradley, Troy and Hans also earned arrow points for completing additional activities beyond the Bear requirements. Finally Alec and Bradley Benedict both earned their religious emblem called the God and Me award.

We are planning many fun activities for the rest of this school year including more hikes, field trips to interesting places and lots more. We would like to include you and your 1st-5th grade boy in our upcoming activities. We have Pack meetings for all boys on the first Friday evening of every month from 7-8pm at Rumney School. Boys also meet in Dens (smaller groups based on their grade) at other times and locations during the month. I encourage anyone who has a boy from 1st through 5th grade to stop by a meeting and learn more about fun and excitement of being part of the Cub Scouts.

If you have additional questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Eric Benedict, Pack 777 Cubmaster
223-0969

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 in the Middlesex newspaper, which is now on line, as well as the Front Porch Forum community email service and on radio station WDEV. We welcome donations of old photos and documents; they are stored safely and are available to anyone who wishes to study them.

The highlights of 2012 included the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Middlesex Center Cemetery, the popular bus tour of Rt. 2 and the Village narrated by member David Newhall, and our visit to Rumney School 3rd and 4th graders to talk about Middlesex history. The Society paid to have the roof of the old railroad station repaired while we continue to look for a benefactor to help us save this historic building. The group mourned the passing of founding member Ethel Ryan at age 94 as well as long-time supporter Christine Brown Perry, who grew up in Putnamville.

We still have about 100 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 wants a home to display its growing collection of Middlesex documents, photos and artifacts. We also contribute articles on Middlesex history to the Middlesex newspaper, and have created a 25-mile self-guided bike/auto tour of the town's historic sites, available at the Middlesex website. A traveling exhibit about Middlesex past and present is available for educational uses by any resident.

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

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

MIDDLESEX LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Middlesex Learn to Swim Program offers Middlesex children the opportunity to learn correct swim techniques and water safety skills. There are 6 levels for lessons and children may start as early as age 4. The forty-five (45) minute classes are held at First in Fitness in Berlin.

There were two sessions offered in the summer of 2012, but due to the number of children enrolled, only one session was needed. This session lasted for two weeks, giving the children 10 lessons each. Typically, there was one instructor for every three to five children, which gave the swimmers individualized attention and helped them gain skills and confidence in the water during the two week period of swim lessons.

A special thanks to Tracey Ellis, the Aquatic Director, and the many instructors for being able to accommodate the many children and for making the classes fun as well as educational.

THANK YOU to the Town Residents of Middlesex for supporting this important program. Your continued support keeps swim instruction affordable for families in our community.

Balance from 2011:	\$609.50
Total Expenses:	\$1299.00
Income:	
2012 Town Contributions	\$1200.00
Fees Collected	\$720.00
Total Income:	\$1920.00
New Balance:	\$1230.50

Respectfully Submitted
 Debbie Goodwin
 debgoodwin@lycos.com

TOWN LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

The Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2012 came in at 96.06%, 100% being the ideal. This compares with 96.86% for 2011. Meanwhile the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), which indicates the uniformity of all grand lists assessments, computed at 7.66%, well below the average. The lower the COD, the better uniformity of the Grand List.

Taxable properties in Town numbered 895 in 2012 with a total assessment of \$206,049,000. This compares with 900 properties and a total of \$205,426,000 in 2011. The number of year-round residential properties are 635 (632 in 2011); mobile homes, 64 (67); and seasonal homes 43 (43). Commercial properties remain at 22.

Twelve residential sales and two land sales were recorded during the year ending March 31, 2012. The residential sales ranged from a house and 2.52 acres on Center Road for \$120,000 to a house and 26.87 acres on Government Hill Road for \$375,000. Land sales consisted of a 3.6 acre lot for \$63,600 on Wood Road and 30.7 acres on Zdon Road for \$100,000. In addition a condominium unit on Shady Rill Road sold for \$135,000.

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

Dick Alderman

Eric Young

Caleb Deane

2012 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In addition to its regular duties, the Planning Commission has recommended updates to the 2013-2017 Middlesex Town Plan which, if approved, will go into effect March 2013. The 5-year plan looks at Middlesex's present conditions and serves as a guide for the town's future needs and growth. It will also be fundamental in updating our Land Use (Zoning) Regulations and as a source of information for local committees, boards, citizens and businesses. The Planning Commission developed and distributed a Community Survey to all town residents the results of which were used in the preparation of the plan. Input was also received from the Town Committees and Commissions, the Town Clerk and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. An initial draft of the plan was submitted to the Select Board on November 22, 2012 which was followed by a public hearing on December 17, 2012. Final approval of the 2013 – 2017 Town Plan is on the agenda of the March 2013 Town Meeting.

TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee has been meeting regularly since 2001, with the goal of improving participation in Middlesex's town meeting and, by extension, Middlesex civic affairs in general. Please join us! We meet monthly (except July and August), with cookies at every meeting. All are welcome.

Front Porch Forum

This year use of Front Porch Forum (FPF), Middlesex's free online "bulletin board," has continued to boom, and now the number of members has even grown to exceed the number of households. As of January, 2013, Middlesex's FPF boasted 812 members, out of an estimate 690 households. Since the Forum was started in June 2010 with a grant from e-Vermont coordinated by the Solutions Committee, Middlesex's FPF has seen 5,510 posts -- an average of 183 per month. From posts about yard sales, school board meetings and lost pets, to neighborhood watches, telecommunications access, seasonal recipes, road conditions, and everything inbetween, we in Middlesex have a lot of valuable neighborly information to share. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum; just go to www.FrontPorchForum.com.

One of the things we've heard clearly from Front Porch Forum staff is that while FPF is a great place to air ideas and begin conversations, it's not the right place for ongoing, in-depth deliberation or debate. As towns across Vermont have discovered, this format simply isn't designed for continuing controversial discourse -- that is better accomplished at face-to-face, facilitated meetings. The Solutions Committee is committed to creating additional venues for more in-depth deliberations on key issues (for example, the living-room discussions we have hosted in the past) and we actively welcome your suggestions and ideas for improving communication in Middlesex. Here's to continuing the neighborly conversation!

Although the e-Vermont grant (www.e4vt.org) launched by the Solutions Committee has ended, Front Porch Forum continues, and additional projects continue to bear fruit. Rumney Memorial School's 5th and 6th graders are still actively using the 45 netbook computers and printers donated through the grant. Meanwhile, the Town Clerk's office has been making great use of the reformatted Middlesex Website, www.middlesexvermont.org. We applaud the efforts of town and school officials to bring our town gracefully into the 21st century, while also maintaining Middlesex's face-to-face communication and small-town community spirit.

Remote Town Meeting Participation

Since 2008, the Solutions Committee has made it possible for Middlesex voters in remote locations to participate in town meeting. The goal of this project is to allow participation by those who physically cannot attend (for instance, due to mobility issues or because they are abroad in the military) while maintaining an efficient and vibrant town meeting for those who are in the meeting room. The

system, devised by Greg Whitchurch and others, allows people to listen via telephone while they watch the meeting over the internet with the help of a camera located in our Town Hall. With the help of the camera mounted on their computer, these remote participants are able to see, be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, hear and speak to the assembly from afar. Responses from both town meeting participants and remote participants have been very positive.

As far as we know, Middlesex is the first town in Vermont to offer this service, but other towns are now requesting information from us about how to bring remote town meeting participation to their towns. The question of ensuring full access to the town meeting process was one of the key issues that inspired the creation of the Solutions Committee; we are proud to break new ground in accessibility while also working to maintain the face-to-face town meeting that Middlesex residents value. We will offer the service again at this year's meeting.

Middlesex Town Plan Update

The Solutions Committee participated in this year's town plan update process, led by the Planning Commission. The Solutions Committee offered a brief new section on "Citizen Participation." Under the goal of "continuing to improve well informed, inclusive, deliberative, empowered participation in Middlesex's public issues," the new section covers strategies such as including a variety of participatory techniques (e.g. large-group and small-group, online and face-to-face, engaging youth); encouraging early participation so that citizens can shape the questions they will vote on; and supporting remote town meeting participation. The town plan will be voted on by Middlesex voters this spring.

Middlesex Operator's Manual

The Solutions Committee's Middlesex Operator's Manual: A Citizen's Guide to Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Town was last updated in 2008, but the content remains relevant and copies are still often picked up by citizens at the Town Clerk's office and the Rumney School. The booklet offers useful information on town regulations and voting, resources for recreation and youth, a town road map, and more. People seeking updated contact information can find it on the Middlesex website, or by phoning the Town Clerk's office at 223-5915. The Solutions Committee is currently discussing whether to update the Operator's Manual in print, or to switch to a more economical online update process.

And more...

Other Solutions Committee pursuits have included: collaborating with the Rumney School Board to heighten understanding of their facilities planning; supporting the Fire Department in getting the word out about their September "Safety Day" community gathering; working with Town Clerk Cindy Carlson to create pie charts that help make Middlesex's budget information clearer (thanks to Middlesex resident John Riley of Capital Accounting Services for donating his services to this project!); working with the Selectboard to support a Discretionary Funding Task Force to review town meeting funding requests to enable voters to

make informed decisions; organizing child care for town meeting with the Rumney Community Connections program; coordinating the town meeting dinner that benefits for the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf, Rumney kitchen assistant, for volunteering her leadership and culinary skills!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Selectboard on a "welcome new voter" letter sent to people who were added to the Middlesex checklist this year, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing information on how to read the town report, and how to use "Robert's Rules of Order" at town meeting; and more.

Many thanks to the people who have served actively on the committee this year, including Ron Krauth, John Krezinski, Tim Murphy, John O'Connell, Dave Shepard, Barb Whitchurch, and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of the Middlesex Selectboard; Town Clerk Cindy Carlson; Sorsha Anderson and Julie Moore (Rumney School Board); John Riley; Sean Sheehan (e-Vermont); Dave Lawrence; Linda Jackson; and others.

Please join us! If you're interested in any of the topics we're addressing, or would like to add one to the list, please contact us. All interest areas and levels of participation are appreciated. You can simply receive minutes, attend meetings, or be involved in specific projects. In the past, some folks have dropped in for a single meeting on a single topic; others have attended multiple meetings, or become regular participants; it's your call. For more information, please contact Susan Clark, phone 223-5824, e-mail sclark@sover.net.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Clark, Chair

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS 2012 REPORT

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Permits	94	62	71	52	41	49	42	31	37
Fees Collected	\$7,043	\$5,489	\$4,405	\$7,389	\$5,900	\$6,565	\$7,610	\$4,500	\$4,425
New Single									
Family Dwellings	18	18	12	5	4	8	7	6	3
ZA Compensation	\$2,212	\$1,780	\$1,722	\$2,331	\$1,753	\$1,555	\$2,365	\$1,942	

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Carlson, ZA

MARTHA PELLERIN-ANDY SHAPIRO MEMORIAL BANDSTAND

Middlesex's beautiful Bandstand was constructed during the summer of 2005 on town land situated near the Rumney Elementary School. It is dedicated to the memory of two well-known musician-residents of Middlesex: Martha Pellerin, French-Canadian musician, folklorist and educator; and Andy Shapiro, blues-jazz-gospel keyboardist, teacher and co-founder of the group The Disciples.



The summer series of 6 concerts showcases Vermont's finest musicians.

The series seeks to host both well-known and upcoming musicians, and a variety of musical styles. Last year's line up included: The Heckhounds, Onion River Jazz Band, New Nile Orchestra, Doug Perkins, Jenni Johnson, and the Anthony Santor Quartet. These popular shows were made possible via sponsorships by local community members, and area businesses. From year to year, the series would simply not be possible without this support. The series also enjoys wide community backing and encouragement. Summer evenings beneath beautiful Dumpling Hill are made all the more wonderful by frolicking children and the congenial mixture of friends and neighbors. The concerts themselves are not free, however. The Bandstand Committee has made a commitment to honor our performing artists by aiming, as best as possible, to pay them the "going rates." In some cases larger name acts lower their standard fees to play for our community. Importantly, our business sponsors, our local musicians, and our community supporters deserve a big thank you. Please contact us if you'd like to make a donation, or if you would like your business to be included as a sponsor for this year's season.

This past summer saw the addition of a new handicap access, parking area, and ramp to the center of the bandstand seating area. Community contributions were matched by a local private donor to cover the material costs of the project. Now those, for whatever reason, who are limited in their mobility can have an easier time getting to and from the bandstand. Another welcome and delicious addition to the concert evenings was a wood-fired pizza oven. This summer if you don't have time to prepare a picnic for your evening's dinner, rest assured that you'll be able to find fresh cooked pizza for sale at each concert.

Lastly, we're always interested to hear about exciting acts, new and old, and about any ideas you may have for improvement. While the Bandstand field lies covered in snow, it only rests waiting for the settling of lawn chairs, the prancing of toddlers' toes, and the sweet and joyful sounds of our hills alive again, with the sounds of music.

2013 Middlesex Bandstand Committee

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CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 21,754 people in 12,433 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, green jobs training, and more. 581 households and 911 family members received recovery assistance and disaster case management following Spring 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene flooding.

Program and services accessed by 46 Middlesex families with 78 residents include:

- 20 households with 39 people found emergency help with food, heating or housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 1 flood-impacted households with 2 family members received disaster case management supports and services to help in their recovery from Spring 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene flooding.
- When their family could not afford groceries, 29 adults & children accessed food through our food shelves.
- Our housing counselors helped 6 families to find and keep affordable, safe housing.
- 7 households with 18 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 3 parents participated in Vermont Family Matters to build healthy relationship skills and support strong families.
- 5 homes were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 5 families with 18 people, including 2 seniors.
- 3 Middlesex families learned new energy efficiency habits and practices through Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) program which also installs solar thermal water systems, solar hot air and programmable thermostats.
- 3 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 3 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 4 women received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 4 people worked with career counselors to prepare for jobs in the green economy and attended training to build green job skills; 4 received industry credentials or certification to get or keep a job.

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

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

**Report of Services to the Town of Middlesex
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

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

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

Older residents of the Town of Middlesex often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Middlesex is Don Brown, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. In 2011-12, CVCOA served 62 residents of Middlesex.

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

CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

2012 has been a year for rebuilding in the Central Vermont region. Few communities were spared from the spring floods and/or Tropical Storm Irene. Recovery has been slow but productive. In an effort to bring continued assistance to the affected businesses, CVEDC partnered with the Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC) and Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) to apply for grant funding for the 'unmet needs' of our business communities that suffered from the weather events this past year. We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$1Million in CDBG-DR funding to provide business assistance and grant funding to meet businesses' unmet needs related to the three 2011 disaster events. The primary focus (80%) of the project will be businesses located in Washington and Windsor counties with the remainder located in other hard-hit areas of other Vermont counties. The project will balance low and moderate income benefit with urgent needs. CVCAC will administer the program, with CVEDC and GMEDC providing technical assistance to help businesses apply for the financial assistance. Representatives of the three partners will review grant applications and make decisions based upon the priorities; CVCAC will disburse the funds. All parties will also be responsible for monitoring the use of the funds and evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

We expect the first round of grant awards will be made in January 2013. Businesses should contact any of the following people to find out more information:

- Sam Andersen, Central Vermont Economic Development Corp., 802.223-4654, or cvdcevp@sover.net for businesses located in Washington County and the towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown
- Joan Goldstein, Green Mountain Economic Development Corp., 802.295-3710, jgoldstein@gmedc.com for businesses located in the rest of Orange County, and all of Windsor County
- Mary Niebling, Central Vermont Community Action Council, 802.476-8493, mniebling@cvcac.org for administrative matters or referrals

CVEDC continues to focus on 'Retention and Expansion' of our existing businesses. To accomplish this goal, staff conducts an active Business Contact & Visitation Program. Establishing a working relationship with the Central Vermont business community is paramount. Staff not only gathers information regarding specific challenges and issues for the business but also relays the suite of tools available from the State of Vermont and other program partners such as USDA Rural Development, the Small Business Administration, as well as our regional partners. CVEDC maintains a strong relationship with the Department of Economic, Housing, and Community Development staff on a regular basis. CVEDC implements a coordinated response to business needs, leveraging all the available economic development tools. CVEDC is actively engaged with over 20 municipal and regional organizations and committees.

The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) provides a suite of programs and services that include; promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont, and working on improving the infrastructure necessary for economic growth in Vermont. CVEDC has and will continue to work in partnership with all the Central Vermont municipalities, and

community stakeholders to advance those initiatives identified by Town of Middlesex as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. In addition, the issues of workforce development, telecommunications and housing remain top priorities for CVEDC.

Workforce development is a top priority for CVEDC. CVEDC initiated the first Workforce Investment Board and helped to restructure the organization into the Central Vermont Workforce Development Board. We continue to participate both on the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee. CVEDC is very committed to two of the initiatives as we participate in a leadership role with the Annual Job Fair and the Annual Business Survey. The past year's Fair was held on April 5, 2012. Approximately, 731 students and chaperones attended the morning session and over 500 job seekers attended the afternoon session. A total of 49 businesses and State of Vermont Agencies participated in the event.

CVEDC continues our Revolving Loan Fund for Telecommunications Infrastructure projects. The original initiative, funded by USDA Rural Development, was extended and additional funds were granted so that the service can continue to be brought to un-served municipalities in our region. To date, the initiative has brought high-speed wireless internet to several hundred residents/businesses in our outlying rural communities. This initiative was the first of its kind conducted by a regional development corporation in partnership with a wireless service provider.

CVEDC also continues to administer USDA RBEG/RBOG grants in our region. We have secured funds for a number of small businesses to assist with either marketing initiatives and /or product development. The businesses are from a variety of industry sectors including value-added agri-business, alternative energy, and digital/web services.

On May 24, 2012, CVEDC held its annual business seminar. Approved for continuing education credits by HRIC for Human Resource staff, the event hosted over a hundred business people at Norwich University. This year Dr. Steven Shepard spoke on the topic of 'Managing The Millennials'. He discussed the generational differences from Baby Boomers to Millennials and how they affect business across all sectors whether they are your employees or your clients.

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

We greatly appreciate the support given to the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation by the Town of Middlesex and we look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship in the future. Your financial support is critical so that we may continue or work on the issues of economic vitality for the Central Vermont region. We are always available to meet with Town Select Boards, Councils, and special committees on economic development and vitality issues.

Jennifer Surat, CVEDC Director of Development



Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice

A Century of Caring and Quality

2012 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

December 26, 2012

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 101 year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

Twelve Month Report of CVHHH Services to the Town of Middlesex December 1, 2011 – November 30, 2012 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	493
Hospice Care	427
Long Term Care	953
Maternal Child Health	25
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	1,898
TOTAL PATIENTS	31
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	39

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

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Middlesex through 2013 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President/CEO, or Lindsay Kurlle, Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and enhanced consultations with local officials. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of BEOP's (Basic Emergency Operations Plans). Continuing with its energy work from 2010, CVRPC provided assistance to local energy committees with implementing the building energy audit recommendations for weatherization of municipal buildings. The Commission's work expanded this year to include assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC developed a regional broadband plan that directs where infrastructure is needed to support the technology. CVRPC received a grant from the VT Department of Health to begin outreach and development of a food systems plan for the Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town through administrative assistance to the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, updating parcel maps, assisting in the development of interactive mapping on the Town's web site, assisting with updates to the Town Plan and the accompanying GIS maps, developing the local hazard mitigation plan, performing an enhanced planning consultation, and updating the culvert inventory.

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

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

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director
Ron Krauth, Commissioner

CVSWMD FY 2012 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

CVSWMD is made up of 17 member cities and towns. Middlesex is represented on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors by Anita Krauth.

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

- **Flood Relief Grants:** Due to damage from Hurricane Irene in 2011, CVSWMD granted a total of \$8,023 to help district residents cover costs of disposal in flood-damaged property.
- **Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Fund Grants:** \$7,787 was granted in FY12 to local reuse businesses.
- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters and Soilsaver composters at a reduced cost to district residents, and offers support to people composting at home.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has 63 participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated 1250 tons (more than 2.5 million lbs.) of food scraps to composting facilities.
- **School Composting (now part of our School Zero Waste Program):** Over the course of the 2011-2012 school year, our schools diverted an estimated 251,770 lbs. or 125.8 tons of food scraps out of Vermont's two landfills.
 - Rumney Memorial School has diverted approximately 1.875 tons of food scraps in FY12 alone!
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collections:** 1,110 households participated in our 2012 Household Hazardous Waste collections. We held seven HHW collections throughout the year, including one in nearby Montpelier in which we collected 19,964 pounds of HHW, which cost CVSWMD \$19,374 to properly dispose of.
- **Special Collections:** In 2012, participation increased over 40%, from 850 to 1,236 households. 11 Events were held, in which we collected hazardous waste, electronics, textiles, tires and books.
- **The ARCC:** We now hold special collections of hard-to-recycle materials at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center on Mondays & Fridays, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., 3 Williams Lane, Barre. Go to our website for a complete list of what we collect, and to get directions.

For more information: www.cvswmd.org or contact us at 802-229-9383 or comments@cvswmd.org

CIRCLE

formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter

The ways in which Circle serves our community does not remain stagnant, and our programs and procedures must accurately reflect these changing times. By reviewing and updating current policies, we have been able to measure our growth, visualize our strengths, and determine what gaps must be addressed in order for us to continue to provide services that address the needs of victims of domestic violence. The work that is done now will have a lasting effect on the entire organization, by providing the framework and direction for the future progression of the services and work that we do. Throughout our review and updating process, Circle staff and volunteers were kept extremely busy during fiscal year 2012 providing the following services:

- Staff and volunteers responded to 5,182 hot line calls, an average of 431 calls per month, and an increase of 15% from last year.
- Shelter services were provided to 24 women and 21 children for a total of 2,130 bed nights, which is 334 more bed nights than we offered in the previous year. We also had to refer 29 women to other shelters because ours was at capacity.
- Our prevention based programs in schools reached a total of 974 students in Washington County through the 62 presentations and long-term support groups held during this fiscal year.
- Circle provided community presentations to 652 individuals through the 44 trainings and workshops offered to individuals and professionals in Washington County.
- Advocates provided support to 131 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 110 individuals file for temporary orders.
- Court Education Program was presented to 301 individuals, and our Court Hour Program, which offers one-on-one support to plaintiffs as they prepare for their final hearings, was offered to 43 individuals.
- Circle offered numerous day and evening support groups, reaching a total of 10 women.
- Over of 1,500 people received direct services from Circle, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteers.
- Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of its many dedicated volunteers; Board Members, Hotline Advocates, Group Facilitators, and Shelter Support have all contributed over 6,000 hours to the work of Circle.

Our services include:

- SHELTER: Emergency Shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic abuse
 - SHELTER YOUTH PROGRAM: Available to children staying in shelter
 - TOLL FREE CONFIDENTIAL 24-HOUR HOT LINE (1-877-543-9498)
 - EMERGENCY, CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURT ADVOCACY
 - SUPPORT GROUPS
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- PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFERED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY
- EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS and TRAININGS: offered to civic organizations and businesses.
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: information about domestic violence and community resources, as well as individualized advocacy and referral to social service, legal, employment, counseling, and housing options.

PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFERED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS and TRAININGS:
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In 2013, Community Connections moves into its twelfth year serving the children and families of Middlesex, Calais, Berlin, East Montpelier, Worcester, and Montpelier. Underlying all programming is the mission to make a positive difference in lives of the area's youth, encourage healthy behaviors and decrease substance abuse. With prevention strategies central to this mission, Community Connections continues to deliver engaging, enriching programs during all out-of-school-time periods – when youth are most vulnerable to risk.

During the past school year, Rumney Community Connections programming enrolled 140 Pre-K-6th grade Rumney students, for a phenomenal 80% of the total student body! 67 children started the day off right at the before-school Morning Program. Eight little ones came to the pre-K aftercare located at Doty Memorial School, allowing working parents to take advantage of the school's pre-K program. Also, 15 Rumney students signed up for a variety of CC summer camps and 56 came to CC inservice day camps, including 20 at Town Meeting Day in Middlesex!

From academics, and enrichment, to fitness and wellness, Middlesex kids took part in a wide variety of activities including hip hop, fitness, swimming, music, international studies, cooking, book club, yearbook, community service, arts and crafts, yoga, team building games, geocaching, songwriting, literary magazine, Mad Scientist, Lego robotics, skiing/snowshoeing, and more!

With academic assistance as a core goal, we were thrilled to see 30 Rumney students enrolled in Community Connections Homework Club afterschool program. And 37 adults made use of ongoing evening yoga classes throughout the year.

Rumney received a three year grant of \$33,551 from the Children's Trust Foundation to enhance the programming we provide for students in grades 4-6. This fall, we hired James Chartrand as the new Rumney Site Coordinator. The BKB (Big Kid Bash) youth advisory group, made up of two representatives from each 4-6 grade continues to grow. Each day includes enrichment activities as well as time for homework and creative academics. The BKB students ended 2012 working on producing and filming their own movie. They have begun the second half of the school year taking unicycling lessons every Friday. We plan to continue to seek grant funding to support this program and continue its development.

In February 2013 we will have our third annual Grown-up Talent Show and Bake-Off Fundraiser. There are 10 acts planned, including traditional dance, singing, and a Downton Rumney skit. The k-2 LKC (Little Kids Club) finished off 2012 with a bang. They learned basic French, took cooking lessons, learned about world cultures, and had a blast playing in the snow. As 2013 begins they will be building snow sculptures, designing their own crafts and jewelry, and playing exciting board games.

In 2012 Community Connections held our second international camp with 30 Chinese exchange students. Two Middlesex high school students served as peer leaders and five Middlesex families hosted Chinese students or teachers. We will host another Chinese exchange camp in 2013.

Youth Outreach and High School Completion

The Alternative Path to Diploma program graduated 21 students – 11 from Montpelier High and 10 from U-32 in June 2012. Those graduates represented 17% and 7% respectively of the total graduates this year. Currently, coordinator Danny Hendershot has a caseload of around 30 students working on one-or two-year graduation plans. In addition to academic tutoring provided by Adult Basic Ed, the plans must include work experience, a community project, a written component and a verbal presentation. Plans may also include college courses, internships, private lessons, and other experiences. Some young people need a different way to complete their high school education, and this program moves us toward the goal of a 100% graduation rate.

Mentoring

Community Connections partners with the Central Vermont New Directions Coalition to bring you Girls/Boyz First Mentoring, which served over 100 children last year including 8 Middlesex mentees and 4 Middlesex mentors. Under the guidance of Wendy Freundlich, over 40 pairs of adult mentors and youth mentees met weekly to provide a consistent adult presence for selected youth. Mentoring is one important part of the community support that is needed for our youth to develop into healthy adults. Mentoring can help turn young lives around and strengthen both aspiration and achievement.

Some Girls/Boyz First Mentoring highlights: Baking holiday pies with NECI, a day-long retreat, a scary Halloween Bonfire and Cemetery walk, a holiday Yankee

Swap and pot-luck, and more. Mentor pairs volunteered throughout the community, hiked, skated, baked, read, attended plays and concerts, went to the beach, danced, learned to cook, went to the library, and more. Our mentoring relationships continue to make a huge difference in the lives of the youth that we serve.

Thank you all for supporting these many great youth programs over the course of 2012!

Over 56% of students in our communities attend Community Connections after-school programs. The impact is even greater when mentoring and the alternative program are added in. However, town and school contributions are minimal and grant funding ends shortly. We will need additional support from the community if we are to continue to provide these valuable services.

CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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

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

Maps and guidebook to the trail route are available free at www.crossvermont.org, or call us at 802-498-0079.

2012 was a busy year, continuing to rebuild from the historic floods of 2011, planting trees to restore natural areas along the rivers the trail follows, and also getting back into action building new sections of trail. Thanks to the over 100 people who volunteered their time this year swinging picks and shovels to improve and expand their local trails! We are working together with interested land owners to establish right of way for many miles new trail at locations across the state, including what will be a watershed project in the history of the Cross Vermont Trail, a new 200 foot bridge over the Winooski River in East Montpelier.

Residents of all towns through which the trail route passes are invited to get involved in the CVTA. Get better trails near where you live. Contact us at 802-498-0079 or at www.crossvermont.org.

Eric Scharnberg, Executive Director
Greg Western, Trail Programs Coordinator

P.S. We also host numerous recreational outings throughout the year. Check our website for further info on June's Central Vermont Cycling Tour in East Montpelier, the Fall Foliage Ride in Groton, Ryegate and Newbury, and more!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health is working for your health every day. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2012 the Health Department:

Supported community coalitions to help make the healthy choice the easiest choice. Community Connections of Washington County was awarded \$100,000 to support Healthy Retailers, prevent alcohol and drug abuse, reduce exposure to second hand smoke, and help smokers to quit.

Served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Middlesex, 39 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Promoted immunizations and worked to control the spread of infectious diseases like influenza, measles and pertussis (whooping cough). This year saw another rise in the number of cases of pertussis, from 95 statewide in 2011 to 632 in 2012 – including 39 in Washington County. On December 19, every district office in the state held immunization clinics for pertussis. Your local district office vaccinated 350 people against the disease in one day.

Launched a new online resource that brings environmental and public health data together in one place, at www.healthvermont.gov/tracking. The Tracking portal has county-level searchable data and information about air quality, asthma hospitalizations, birth defects, blue-green algae, cancer rates, carbon monoxide poisoning, drinking water, heart attacks, lead poisoning and reproductive health – with links to national data.

Your Health Department district office is in Barre at the McFarland Building, 5 Perry St., Suite 250. The telephone number is 479-4200.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov. Join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vdhbarre> and www.facebook.com/HealthVermont. Follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont

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

Among the 67 individuals in Middlesex who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 were:

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

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

"...fostering the positive growth and development of young children and their families."

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

GMTA, the public transportation provider for northwest and central Vermont, provides several types of direct or connecting services to the Town of Middlesex, including general public service and individual transportation services through the Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled program. The following information is a summary of these various services and the numbers served.

GMTA provides medical and daily needs transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled funds or both. Qualifying individuals include Medicaid clients, those 60 years of age or older and people with disabilities. GMTA offers individuals the scheduling and payment of rides which are provided through GMTA volunteer drivers or bus service. Trips include coordinated service to local and long distance medical care facilities, dialysis and radiation treatments, meal site programs, senior centers, adult day care, pharmacy and shopping locations.

Along with our elderly and disabled services, GMTA collaborates with AHS and area agencies to support the needs of those seeking access to human services. Trips can include rides to Reach Up job training and child care sites, Central Vermont Substance Abuse, Washington Family Center, Washington County Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation and Vermont Association for the Blind.

For FY12, GMTA provided ongoing Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service for 17 Middlesex individual residents totaling 990 trips equaling 14,427 miles traveled.

General Public Transportation Service

Total GMTA ridership for all regions served for FY12 was 471,619, an increase of 5.4%.

In addition to individual need services, GMTA provides traditional fixed route, commuter, shopping and health care shuttles and demand response services for northwest and central Vermont, with connections to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties. Increasing ridership in traditional service demonstrates the growing demand for greater options in affordable, efficient and convenient transportation.

Washington County Ridership Snapshot

ROUTE	RIDERSHIP	GROWTH
CITY COMMUTER	57,741	+ 8.6%
CITY MID DAY	36,874	+ 3.8%
BARRE HOSPITAL HILL	28,205	+17.5%
BARRE HOSPITAL HILL DEMAND RESPONSE	2,542	+54.5%
*PLAINFIELD HEALTH CNTR SHUTTLE	1,034	+2.3%
MONTPELIER CIRCULATOR	12,977	New Service
HANNAFORD SHOPPING SPECIAL	2,914	+8.2%
*WATERBURY COMMUTER	15,417	0.0%
ROUTE 100 COMMUTER	12,215	+16.3%
MONTPELIER LINK EXPRESS	102,766	+15.1%
US 2 COMMUTER	19,056	+30.0%
*SNOW CAP COMMUTER	768	-8.9%

*Routes directly serving Middlesex

Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to providing public transit services through traditional shuttles, GMTA has an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers who provide coordinated rides to those residing in rural locations. Volunteer Drivers are generous residents within our service area who provide cost effective and community oriented services under the management of GMTA. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive, design their own schedule and are the foundation of our rural services.

THANK YOU

Thank you to town officials, volunteer drivers and residents of Middlesex for your continued support of GMTA service.

Please feel free to contact us at 223-7287 or www.gmtaride.org for additional information about our services or if you have any questions about the information provided above.

GREEN UP DAY, MAY 5, 2012

Tropical Storm Irene created more work than usual for our coordinators across the state. Green Up Vermont partnered with the Irene Recovery Office on special Green Up to Recover projects. Some of the hardest hit towns reported having so many volunteers that they ran out of places to send them! We distributed an additional 20,000 Green Up Day bags for Irene-related clean ups.

Green Up Day celebrated 42 years in 2012. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

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

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 4, 2013, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

HOME SHARE

In the last fiscal year we served 562 people with general affordable housing services and matched 81 people in home sharing matches. In 2011 in Middlesex we served 5 people with general assistance; in 2012 we served 7 people which include 2 enrolled home providers we are currently working with. Our request to Middlesex is based on \$0.15 per resident.

In Home Share Now's last fiscal year its annual operating expenses totaled \$240,986.83. Here is the breakdown of funding sources:

- 45% Foundations, Corporations, and Community Organizations
- 27% VT Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
- 2% Vermont Community Development Program
- 20% Individual Donations
- 3% Participant Fees
- 3% Miscellaneous

In the current fiscal year, town meeting appropriations secured last year will make up less than 1% of our total budget. Next year we anticipate the percent of town funds might be closer to 3% with a town appropriation goal of \$7,000 for 2013.

While the majority of Home Share Now's participants are considered vulnerable, we have no qualifiers or disqualifiers; therefore, every person in Middlesex has the ability to use our services regardless of their motivation: to age safely at home, to save money, to maintain independence, to shorten a commute, to share meals, or to lessen their home energy needs.

Home Share Now does not charge the full cost of our services in order to make home sharing accessible to everyone--this is important because the majority of our work is with vulnerable and/or financially insecure individuals.

To make quality matches, we use a personalized and professional process to help develop and maintain life enhancing home share matches.

It requires approximately 10 hours of staff time to complete an interview, personal references, and background check--this process is to ensure the safety and security of our participants as well as for making good matches.

A contribution from the Town of Middlesex will directly support the enrollment process for Middlesex residents served.

In addition to have participants in Middlesex, Home Share Now benefits from a Middlesex volunteer.

Home Share Now is a 501(c)(3) based in Barre with a branch office in Morrisville. We serve Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties and some adjacent towns.

Home Share Now helps central Vermonters develop successful home shares in order to create affordable housing options with positive community and environmental impacts. We are a creative take on a traditional model where a combination of services and money are exchanged for affordable housing. We are the only organization offering this service in central Vermont.

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library requests that on Town Meeting Day in March 2013 voters be asked to support the library in the amount of \$26,925.00. This is an overall increase over 2012 funding but the library did not receive any increases over the past several years and the funding formula which had been submitted several years ago has now expired. As the new library director of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library it was my charge to come up with a fair and equitable funding plan for the library which represents a more fluid analysis of financial request from each of the six supporting towns. The cost of library services has risen and without this level of financial support the library will not be able to maintain the high standards of service we now offer.

The Library requests a total of \$444,648.00 in taxpayer support from the six communities in our current service area. The funding increases requested are based on a formula which is fair and equitable for all of the supporting towns with an understanding that the library is the cultural heart of the city of Montpelier. The formula calculated has been collected from our new OPAC Circulation System called Destiny which allows us to track patrons and usage from all locations. The formula is based on records in the system of current registered library cards. A figure of \$25.00 per registered library card user has been assessed to the surrounding communities of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester. Currently there are 1072 registered borrowers from Middlesex. When you take the figure of \$25.00 and multiply it by 1072 you get \$26,800.00. If we went strictly with a current per-capita request the figure would have risen to \$42,275.00. This \$25.00 figure is a discount on the costs of what a paid patron card will be in 2013 as it rises to \$40.00 per card. The figure of \$25.00 was chosen as the average cost of 1 hard-cover processed book which is quite a bargain when you think of the many services your citizens receive from the library. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library receives only \$22.97 per-capita tax support from all six communities which is one of the lowest in the State for a library of its size and stature.

Middlesex registered Patrons	1072	(as of 11/30/2012)
Middlesex patrons borrowed items	20372	(as of 11/30/2012)

Currently the library has an ever growing collection of over 76,829 items which includes books, DVD's, Audio-Books, magazines etc. We also have heavy traffic on our high-speed internet service which is available free to the public. As of October 31, 2012 28,337 internet user sessions have been conducted on our computers. The library is upgrading its broadband services with Fiber-Connect in conjunction with the Vermont Dept. of Libraries. We will be the first library in Vermont to offer Fiber-Connect to our patrons with lightning speed internet access that will allow us to produce video-conferencing from within the library. Patrons have access both onsite and online to the Vermont Online Library thru the Kellogg-Hubbard Library website. This service offers them an array of digital databases and online periodicals for research and entertainment pleasure. We are also in the process of developing a Library Technology Corner which will allow our users to come into the library and try out new electronic gadgets such as

Kindle Fire, IPADS and other hand help devices. The Technology Corner will allow our patrons the ability to have first hand use of these hand held devices and use them for a period of time to become familiar with them and the vast possibilities they offer. We also created a new user friendly website which goes along with our vision in making materials and services easy to use and available to the outlying communities.

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library has always been a leader in the state with offering a wide variety of cultural and educational programs. Through October 31, 2012 we had 400 programs attended by 9524 persons. We also have the 3rd highest circulation in the state (290,149) and the 2nd largest book collection available to our patrons.

It has been a strong interest of mine to promote services to the surrounding communities by allowing them now to be able to renew and request items online through Destiny (which began on October 12, 2012) and also to have access to an ever expanding collection of digital materials through Listen Up-Vermont. In the near future I envision we will also have our own APP which will allow users anywhere to participate via their smartphones or IPAD's in events and programs here at the library along with an array of other services which will be available. We will also be hiring a part-time Technology Services Coordinator to help facilitate our advance movement into the Hi-tech age.

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library has played a unique role in our region since the late 19th century. As we expand services to an ever more discerning and technologically savvy clientele our library must evolve. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library appreciates the support of Middlesex residents as we continue our mission which is "preserving yesterday, informing today and inspiring tomorrow."

MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF REPORT-2011

In January of 2012, the Middlesex United Methodist Food Shelf, became its own entity. Our community's food shelf is now The Middlesex Food Shelf. The Food Shelf remains a partner with The Vermont Foodbank, whose distribution center is in South Barre. We also work with Wolcott Foodbank and receive fresh produce from The Kingsbury Farm in Waitsfield throughout the summer months. Distribution of The Foodbank's food is ordered and picked up on a weekly schedule, stocked on Fridays and ready for our families every Saturday, from 9:00 – 10:30. The Middlesex Food Shelf also takes care of family pets, offering dog and cat food on a regular basis. Additionally, information regarding a variety of emergency aid programs is made available at the Middlesex Food Shelf.

Over the past few weeks, there has been a wonderful interest and support offered by more and more members of the Middlesex community, as well as volunteers from outside Middlesex. Through training by Mrs. Pat Allen, several volunteers have stepped forward, working at our Food Shelf. The Middlesex Front Porch Forum has been instrumental in our endeavor.

The majority of the funding for the Middlesex Food Shelf comes from our association with the Rumney Elementary School and their yearly Harvest Dinner. We provide the dinner's servers; the students' collect non-perishables, along with a sizable donation of money, a portion of the dinner's ticket sales, increase our pantry and provides funds for the weekly food orders. There are also food drives throughout the year, from a variety of local businesses, including The Red Hen Bakery, Haupt's Auto Repair, Weight Watchers, The Red Hat Society, and several private families, which supplies the Middlesex Food Shelf with much-needed food items and/or monies.

The Middlesex Food Shelf not only is open to assist families every Saturday, it also distributes holiday food baskets. At Thanksgiving, in 2012, we provided 23 turkeys to families which signed up for them. The Food Shelf tries to have 'holiday' foods available, in an effort to meet the needs of our families, as well.

The families which use the Middlesex Food Shelf come from nearby, close by and as far away as other counties. The Middlesex Food Shelf serves an ever-changing population and it is because of the generosity of everyone, whether through donations of foods, time and energy or volunteerism, our food shelf works!

Should it be our goal to have full shelves or empty ones? That is a question that seems difficult to answer. As long as there are families which come to the Middlesex Food Shelf, I sincerely hope that we remain a service to all. We welcome contributions, volunteers and fresh ideas. It is my hope that the future of the Middlesex Food Shelf will include greater community-awareness and the establishment of product-donation commitments from community businesses.

Thank you all for your continued support and service to The Middlesex Food Shelf.

Respectfully submitted by MaryIna Goodyear Peterson, the Interim co-ordinator (leaving March, 2013)

MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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

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

Applications for these scholarship funds should be made by April 1, 2012, directly to the Middlesex Selectboard.

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

Submitted by
Sarah Seidman, executrix

MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center, a non-profit municipal organization with a half-century history, is located in a newly renovated, ADA-accessible, energy-efficient, bright facility at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. Anyone 50 years of age or over is welcome to join and participate in its programs, activities and services that promote healthy aging and lifelong learning, help prevent and address physical and mental health issues, maintain socialization, reduce isolation, and expand access to various aging resources.

Class fees are very modest and financial aid is available. 40 regular weekly classes include strength training, dance, yoga and tai chi; three different foreign languages, writing and poetry; film series, painting, rughooking, clay and other arts; iPhone and Facebook. Friends old and new gather for billiards, mah jongg, bridge and cribbage. A six-station computer lab, wi-fi, Wii, printing, photocopying, and book and periodical donations library are free to members. Coffee, tea and congregate meals are available, and a new commercial kitchen and garden project will expand nutritional options in the coming year.

Off-site, members have greatly discounted access to swimming, tennis, gym and bowling. Regular and diverse day trips are planned around New England with the aid of the Center's 12-passenger van. The Center hosts health clinics, foot and massage clinics, and a variety of clinics with representatives from community partners such as Council on Aging, REACH time bank, Homeshare Now. A new Resource Room provides a library of information about senior services and options. A full-time Americorps member assists Central Vermont seniors in maintaining independence through direct services and volunteer recruitment. Over 100 MSAC volunteers serve over 4000 hours per year to support the operations and programming.

In the past year, 21 residents from Middlesex participated regularly at MSAC as members, and the rate is increasing each year. As a supporting town, Middlesex members have reduced fees and can register for classes earlier than members from non-supporting towns. Additional uncounted residents from Middlesex took advantage of the many MSAC and community events and services that are free and open to the public at the Center. Our request of \$1050 is based on \$50 per member, an amount much less than what Montpelier tax-payers are currently financing for your residents to participate at MSAC.

For more information, email msac@montpelier-vt.org, call 223-2518 or go to www.montpelier-vt.org/msac. Director, Janna Clar, will be happy to tell you more about this request. We hope to serve even more Middlesex residents in the coming year and greatly appreciate your town's support!

NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER REPORT

The North Branch Nature Center (NBNC) is a non-profit organization that provides natural science education to all ages. NBNC began operating as an independent nonprofit organization in 2006, after 10 years as a regional center of VINS. The North Branch Nature Center receives no state or federal assistance. Operating fees come from program fees, memberships, donations and grants.

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

The trails at the nature center are open all year, 24 hours a day, at no fee. There is also trail access to Hubbard Park and North Branch River Park (via a footbridge over the North Branch), which offers extended opportunities for hiking and exploring.

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

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

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in Vermont (we have expanded our service area with the closing of the George D. Aiken RC&D area that served south central and southern Vermont). By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2012, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered \$842,798 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

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

OUR HOUSE

OUR House of Central Vermont is a non-profit Children's Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit located in Barre and serving all of Washington County. OUR House's 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. OUR House (which stands for One Unified Response) implements a multidisciplinary approach to the issue of sexual abuse. We work very closely with the Department for Children and Families, Law Enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, and other local non-profit organizations to conduct investigations in a child friendly environment. We also offer therapy sessions, case management, safety planning, and referral services to children and adults.

Sadly, all towns in Washington County have used our services in one way or another:

- It might have been because of a child abuse investigation.

- The Department for Children and Families, along with all Washington County Law Enforcement, routinely conducts forensic investigations at OUR House.

- Forensic investigations are digitally recorded so that the victim need only tell their story once. A well done forensic interview is the foundation to the effective prosecution of cases.

- A young resident meeting with our therapist.

- There are 3 therapy rooms on site.

- Our contracted therapist sees a number of clients at OUR House.

- A concerned family member calling with questions.

- During normal business hours, staff are on-hand to answer questions and offer referrals.

- Presentations.

- OUR House is regularly invited into schools and day care centers to give age-appropriate presentations on personal safety.

OUR House is fortunate to own the house that we are located in. However, this means that we must shoulder the burden of building upkeep and maintenance. Sometimes these are known expenses, which can be budgeted for, such as painting or equipment upgrades. But, sometimes these are unplanned costs, which

can't be budgeted for, such as water damage or a broken window. It is the latter that I hope to address with this request of funds.

OUR House is asking each town in Washington County for an appropriation of \$200.00. Added up, this will create a Building and Maintenance Fund for our agency. This fund will allow OUR House of Central Vermont to make some much needed repairs and upgrades. Most importantly, however, this fund will allow us to handle any unexpected maintenance costs that we have not budgeted for.

Thank you for considering this appropriation. I would be happy to come to any Select Board or Fiscal Committee meeting and speak further about our services and the basis for this request. In addition, please let me know of any other questions you might have.

Will Roberts
Executive Director

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services.

In 2012, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic provided 2544 patient interactions, including 1441 medical visits (a 13% increase over last year), to 550 individual patients. 255 of these patients were new to the Clinic. Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and assistance programs. We also helped many of the 550 patients navigate the application process for a variety of programs including, VHAP, Medicaid, Catamount, Ladies First, Medicare, Healthy Vermonters, Affordable Meds, and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program. We were able to successfully enroll them 402 times, many in more than one program.

Middlesex residents came for 10 medical visits, representing 3 unduplicated patients. We provided 5 case management visits, 1 medical consult, 9 wellness education interactions, 10 diagnostic tests (labs, x-rays, etc.) and provided prescriptions and pharmaceutical samples 4 times. We helped 2 individuals enroll in health insurance and assistance programs, and surveyed all of them for oral health needs to assist in our planning to begin offering oral health services later this year.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2012, over 77 volunteers gave over \$127,000 worth of their time serving our patients. We also received over \$360,000 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for our patients, paid for \$19,600 of diagnostic testing, and got another \$22,000 of tests donated.

2012 was our third year of providing special Women's Clinics, in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, and funded by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Ladies First. Complete women's physicals, self-examination techniques, and access to free mammograms, other diagnostic tests, and insurance coverage have brought comprehensive and preventive care to another group of central Vermont's uninsured residents. As in 2011, we did 12 of these clinics – half daytime; half evening.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus the Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 45 Vermont towns. While our income guidelines go up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), over 83% of our patients fall under 185% FPL (\$20,448 gross a year for an individual - \$27,480 for a couple).

2013 will bring changes to Vermont's health care system, as the federal Affordable Care Act and state legislation begin to be implemented. A new Health Care Exchange, called "Vermont Health Connect" will begin by the end of the year. This on-line system will be supplemented by face-to-face "patient navigators," very much along the lines of what PHWC has been doing for years to assist our patients apply for and enroll in various health insurance and assistance programs.

However, many of Vermont's current programs will disappear, including Catamount Health Assistance Plan and Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP). Cost-sharing for patients – premiums, co-pays, and deductibles – are currently proposed to change significantly. Dental care will not be covered under Exchange plans.

This is likely to cause uncertainty and some turmoil among our patients, current policy-holders, and the public, as employees and employers will all be examining how they currently provide and access health coverage. We are intimately involved in the public policy discussions on how these changes will occur and impact our patients, and intend to do all we can to help our patients continue to access quality and affordable health care, both through private and public insurance coverage, and at the Clinic.

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

Peter Youngbaer, Director

RED CROSS OF VT & NH UPPER VALLEY

Red Cross chapters provide services across the entire state of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley. All disaster, military, and international services are provided completely free of charge and are made possible by donations from the people of the region. In the last fiscal year (2011-2012), your Red Cross performed the following services:

Disaster Services

Disaster Services provides timely, innovative, and effective planning, preparedness, and relief from disasters in Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley region and is executed by trained and dedicated volunteers. These disasters include everything from a single family house fire to a mass care response during a large event like a flood or ice storm.

Disaster incidents in the region	137
Individuals assisted (includes 236 families)	2,884*
<i>*Does not include sheltering and related services during Tropical Storm Irene</i>	
Disaster-related course participants	307
Volunteers	431

Washington County

The following is a more detailed response for your county:

Overall assisted:

22 families, 10 incidents, 50 people, Average client assistance \$444/family

Town	# Incidents	People Served
E. Montpelier	2	9
W. Berlin	2	11
N. Berlin	1	3
Montpelier	1	7
Northfield	1	3
Barre	3	17
Total	10	50

Disaster Action Team Volunteers in Washington County: 27

RSVP

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

During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, RSVP was able to involve 13 residents of Middlesex as RSVP volunteers. Those residents gave 180 hours of service to the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), Friends of the State House, Montpelier Food Pantry, Montpelier Senior Center and the Vermont Foodbank..

We also have many RSVP members who serve throughout our service area who provide services that benefit the area residents. Services such as hospitals, Red Cross Blood drives, and other services end up benefiting a large segment of the population. This year RSVP members have continued their involvement in the flood recovery programs..

If one used the State average wage, it means that RSVP volunteers donated the equivalent of \$372.00 in services to Middlesex area residents and organizations. This is proof that volunteers are valuable.

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

Respectfully submitted
J. Guy Isabelle
Director

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM

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

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

SACT operates using paid staff and during 2011-2012 we had five volunteers and seven part time stipend paid hotline staff from local communities who trained for twenty hours to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline calls. During 2011-2012 SACT received 1899 calls for services including crisis calls for sexual assaults, requests for emotional support, hospital advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, information and referral, and requests for education and training. These calls for services were handled by both paid staff and volunteers. During fiscal year 2011-2012 SACT provided services to 179 new unduplicated and 7 return clients. SACT served survivors who suffered from a variety of abuse, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, pornography and human trafficking.

SACT provided shelter for male and females survivors of sexual violence. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic violence and for special needs victims, primarily those needing a handicapped accessible facility which allows the non-offending care provider to stay in shelter with the victim/survivor. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 56 people, including 26 adult females and 13 adult males and 12 female children and 1 male children for a total of 744 bed nights. SACT remains dedicated to providing services to all survivors of sexual violence and remains committed to identifying new needs and meeting that challenge.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

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

During Fiscal Year 2012, VABVI served 1,310 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including ninety-seven (97) adult clients and twenty-three (23) students from Washington County.

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

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

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

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

VERMONT CARES –VERMONT COMMITTEE FOR AIDS

Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and their family members for twenty years with the help of the Town of Middlesex. In addition, Vermont CARES has also been educating and training Vermonters of all ages on how to prevent the further spread of HIV infections to themselves and loved ones. A generous donation of \$200 from Middlesex could provide hot prepared meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, HIV prevention education presentations at area schools, and even rapid-result HIV tests, providing crucial health information for individuals at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Through the work of Vermont CARES' staff, HIV+ individuals, volunteers and Board of Directors, the agency provides services to just over 165 Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and provides over 5,000 individuals with HIV prevention education, skills building and materials. The main office of Vermont CARES is in Burlington with regional offices in St. Johnsbury and Rutland. From these offices and with a budget of \$804,000 (in FY 2013) Vermont CARES serves most of Vermont, including the most densely populated and the most rural regions.

Vermont CARES aims to:

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

Vermont CARES is proud to share the following outcomes from services provided in 2012:

- We provided case management to 165 people living with HIV during the course of the year. This involved the following specific services:
 - Over \$110,000 in direct financial assistance to get clients to medical appointments, therapist visits, or to help access medication as well as food vouchers, fuel assistance, rent offset, and utility bill aid.
- We provided free, anonymous rapid HIV tests to over 500 Vermonters.
- We provided free education presentations to over 2,600 Vermont middle and high school students.
- VT CARES' St. Johnsbury Syringe Exchange distributed around 84,000 needles.

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

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

Peter Jacobsen, Executive Director

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY'12 (Oct. 2011-Sept.2012) show VCIL responded to over 2,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 400 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 35 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 180 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 56 of these households received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. VCIL's Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 200 individuals with information on assistive technology; 51 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 450 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '12, 2 residents of Middlesex received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP) - (1 resident is on our waiting list for home modifications)
- Meals on Wheels Program (MOW) - (over \$1,100.00 spent on meals for resident)
- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Washington County Sheriff's Department has had a very interesting year during fiscal year 2012. During FY 12 the Department wrote 1079 Vermont Traffic Citations and documented involvement in 333 incidents. The Department transported 861 persons and served 2684 pieces of Civil Process. Only Chittenden County serves more Civil Process than Washington County. We seem to be serving less Writs of Possession, which is a good sign for the financial stability of home owners and renters.

In addition to transporting prisoners, mental health patients, juveniles and serving civil process, we made a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the ten (10) patrol contracts with towns within the County and though Grant Funding from Governor's Highway Safety for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). The Department is also involved in START patrols, to curb teen alcohol use. We also have an active Snowmobile Patrol, which due to the lack of snow last winter deployed very little.

In the past fiscal year we continue reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Safety class at the East Montpelier and Doty Elementary Schools, and giving demonstrations of the "rollover convincer" (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at community events. During the Christmas/New Year's Holiday we place signs at strategic intersections around the County, reminding people to drive safely and have a "Safe and Happy Holiday".

In the spring of 2012 the Sheriff's Department was once again honored by Vermont's Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 3rd in the Sheriff's division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge, being recognized for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2011.

In May a 20 year veteran of the Department retired. Deputy Barbara Watts ended her long career in Law Enforcement, and she and her husband, a retired Barre Town Police Officer moved south, to enjoy retirement in Virginia.

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

Violation	Description	Total
23V1004	INTERSTATE HIGHWAY REGULATIONS	2
23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	3
23V1081B	BASIC RULE >50 MPH	1
23V1125	OBSTRUCTING WINDSHIELDS	1
23V1216	DUI-UNDER 21, .02 OR MORE	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	2
Report Totals		10

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

Observed Offense	Total Incidents
Agency: WASHINGTON CSD	
3619 DLS Criminal	1
ASST Agency Assist	1
MAST Motorist Assistance	2
TOFF Traffic Offense	1
Total Incidents for This Agency:5	

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

Professionally,
W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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

- **15 Teens** participated in the **Basement Teen Center** in Montpelier that provides supervised drop-in time, leadership opportunities, and a variety of activities & events.
- **2 Teens and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24/7 crisis intervention, provides short-term youth and family counseling, works with runaway youth and their families, and provides emergency temporary shelter to youths.
- **2 Teens** were provided with **Substance Abuse Counseling**.
- **1 Teen** participated in the **Transitional Living Program** that helps homeless young people make the transition to independent living.
- **6 Community Members** were served through the **39th Community Thanksgiving Dinner** organized by the Bureau.

This year's funding request represents only \$6.73 per person served. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most services provided have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation.

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

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

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

WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association purpose is to enrich the lives of older persons by providing services and activities that sharpen the minds and improve the physical and emotional health of its members and help keep them active and involved in the life of the community. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals. Also low impact exercise classes, bingo, Wii games, Mexican train dominoes, cribbage games, book discussions, and cut-throat canasta. Monthly foot care clinics, yearly AARP safe driving classes and AARP tax return assistance. In addition to these activities, we have decorated cookies and made chocolates at Christmastime; held both a Thanksgiving and Easter basket raffle, and sold items made from yarn donated by the community.

The Center is currently providing a great service to the current residents from the Town of Middlesex. Our biggest expense of WASCA is providing 70 hot week-day and home delivered meals. Meals on Wheels are delivered by our seniors to our homebound seniors. More than 95 % of our clients are disabled or live in low to moderate income households in Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown, Bolton and Middlesex. The government reimburses us only \$3.50 per meal. We need to raise the remaining \$58,200, or \$3.90 per meal for 15,000 meals. Currently, we are on target to serve over 16,500 meals for our fiscal year that ends September 2013, but the need outweighs the funds. We are seeing more of a need, as there is a strain on family budgets due to the higher cost of heating fuel, gasoline, health insurance, and prescriptions.

We deliver 45 meals on wheels each day and the number continues to increase. In the past year we have delivered to approximately 25 clients in Middlesex, and served an additional 8 residents of Middlesex both for meals and other programs. We currently average \$1.24 per meal in donations for Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals for fiscal year 2012. We are prohibited by federal regulations from charging for our meals and only suggest that seniors contribute \$4.00 per meal if they can afford it. Our average meal contribution is well below this amount but we will not discourage seniors from enjoying a hot meal even if they cannot pay.

The town of Middlesex has appropriated \$7,500 to the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association in the past, this year we are asking for \$10,000. Historically the town of Waterbury has given us \$30,000 towards expenses, and Middlesex appropriated \$7,500 in the past. We have been asked by the Waterbury Select Board to ask other towns to bear more of the cost for using our services.

The generosity of our senior members and the community support is wonderful. The past year the members raised and received in donations \$64,000. We hope that the citizens of Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown, and Middlesex will continue their high level of support for the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association. The center has looked at many ways to reduce our overhead. We use reusable meals on wheels trays that can be used between 4 and 7 years. This helps with having to purchase less Styrofoam and paper products. The Moretown Landfill donated space for us to start a garden so that the seniors could produce more of

the food we serve on a daily basis. We also can and freeze fresh produce to use during the long winter months when fresh food prices are extremely high.

The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association has served this town well, and the town and the residents have supported us. We are also currently looking for Middlesex residents to consider joining our board. If you have never been to the center we encourage you to come see what we are all about. Thank you for your continued support.

Karol Smith
Executive Director

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The summer of 2012 was much improved after last year's record water levels. The season started out with warm weather and little rain that encouraged plenty of people to come and enjoy the beach. This was also our first year with an 18 hole disc golf course that brought people from around VT to come and play a round. The nice weather continued all the way into August resulting in some of the highest attendance and therefore grossing years in recent history.

The WBR District also continued its popular canoeing and kayaking program and added a paddle boat, as well as improved and expanded hiking trails, the 18 hole disc golf course, hosted a variety of day camps and community programs, held the 3rd annual Wrightsville Beach Disk Golf Tournament and the 4th annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreation experience for all recreation area users. This required continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements. The following figures summarize the District's financial operations from January 1, 2012 through year's end:

Revenue

Washington Electric	\$ 9,500
Municipal Assessments	\$ 6,683
Season's User Fees	\$21,633
Prior year's carryover	\$ 5,904
Prior year's reserves	\$ 4,000
Disk Golf Donations	\$ 4,850
Total Revenue	\$52,570

Expenditures

Personnel	\$24,387
Maintenance	\$2,705
Operating	\$6,131

Disc Golf Construction	\$7,507
Total Expenditures	\$40,730

The District has tried to set aside a reserve contribution each year of \$2,000 to use for capital improvements and the purchase of equipment, as needed. The balance in this account at the end of 2012 is \$4,000.

Any carryover from operating revenue and expenditures that is realized in any year is used to fund the next year's operating expenses. Since a successful beach season is contingent on the weather, it is difficult to predict what the user fees will be and whether there will be a carryover from one year to the next. When there is a carryover, however, funds are used for the next year's operations thereby keeping the town dues at \$.50 per capita.

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

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

TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES

**Town of Middlesex Salary
Projection as of July 1, 2013**

Highway	Salaries
Cerminara, Paul	\$50,327
Files, Jay	\$40,262
Fitch, Bruce	\$40,262
Porter, Edmund	\$42,375
Administration	
Carlson, Cindy	\$58,080
Maryke Gillis	\$15,840
Hull, Joanne	\$689
Listers	
Young, Eric	\$2,000
Deane, Caleb	\$1,000
Alderman, Dick	\$2,000
Constable	
Young, Eric	\$1,500
Fire Department	
William Smith	\$1,500
Select Board	
Hood, Peter	\$750
Skinner, Mary Just	\$600
Callnan, William	\$600
Dwire, Matthew	\$600
Alexander, Mary	\$600

**Rumney Memorial School
District Projected**
As of January 11, 2013

Salary Projection	Salaries
Berger, Peter	\$28,008
Blodgett, Diane	\$6,989
Breidenstein, Joanne	\$22,341
Brusca, Veronica	\$5,888
Campbell, Jennifer	\$39,403
Caswell, Lauren	\$38,791
Collier, Heather	\$12,464
Costello, Diana	\$52,933
Crandell, Rebecca	\$56,656
Danyew, Christa	\$21,987
Dillon, Sara	\$24,314
Dion, Heather	\$54,459
Domanski, Maribeth	\$64,106
Donovan, Jennifer	\$31,015
Emmons, Linda	\$55,415
Farber, Katherine	\$56,656
Grossi, Sharon	\$32,504
Hait, Theresa	\$46,728
Hedler, Chip	\$41,398
Israel, Martha	\$59,647
Johnson, Leslie	\$37,382
Joslyn, Tamara	\$21,802
Lamountain, Woodrow	\$34,510
Leblanc, Loralyn	\$43,728
Liard, Lisa	\$14,554
Lyle Chaplin, Jessica	\$25,313
Lynde, Debra	\$24,229
Lynde, Robert	\$2,070
Pelkey Matthew	\$52,933
McGlynn, Margrith	\$33,994
Ratazzi, Robin	\$19,102
Rosen, Adam	\$83,430
Scharf, Liz	\$14,554
Sheldon, Megan	\$30,271
Smart, Julie	\$44,624
Sorrell, Nicole	\$30,676
Stoudt, Lisa	\$37,874
Weiss, Benjamin	\$55,415
White, Tamara	\$18,523
Woodard, Lynne	\$33,994
Total	\$1,420,941

U-32 School District Projected As of January 11, 2013

	Salary		Salary
Abbiati Judy	\$60,738	Doney Kevin	\$76,000
Albee Brian	\$29,278	Dorsey Lillis Ellen	\$23,985
Allen Beth	\$9,345	Doyle Shawn	\$33,400
Angel Laure	\$47,969	Dugger Lloyd	\$43,005
Antonucci John	\$50,451	Dunn William	\$37,396
Barwicz Jessica	\$45,487	Dwire Jody	\$9,292
Barrows Stephen	\$55,530	Dwyer Colleen	\$32,880
Bazis David	\$44,246	Dy Krista	\$47,969
Bennett Eric	\$40,851	Eaton Margaret	\$66,099
Bickford Judy	\$63,438	Emery Paula	\$55,415
Bird Alden	\$47,969	Fair Patricia	\$29,710
Blackburn Christopher	\$57,165	Ferguson Kristie	\$40,562
Blakely Xiomara	\$29,483	Ferris Sheryl	\$36,203
Blodgett Diane	\$10,300	Fitch Lesley	\$45,916
Bonamico Andrea	\$49,210	Flynn Margaret	\$51,692
Boulanger Chantal	\$30,067	Flynn Timothy	\$82,180
Brown Ronald	\$59,138	Fournier Dennis	\$43,660
Bruno Barbarann	\$22,148	French Adam	\$53,442
Bushey Charles	\$62,000	Gadapee Bonnie	\$51,692
Carey Bodo	\$65,840	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$49,210
Carpenter Kelly	\$18,144	Gandin Dan	\$60,338
Cate Weston III	\$26,093	Gandin Tracy	\$39,368
Chaloux Sandra	\$44,246	Garand Laura	\$20,868
Chaplin Mark	\$65,188	Garand Travis	\$18,509
Chartrand Kristine	\$29,235	Garcia Joan	\$25,382
Chase Betty	\$19,643	Garrity Leigh	\$63,179
Chouinard Bonnie	\$32,224	Gerritt Keith	\$108,249
Clark-Warner Heather	\$19,279	Gora Peter	\$20,507
Collier Rachel	\$49,210	Grace Caroline	\$50,960
Cook George	\$56,656	Grantz Christopher	\$50,960
Cook Vicki	\$21,685	Greene Daniel	\$70,209
Cooke Ellen	\$61,938	Griggs Janine	\$18,908
Crossett Paula	\$46,728	Guiffre Catherine	\$54,174
Cueto Linda	\$20,060	Hannigan David	\$38,753
Dalmasse Denise	\$66,035	Harris Scott	\$46,728
David Beatrice	\$51,692	Heintz Benjamin	\$55,415
Davis Elizabeth	\$18,908	Hilferty John	\$47,969
Dean Fletcher	\$21,277	Hill MaryEllen	\$27,465
DeCicco Sally	\$3,946	Hiller Johanna	\$27,293
Decker Anne	\$45,329	Hoermann Tammy	\$25,313
Deguzzman Jodi	\$18,144	Horowitz Michael	\$49,210
Dentith Susan	\$63,438	Houston Glenn	\$51,665
Desch Marguerite	\$63,438	Hungerford Richard	\$50,917
Devries Aanika	\$54,174	Hurley Kevin	\$29,822
Divelbliss Brian	\$55,415	Ingersoll Jennifer	\$20,868
Dolan Paula	\$8,441	Jarvis Katie	\$41,764

Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$44,246	Perry Brittany	\$51,692
Kelly Siobhan	\$18,908	Pollock Pamela	\$20,061
Kiefer Julie	\$64,470	Poplawski Virginia	\$22,597
Koenigbauer Amy	\$50,526	Post Deborah	\$23,968
Korecki-Moll Barbara	\$63,438	Pryce Susan	\$47,969
Kruger Jennie-Beth	\$38,389	Randall Nanci	\$24,992
Lakey John	\$38,315	Reichert Jason	\$54,174
Lakey Sam	\$31,905	Saxe Kenneth	\$63,438
Lamberti Sheryl	\$21,510	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$46,728
LaPlante Lisa	\$81,996	Simmons Mary Ellen	\$56,607
Larrabee Marieka	\$13,979	Singleton Dorothy	\$18,144
Leslie Nicole	\$45,487	Skoglund Benjamin	\$51,692
Levine Judd	\$62,388	Slade Jodie	\$18,908
Magoon Heather	\$24,336	Slopey Brian	\$69,145
Malloy Janilyn	\$9,949	Smith Trudy	\$22,148
Martin Tracy	\$39,066	St. Peter Hollis	\$49,210
Massey Jessica	\$7,941	Stevens Debra	\$20,061
Mayette Sue Anne	\$63,438	Taylor Stephanie	\$80,238
McAndrew Shane	\$41,499	Thomas Gillian	\$40,528
McCann Katherine	\$57,897	Towne Stephen	\$50,451
McCord Denise	\$63,438	Van Eyck-Sutton Catherine	\$46,728
McGinnis Devan	\$27,248	Vandal Norman	\$60,338
McMahon William	\$30,067	VanDeren Lauren	\$38,293
McNaulty William	\$31,278	Verchereau-Staab Suzanne	\$28,400
Mitchell Spencer	\$49,843	Violette Daniel	\$9,682
Mitchell Susan	\$19,279	Volinsky Sarah	\$61,207
Molina Amanda	\$74,678	Walker Katherine	\$62,388
Mooney Erin	\$54,174	Wheelock Ann	\$39,818
Newcomb Sharon	\$67,931	Wiese Kathy	\$65,188
Olson George	\$12,683	Williams Christopher	\$56,656
Palmer Victoria	\$51,692	Williams Dylan	\$47,969
Papineau Amy	\$22,391	Wilmott Margaret	\$9,948
Paris Maria	\$56,656	Wolf Sara	\$19,490
Parrott Diane	\$38,148	Wourinen Jeffrey	\$20,262
Peck Douglas	\$1,794		
			\$6,705,821

MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 10 A.M. to 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) U-32 School Director	Three (3) Year Term

ARTICLE 2. The total proposed budget of \$2,575,355.00 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend \$ 2,508,151.00, which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend \$67,204.00, which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

ARTICLE 3. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2013 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

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

Two community informational meetings will be held. One meeting will be on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen, and the other will be held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library. These meetings will provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting.

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

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Julie Moore, Chair

Jonathan L Scharf, Clerk

Sorsha Anderson

Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair

Christopher McVeigh

OFFICIAL ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 5, 2013

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

For SCHOOL BOARD for 2 years. Vote for not more than ONE.

SORSHA ANDERSON.....
WRITE IN.....

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

BETH HOLTZMAN.....
WRITE IN.....

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PART A: Shall the voters of the School District authorize the School Board to expend \$2,508,151.00, which is a portion of the amount the School Board has determined necessary.

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

PART B: If Part A is approved by the votes, shall the voters of the School District also authorize the School Board to expend \$67,204.00, which is the remainder of the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary?

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

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

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

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2013 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.....

For U-32 School Director for 3 Years. Vote for not more than one.

ADRIENNE MAGIDA.....
WRITE IN.....

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

It is my pleasure to send greetings from the Principal's Office at Rumney Memorial School. After over six years as principal, I have a different relationship with many of our students. It has been educational and inspiring for me to watch these students grow. Our sixth graders were in Kindergarten when I arrived here—the wonderful young men and women they are becoming is a testament to them, their families and the support they have received at Rumney School. Our mission is to challenge them academically and socially—we keep trying and these students are up to the challenge. It truly is a privilege to have a birds-eye view on the growth and development of these students.

We continue to make progress toward the Action Plan for the year. Practices that last year were new and fragile are become more a solid part of how we teach. Special educators continue to co-teach in regular education classrooms—often making it impossible to distinguish regular educator from special educator, and regular education student from special education student. The Instructional Strategies Approach continues to be our reading intervention of choice for students in grades K-2, and more members of the faculty are learning this responsive, small group intervention.

At the same time, we are understanding even more the value for individualized special instruction. Our cadre of Wilson trained reading specialists continue to help the small segment of the school that needs this intensive reading instruction. Other students receive individual or small group speech services. We have the highest number of special education students from anytime during my tenure, and the needs of these students has challenged us to find the most appropriate way to educate them—one size definitely does not fit all.

Speaking of "fit," we all barely fit at Rumney! In response to declining enrollment at the Doty location of the Pre-Kindergarten program, we moved the program back to Rumney last summer. Once again a group of dedicated volunteers packed the whole program into a panel truck and moved it! The program is once again fully subscribed. With the pre-kindergarten room back in use, we are using every square foot of available space at Rumney School. If you have participated in any of our building walking tours, than you have seen this first hand.

Having the pre-K back at Rumney has improved our school climate and I think we feel more family and student friendly than ever before. With many younger siblings beginning school in pre-K or Kindergarten, students are able to support each other and parents feel more welcomed than ever. In addition, Sixth Grade students are serving as examples and models for the younger students—helping supervise recess, helping load the buses and take bus attendance, and assisting in PE, Art, Library and the kitchen, they are showing the younger students (and all the rest of us!) the wonderful, mature and responsible side of grade six. From age three to grade six—these are amazing, powerful young people.

This year Matt Pelkey, formerly of East Montpelier and now of Middlesex, has joined our faculty for the year as a Kindergarten teacher. Theresa Hait, who student taught at Rumney and worked as a paraprofessional for several years, has now joined us as a second grade teacher. Faculty members in their second year of employment are Music teacher Sara Dillon and Special Educator Lisa Stoudt. We also have had a change of leadership in our Community Connections program, which is now lead by U32 graduate James Chartrand.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adam Rosen, Principal

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Crafting a budget is one of the most difficult tasks the Board performs in any given year. In doing so this year, the Board solicited information from the community, the administration, and the Rumney School staff. In the budget development process, the Board works with Rumney Principal Adam Rosen, with some additional input from the Supervisory Union and then discusses, re-discusses, and re-discusses again what financial resources, what money, is needed to provide the type of educational opportunities and environment for excellence in learning and development necessary for all Rumney students. The School Board is acutely aware of balancing the challenges of creating such an education environment for our students and the cost to Middlesex residents of funding that environment. Weighing each of these factors, the Board is recommending to the Middlesex community that it fund a budget of \$2,575,355 for the next academic year.

The net budget increase this year is 4.52 % once the 57 % reimbursements for special education expenditures, which have increased this year, are recovered. While we recognize that the Governor asked school boards to try to hold spending to the rate of inflation, which is 2.2%, we believe this amount of funding is essential to operate the school and provide the educational opportunities and services our students need. The Board and Administration efficiently use the money budgeted; Middlesex has the second lowest local spending per pupil within the Washington Central Supervisory Union. Rumney's spending per equalized pupil for 2013 – 2014 was \$14,039, well below the State threshold of \$15,456 (above which the State would impose a penalty on Rumney for excessive spending).

In 2010, the Vermont Legislature passed Title 16 §563 (11) which, under certain circumstances, imposed a two vote rule on communities in order to pass school budgets. The two vote rule applies when a school budget has increased by more than "the average of the New England states' budget increases calculated as of September 30, 2012, plus one percent." For this year, the average increase in the state budgets for the New England states was 2.2%; this, with the additional one percent, produced a threshold increase of 3.2%. Due to a number of factors, discussed in more detail below, the budget proposed by the Rumney Board includes a percentage increase greater than 3.2%. As such, the dollar amount in excess of that threshold - \$67,204 - must be approved as a separate item on the ballot for it to be included in the overall budget of \$2,575,355 for the 2013-2014 school year.

While the legally required statutory wording used on the ballot might be interpreted to suggest that the \$67,204 subject to the second vote is extra or superfluous, the Board has recommended a budget of \$2,575,355 and the Board believes strongly that the entire budget is needed to meet its obligations to our students and our community for the academic year 2013 – 2014.

Several factors have contributed to the budget requiring this two vote procedure this year. Last year, American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act (ARRA) funds were distributed to all Vermont schools; Rumney received \$31,334. These funds were used to provide tax relief in the current year's school budget. Unfortunately,

any revenues not raised in local taxes (such as the ARRA funds) do not count toward last year's budget increase and therefore put us at a mathematical disadvantage as we prepared the 2013-2014 budget.

Other factors reflected in the proposed budget include: a more robust allocation to the building's capital improvement fund, negotiated contract items, extraordinary student needs, and Rumney's share of the Supervisory Union's budget. More specifically:

- Based on feedback from the facilities work group and members of the public, the Board has nearly doubled the allocation to the capital improvement fund, which accounts for 0.80% of the net recommended budget increase.
- The cost of health care insurance for staff members is projected to rise 14% next year, which constitutes 1.59% of the proposed net budget increase.
- The Supervisory Union's budget is allocated to participating towns according to student population and Middlesex's student population has increased in recent years while other participating town student populations have decreased. This year the increased assessment amount accounts for 0.75% of the net recommended budget increase.

Rumney's enrollment remains robust and continues to move counter to state-wide trends of shrinking student populations – having increased steadily since 2006. Although there are obvious challenges (and costs) associated with this growth, we are constantly reminded that it speaks to the quality of our community and our school.

Two informational meetings on the 2013-2014 school budget have been scheduled in the coming weeks: Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Hen Bakery and Monday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Rumney School. Board members will be available to answer any questions you might have, or please feel free to call or email any of us in the interim.

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

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

RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	PROJECTED 2013	FINAL BUDGET 2014	Bud14/Bud13 % CHG
REVENUES					
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$23,522	\$17,000	\$21,388	\$17,000	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$841	\$721	\$721	\$721	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$3,378	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$29,189	\$0	\$4,700	\$0	0.0%
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	\$1,920,151	\$1,999,705	\$1,999,705	\$2,134,986	6.8%
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$35,265	\$35,728	\$36,147	\$35,007	-2.0%
EDUCATION JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$465	\$31,334	\$31,334	\$0	-100.0%
SPEd-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$19,169	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRt-SPEd	\$49,736	\$56,981	\$56,981	\$55,517	-2.6%
SPEd EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$154,192	\$160,847	\$202,705	\$251,639	56.4%
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,000	100.0%
EEE GRANT	\$18,807	\$21,006	\$21,006	\$24,285	15.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,254,714	\$2,325,522	\$2,376,887	\$2,575,355	10.74%
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$617,116	\$675,739	\$700,573	\$672,842	-0.4%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$30,020	\$31,335	\$19,654	\$34,383	9.7%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$23,537	\$17,750	\$17,750	\$17,750	0.0%
SALARIES-INSTRUCTIONAL-JOBS FUNDARRA	\$465	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$97,443	\$113,517	\$100,790	\$113,259	-0.2%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$48,981	\$54,042	\$55,285	\$53,993	-0.1%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$726	\$765	\$745	\$1,334	74.4%
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$698	\$792	\$752	\$715	-9.7%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$5,974	\$5,115	\$5,093	\$5,098	-0.5%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$309	\$398	\$379	\$396	-0.5%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$11,293	\$15,000	\$12,959	\$16,000	6.7%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,274	\$6,626	\$6,627	\$6,626	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$2,680	\$3,539	\$3,575	\$3,556	0.5%
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$968	\$1,075	\$1,075	\$1,200	11.6%
OTHER PROFESSL SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,500	6.1%
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$7,722	\$7,100	\$7,625	\$7,700	8.5%
TRAVEL	\$98	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$19,506	\$16,500	\$15,683	\$18,000	9.1%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$2,228	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$4,261	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,500	-18.2%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	0.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC	\$980,305	\$963,644	\$960,116	\$966,392	0.3%
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$36,886	\$38,451	\$37,382	\$39,466	2.6%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$12,403	\$13,525	\$12,464	\$12,838	-5.1%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$7,595	\$9,444	\$9,504	\$10,947	15.9%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,479	\$3,913	\$3,690	\$3,859	-1.4%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$90	\$96	\$96	\$100	4.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$560	\$374	\$374	\$377	0.8%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$30	\$29	\$29	\$29	0.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$215	\$700	\$700	\$1,000	42.9%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$402	\$402	\$402	\$412	2.5%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$217	\$270	\$259	\$272	0.7%
TRAVEL	\$121	\$0	\$0	\$150	100.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,533	\$1,400	\$1,692	\$1,400	0.0%
TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM	\$63,471	\$68,604	\$66,592	\$70,850	3.3%
GUIDANCE SERVICES					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$31,495	\$32,299	\$32,504	\$33,479	3.7%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$6,817	\$7,128	\$9,556	\$10,738	50.6%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,861	\$2,378	\$2,363	\$2,422	1.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$48	\$48	\$50	4.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$189	\$233	\$233	\$241	3.4%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$19	\$18	\$18	\$19	5.6%

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	PROJECTED 2013	FINAL BUDGET 2014	Bud14/Bud13 % CHG
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$671	\$400	\$456	\$500	25.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$301	\$301	\$301	\$301	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$135	\$168	\$168	\$174	3.6%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$98	\$200	\$200	\$200	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.0%
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$41,629	\$43,273	\$45,947	\$48,224	11.4%
HEALTH SERVICES					
SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$59,630	\$59,988	\$60,147	\$37,862	-36.9%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$15,170	\$15,926	\$15,926	\$10,738	-32.6%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,250	\$4,381	\$4,395	\$2,757	-37.1%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$351	\$432	\$432	\$273	-36.8%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$35	\$34	\$34	\$21	-38.2%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$35	\$460	\$1,535	\$460	0.0%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$502	\$502	\$502	\$301	-40.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$231	\$309	\$309	\$192	-37.9%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOMETER	\$169	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$144	\$33	\$33	\$150	354.5%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$738	\$700	\$700	\$700	0.0%
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$81,255	\$83,065	\$84,363	\$53,804	-35.3%
CURRICULUM SERVICES					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV CURRIC	\$13,520	\$14,392	\$14,392	\$16,671	15.8%
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	\$13,520	\$14,392	\$14,392	\$16,671	15.8%
LIBRARY SERVICES					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$32,847	\$33,832	\$33,894	\$35,014	3.5%
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$8,163	\$8,407	\$8,388	\$8,640	2.8%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$16,388	\$11,973	\$11,973	\$13,455	12.4%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,855	\$3,078	\$3,087	\$3,165	2.9%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$48	\$48	\$50	4.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$247	\$304	\$304	\$314	3.3%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$25	\$24	\$24	\$24	0.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,106	\$500	\$1,410	\$600	20.0%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$608	\$201	\$201	\$201	0.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$253	\$220	\$220	\$227	3.2%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$265	\$50	\$50	\$250	400.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,056	\$920	\$920	\$1,000	8.7%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$4,127	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$17	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.0%
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$495	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.0%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.0%
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$69,497	\$65,205	\$66,269	\$68,590	5.2%
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES					
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$18,423	\$23,577	\$23,655	\$24,365	3.3%
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,309	\$2,418	\$6,371	\$7,158	196.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,283	\$1,772	\$1,727	\$1,771	0.1%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$111	\$170	\$170	\$175	2.9%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$11	\$13	\$13	\$14	7.7%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$201	\$201	\$201	\$201	0.0%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$75	\$123	\$123	\$127	3.3%
OTH PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$6,970	\$7,088	\$7,088	\$8,184	15.8%
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$673	\$673	\$673	\$693	3.0%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,314	\$3,629	\$2,129	\$3,629	0.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$5,938	\$6,060	\$6,060	\$6,060	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$4,535	\$3,498	\$2,298	\$4,500	28.6%
SOFTWARE	\$612	\$6,027	\$6,027	\$6,000	-0.4%
EQUIPMENT	\$10,443	\$7,355	\$8,855	\$6,000	18.4%
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$53,498	\$62,604	\$65,390	\$68,878	10.0%

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RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2013-2014

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	PROJECTED 2013	FINAL BUDGET 2014	Bud14: Bud13 % CHG
BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.					
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$780	\$605	\$605	\$605	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$60	\$119	\$119	\$119	0.0%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$166	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
TECH SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$340	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$238	\$2,100	\$250	\$2,100	0.0%
ADVERTISING	\$1,175	\$2,500	\$1,051	\$2,500	0.0%
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,723	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$2,000	100.0%
DUES & FEES	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$1,200	0.0%
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.	\$8,582	\$10,924	\$7,625	\$11,924	9.2%
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$39,441	\$39,113	\$39,113	\$49,581	26.8%
SUPERV UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CKS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.	\$40,441	\$40,113	\$40,113	\$50,581	26.1%
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL					
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN	\$81,000	\$83,430	\$83,430	\$85,933	3.0%
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$36,986	\$38,299	\$39,491	\$40,676	6.2%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$5	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915	0.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$34,888	\$35,606	\$37,199	\$41,801	17.4%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$7,715	\$8,997	\$9,067	\$9,280	3.3%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,476	\$1,532	\$1,580	\$1,627	6.2%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$101	\$108	\$108	\$113	4.8%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$915	\$890	\$890	\$925	3.9%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$71	\$69	\$69	\$72	4.3%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,425	\$1,500	\$1,100	\$1,500	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,158	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,155	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$488	\$633	\$639	\$653	3.9%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$734	\$260	\$250	\$750	200.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$1,045	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$557	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,000	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,151	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,000	0.0%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$475	\$300	\$0	\$600	100.0%
DUES AND FEES	\$770	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.0%
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$171,860	\$179,684	\$182,593	\$182,015	6.9%
FISCAL SERVICES					
SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$29,592	\$29,313	\$29,313	\$34,968	19.0%
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$29,592	\$29,313	\$29,313	\$34,968	19.0%
INTEREST EXPENSE					
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$17,647	\$17,000	\$21,388	\$17,000	0.0%
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$17,647	\$17,000	\$21,388	\$17,000	0.0%
AUDITING SERVICES					
AUDIT SERVICES	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,200	3.2%
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,200	3.2%
OPERATION AND MAINT. PLANT					
SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$66,680	\$67,829	\$68,906	\$64,894	-4.5%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$16,231	\$17,139	\$22,217	\$24,965	45.7%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,774	\$4,974	\$4,983	\$4,639	-6.7%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,472	\$2,527	\$2,521	\$2,586	2.7%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$90	\$96	\$96	\$100	4.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$566	\$489	\$489	\$467	-4.5%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$37	\$38	\$38	\$36	-5.3%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$939	\$1,004	\$1,004	\$1,004	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$272	\$326	\$326	\$335	2.8%
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$4,637	\$0	\$2,700	\$0	0.0%
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$230	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
WATER & SEWER-SEE REPAIRS & MAINT	\$8,803	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	PROJECTED 2013	FINAL BUDGET 2014	Bud14/Bud13 % CHG
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,865	\$3,180	\$2,721	\$3,180	0.0%
SNOW REMOVAL	\$2,250	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$3,855	\$4,500	\$2,900	\$4,500	0.0%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROUNDS	\$18,354	\$18,000	\$12,300	\$20,000	11.1%
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$12,382	\$10,000	\$1,600	\$1,600	-84.0%
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$6,169	\$8,056	\$5,127	\$5,383	-33.2%
TRAVEL	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$7,618	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	0.0%
ELECTRICITY	\$26,853	\$25,805	\$25,805	\$27,000	4.6%
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$21,265	\$21,020	\$19,020	\$23,000	9.4%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT	\$207,342	\$205,883	\$192,553	\$204,499	-0.7%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV					
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$86,769	\$81,147	\$81,147	\$83,474	2.9%
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$3,998	\$1,600	\$3,500	\$3,600	125.0%
TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV	\$90,167	\$82,747	\$84,647	\$87,074	5.2%
DEBT SERVICE					
INTEREST	\$875	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
PRINCIPAL	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
WATER PROJECT LOAN REPAYMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,728	100.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$30,875	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$8,728	74.6%
FUND TRANSFERS					
FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$8,500	70.0%
STUDENT ACTIVITIES-FOUR WINDS	\$800	\$900	\$900	\$900	0.0%
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	100.0%
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$16,506	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$33,550	123.7%
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	-100.0%
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$47,306	\$50,900	\$50,900	\$47,950	-5.8%
INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$109,796	\$127,108	\$128,889	\$138,713	9.1%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$96,106	\$79,925	\$117,769	\$130,195	62.9%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$6,418	\$15,136	\$14,572	\$15,136	0.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$43,793	\$44,594	\$48,453	\$60,482	35.6%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$14,708	\$16,417	\$19,399	\$20,945	27.6%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,035	\$3,153	\$4,086	\$5,164	63.8%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$313	\$334	\$374	\$465	39.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,778	\$1,579	\$1,579	\$2,024	28.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$96	\$123	\$123	\$157	27.6%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$6,973	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$6,000	100.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$2,705	\$3,012	\$3,288	\$4,142	37.5%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$856	\$1,056	\$1,182	\$1,377	30.4%
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$140	\$0	\$30,281	\$100,000	100.0%
SU SHARED SERVICES--BEHAVIOR SPEC.	\$0	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$9,000	109.3%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$193	\$150	\$150	\$150	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$427	\$50	\$50	\$50	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,407	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$465	\$0	\$0	\$500	100.0%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,300	100.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED	\$290,209	\$301,937	\$379,495	\$497,800	64.9%
PSYCHOLOGICAL SVCS					
SU SHARED SERVICES	\$9,555	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	42.9%
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SVCS	\$9,555	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	42.9%

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RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
BUDGET 2013-2014

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	PROJECTED 2013	FINAL BUDGET 2014	Bud14/Bud13 % CHG
SPEECH SVCS					
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$32,847	\$33,832	\$34,558	\$35,014	3.5%
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$15,170	\$9,556	\$9,556	\$10,738	12.4%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,248	\$2,464	\$2,477	\$2,539	3.0%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$45	\$48	\$48	\$50	4.2%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$298	\$244	\$244	\$252	3.3%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$20	\$19	\$19	\$20	5.3%
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$503	\$301	\$301	\$301	0.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$227	\$176	\$176	\$182	3.4%
SHARED SU SVCS	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,725	3.0%
TOTAL SPEECH SVCS	\$51,358	\$54,140	\$54,879	\$56,821	5.0%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS					
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,870	100.0%
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,870	100.0%
PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS					
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,100	\$5,000	400.0%
TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,100	\$5,000	400.0%
SU ASSESSMENTS					
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$18,151	\$18,294	\$18,294	\$18,216	-0.4%
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$12,264	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$8,321	-17.5%
TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS	\$30,415	\$28,386	\$28,386	\$26,537	-6.5%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS					
SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$5,355	\$6,989	\$6,989	\$6,989	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$410	\$535	\$535	\$535	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$48	\$50	\$50	\$50	0.0%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	0.0%
TRAVEL	\$513	\$0	\$175	\$500	100.0%
TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	\$6,330	\$7,578	\$7,753	\$8,078	6.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,237,954	\$2,325,522	\$2,399,914	\$2,575,355	
			7.24%	10.74%	
EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE	\$16,760	\$0	(\$23,027)	\$0	

MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL
Summary of Changes Budget 2014 vs. 2013

	FINAL			
	Amount of	Entire Budget	BUDGET	BUDGET
	Increase(Decrease)	% Increase	FY2012-2013	FY2013-2014
Staffing Changes:				
Negotiated Items				
Salary Increases - Estimate	\$45,187	1.84%		
Horizontal Increases Due as of Dec 1 - Estimate	\$5,000	0.22%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 1.4% With Current Enrollment	\$36,919	1.59%		
Other Benefit Changes	\$203	0.01%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$87,309	3.75%		
Position Changes:				
FY12-13				
Instructional Staff-Add .1 FTE Spanish	\$6,072	0.26%		
Instructional Staff-Add Salary & Benefit Cost-Early Retirement	\$1,126	0.48%		
School-wide-Staffing Changes- Add Cost-Primarily Health Insurance	\$13,970	0.60%		
Special Services-Add Paraeducator 1.0 FTE(.79FTE)	\$27,790	1.20%		
Special Services-Add Profess, Paraeducator Salary and Benefit Costs	\$14,246	0.61%		
FY13-14				
Special Services-Add 1 FTE Profess Salary & Benefit Costs	\$7,972	0.34%		
Instructional Staff-RIF 1.0 FTE Professional Salary & Benefits-Kindergarten	(\$76,985)	-3.01%		
Instructional Staff-Add 1.0 FTE Paraeducator Salary & Benefit-Kindergarten	\$39,145	1.68%		
Health Services-RIF .4 FTE Professional Salary & benefits	(\$39,250)	-1.43%		
RIF-.28FTE Operation of Plant-End of Day Assistant	(\$6,415)	-0.28%		
Subtotal Position Changes	\$3,661	0.16%		
Total Salary and Benefit Changes	\$90,970	3.91%	\$1,800,419	\$1,891,389
Nonsalary changes:				
WCSU Assessments-Final	\$17,548	0.75%		
Instructional & Support Programs-Tuition Reimbursement, Travel, Books, Suppl	\$5,771	0.25%		
Technology Svcs-Equipment & Software & Support	(9359)	-0.02%		
Auditing Services	\$100	0.00%		
Operation of Plant-Repairs & Maintenance, Fuel Oil, Electricity, Insurance	\$2,503	0.11%		
Operation of Plant-Rentals & Leases	(\$8,400)	-0.36%		
Student Transportation Svcs-Per Contract & Field Trips	\$4,327	0.19%		
Fund Transfer-Building Maintenance Fund	\$18,550	0.80%		
Fund Transfer-Computer Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$5,000	0.22%		
Fund Transfer-Feasibility Study	(\$30,000)	-1.29%		
Fund Transfer-Food Program	\$3,500	0.15%		
Debt Service Water Loan	\$3,728	0.16%		
Special Education-Tuition Reimbursement, Books, Supplies	\$11,800	0.51%		
Special Education-Other Prof Svcs & Behavior Specialist & Transportation	\$124,785	5.37%		
Total Nonsalary Items	\$158,863	6.83%	\$525,103	\$683,966
Total Budget Expense Increase(Decrease)	\$249,833	10.74%	\$2,325,522	\$2,575,355
Use of Other Funds to Reduce Taxes				
Projected Additional Special Educ. Reimbursement & Extraordinary Revenue	\$144,752	6.23%		
Budget Net Impact on Tax Calculation	\$105,041	4.52%		

RUMNEY AUDIT REPORT

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

WCSU SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE 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 many of you know, Robbe Brook retired in June of 2012 after 15 successful years of service to the supervisory union. At that time, the Washington Central Executive Committee took a look at the staffing needs to fully support the school districts. It was determined that we could reorganize the staff and still provide high quality services to each of our schools. Therefore, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment position was replaced by a Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. The Early Education Coordinator position was eliminated. Both the Director of Curriculum and the Director of Special Services will do the work that the Early Education Coordinator was providing.

As a supervisory union, our primary goals are to provide quality educational opportunities for the 1,600 students we serve PreK through grade 12 and to ensure that we are preparing our students for their future. To meet this goal, we remain focused on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; providing high quality early education programs; special services; improving technology and financial services to our member schools; and recruiting and retaining high caliber staff. Below I have highlighted some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

WCSU Accomplishments

Negotiations

Last year the boards negotiated a four-year contract with the Teachers' Association. Our current three-year educational support staff contract at Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier and U-32 expires June 2013.

Strategic Plan

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

Bus Contract

WCSU negotiated a 3-year bus contract with the option to extend for an additional 2-years with First Student. The contract included new buses that are all equipped with retractable seat belts and drop down chains.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide on-going professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-12. Ms. Miller-Arsenault has been instrumental in designing, implementing, and continuing the WCSU Literacy Project and renewing efforts in mathematics and social curricula. This past fall we continued our literacy professional development with Vermont Reads Institute by providing a literacy course for middle and high school teachers. This work has been guided by the recommendations from the literacy audits and is leading WCSU to changes in instructional practices and an improved literacy program.

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

Special Services

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

This year Lorraine Clodfelter was hired as our School Psychologist to provide services for which we previously contracted with outside providers. By hiring our own employee, we have lowered the cost to schools and afforded the same level of service to the students and schools. She works closely with school staff to complete psychological evaluations as part of the special education evaluations. This position, along with the Behavior Specialist position, is the beginning of the WCSU Evaluation Team.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an important step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has a pre-kindergarten program that serves 3 and 4 year olds from their towns. All of the programs are accredited and this year received the highest 5 STAR rating from the State. WCSU currently serves 117 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

In addition, WCSU provides programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities and those at-risk of school failure in all of the schools for our youngest children (birth to 5).

Technology

Last year, Jeff Arey, Director of Technology, along with members of the WCSU Technology Committee, updated our state required comprehensive 3-year technology plan for each of our schools and the central office. The 2012-2015 WCSU Technology Plan (available at www.wcsuonline.org) is a high-level guiding document for technology utilization in WCSU schools.

Another major technology accomplishment was the selection and implementation of a new student information system that will organize our diverse student data and make it securely accessible. The technology team went through a methodical and exacting process of planning for implementation of the carefully selected "InfiniteCampus" system including training system "coaches" and readying our existing data for conversion into the new system. Over the summer, we completed the conversion process and went "live" on the new system for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Over time, we will be adding functionality to this system, which has been well received by the staff and has already improved operations at our schools.

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 \$31.4 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. In developing budgets for FY14 each school looked closely at their per pupil costs and reduced some staffing and other areas where they thought they could, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. However, our school budgets, due to a variety of reasons, have come in slightly higher than other years. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
William Kimball
Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2012, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,350,277. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2012 with a \$163,269 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$117,431 operations, \$0 special education, \$16,216 office equipment and technology, \$29,622 building capital fund and \$ 0 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2013, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,758,396 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2014, it is anticipated that the supervisory union general fund and special educations budgets will total \$1,804,571.

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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WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

**WCSU Summary of Expense Changes
FY 2013-2014 Budget**

FINAL

Expense Budget FY 12-13 \$1,758,396

Operations-A:		% Increase(Decrease)
Salary and Benefits	Increase(Decrease)	Over Total Budget 12-13
Salary increases & Staffing Changes	\$21,020	1.20%
Health Insurance-Estimated Inflation @ 10% & Current Enrollment	\$12,957	0.74%
Unemployment Insurance	\$3,687	0.21%
Other Benefits & Changes	\$1,057	0.06%
Curriculum & Suppl Clerical Support (5 FTE Additional Cost)	\$36,995	2.05%
Preschool Administration-Salary & Benefit Savings(5 FTE Reduction)	(\$46,626)	-2.65%
Curriculum-Salary & Benefit Change & Allocation to Consolidated Fed Grt	(\$3,255)	-0.19%
Superintendent -Salary & Benefit Savings	(\$28,296)	-1.61%
Fiscal Services-Salary & Benefits -Addtl Cost due to anticipated reduction in Consol. Fac Grt	\$7,798	0.44%
Subtotal Salary and Benefit Items	\$4,437	0.25%
Nonsalary Items		
Curriculum Services-Other Prof Service Mentor	\$6,000	0.34%
Office of Superintendent-Other Prof Service Mentor	\$6,000	0.34%
All Programs-Tuition Reimbursement/Professional Development	\$9,168	0.52%
Additional Travel to Schools for monthly meetings/ Superintendent/Bus Admin/Curriculum)	\$2,250	0.13%
Auditing Services	\$400	0.02%
Debt Service & Fund Transfers to Capital Equipment & Building Funds	\$17,920	1.02%
Subtotal Nonsalary Items	\$41,738	2.37%
Subtotal of Operations Budget Changes-For Assessment Purposes	\$46,175	2.63%

Reimbursable Programs-State Placed Students -B:

State Placed Students	\$0	0.00%
Subtotal of 100% Reimbursable Programs Budget Changes	\$0	0.00%

Combined Total Expense Budget FY 13-14(A+B) \$1,804,571 2.63%

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget Summary

FINAL

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Projected 2013	Budget 2014	Increase (Decrease)
A) OPERATIONS:					
Anticipated Revenues:					
Assessments	\$1,012,076	\$1,033,396	\$1,033,396	\$1,081,571	\$48,175
Earnings on Investments	\$10,483	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	(\$2,000)
Misc Income and Admin Fees	\$15,383	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,037,942	\$1,043,396	\$1,041,396	\$1,089,571	\$46,175
Fund Balance Usage	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Total Operations Source of Funds	\$1,082,942	\$1,058,396	\$1,056,396	\$1,104,571	\$46,175

Expenditures:					
Instruction Develop. Services	\$129,635	\$130,178	\$133,507	\$142,485	\$12,907
Technology Services	\$58,213	\$64,113	\$64,159	\$67,138	\$3,025
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$290,539	\$311,382	\$322,256	\$342,420	\$31,838
Preschool Administration	\$47,833	\$54,716	\$8,090	\$8,090	(\$46,626)
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$253,861	\$272,041	\$271,505	\$293,315	\$21,304
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$19,387	\$21,640	\$21,640	\$21,640	\$0
Debt Service	\$70,760	\$24,352	\$24,352	\$22,272	(\$2,080)
Fund Transfers-Capital	\$81,859	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$34,500	\$20,000
Behavior Specialist	\$72,421	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services	\$151,213	\$165,474	\$165,474	\$172,687	\$7,207
Total Operations Use of Funds	\$1,175,421	\$1,058,396	\$1,025,563	\$1,104,571	\$46,175

% INCREASE TOTAL BUDGET 2.63%

B) REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS-STATE PLACED STUDENTS:

Anticipated Revenues:					
State Placed Reimbursements	\$753,025	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Total Special Ed Program Source of Funds	\$753,025	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0

Expenditures:					
Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students	\$758,725	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Total Special Ed Program Use of Funds	\$758,725	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0

% INCREASE 100% REIMBURSABLE FROM STATE 0.00%

COMBINED TOTAL WCSU BUDGET (A+B) :

Total Source of Funds (A+B)	\$1,835,967	\$1,758,396	\$1,756,396	\$1,804,571	\$46,175
Total Use of Funds (A+B)	\$1,934,146	\$1,758,396	\$1,725,563	\$1,804,571	\$46,175

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget FY 2013-2014	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Budget	FY 2013 Projected	FINAL FY 2014 Budget	BUD 14-BUD13 Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:					
Earnings on Investments	\$10,483	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	(\$2,000)
Administrative Assessment	\$351,993	\$353,774	\$353,774	\$406,732	\$52,958
Curriculum Assessment	\$120,659	\$130,178	\$130,178	\$136,760	\$6,582
Technology Service Assessment	\$62,202	\$64,113	\$64,113	\$67,138	\$3,025
Fiscal Service Assessments	\$264,099	\$265,141	\$265,141	\$286,045	\$20,904
Preschool Assessments	\$51,134	\$64,716	\$54,716	\$35,460	(\$19,256)
Special Services Assessments	\$161,989	\$165,474	\$165,474	\$149,436	(\$16,038)
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,594	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income -Fund Transfers	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income-SPED	\$5,789	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Placed Reimbursements	\$558,514	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Other State Reimb-504 students	\$64,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Case Management Revenue	\$132,197	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,835,967	\$1,758,396	\$1,758,396	\$1,804,571	\$46,175
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction Develop. Svc					
Salaries	\$100,338	\$98,604	\$97,623	\$91,424	(\$7,180)
Health Insurance	\$11,532	\$12,231	\$21,114	\$22,894	\$10,663
Social Security/Medicare	\$7,613	\$7,388	\$6,433	\$6,701	(\$687)
Retirement Benefit	\$3,104	\$3,128	\$3,848	\$4,034	\$906
Section 125 Benefit	\$45	\$48	\$96	\$50	\$2
Workers' Compensation	\$776	\$836	\$836	\$731	(\$105)
Unemployment Insurance	\$213	\$234	\$234	\$731	\$497
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,520	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$4,200	\$2,000
Dental insurance	\$627	\$628	\$335	\$335	(\$293)
Disability Insurance	\$342	\$401	\$368	\$405	\$4
Professional Educ Svcs	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Travel	\$1,253	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$2,160	\$500
Supplies	\$779	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Books and Periodicals	\$493	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Instruction Develop. Svc	\$129,635	\$130,176	\$133,587	\$142,485	\$12,307
Technology Services					
Salaries	\$36,008	\$38,324	\$38,324	\$39,474	\$1,150
Health Insurance	\$6,431	\$6,748	\$6,794	\$7,367	\$619
Social Security/Medicare	\$2,597	\$2,844	\$2,844	\$2,924	\$80
Retirement Benefits	\$2,880	\$2,967	\$2,967	\$3,056	\$89
Section 125 Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Workers' Compensation	\$251	\$259	\$259	\$316	\$57
Unemployment Insurance	\$88	\$91	\$91	\$316	\$225
Tuition Reimbursement	\$227	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$800
Dental Insurance	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$0
Disability Insurance	\$149	\$164	\$164	\$169	\$5
Professional Services	\$2,430	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$715	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Telephone/WAN Line	\$1,487	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
Travel	\$64	\$245	\$245	\$215	\$0
Supplies	\$3,851	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
Software	\$720	\$745	\$745	\$745	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$89	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Technology Services	\$58,213	\$64,113	\$64,159	\$67,138	\$3,025

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget FY 2013-2014	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Budget	FY 2013 Projected	FINAL FY 2014 Budget	BUD 14-BUD13 Increase (Decrease)
Board of Education Svcs					
Treasurer Services	\$1,008	\$1,030	\$1,030	\$1,061	\$31
Board Secretary	\$999	\$1,030	\$1,030	\$1,061	\$31
Social Security/Medicare	\$146	\$158	\$158	\$162	\$4
Retirement Benefits	\$80	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$0
Professional Educational Svcs	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
Other Prof Services-Supt Search	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$1,173	\$345	\$345	\$345	\$0
Total Board of Education Svcs	\$10,906	\$2,793	\$2,733	\$2,799	\$68
Office of the Superintendent					
Salaries	\$195,269	\$199,692	\$204,386	\$215,402	\$15,710
Secretarial Substitutes	\$1,412	\$6,763	\$6,733	\$6,753	\$0
Salary Adjustments	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Health Insurance	\$25,472	\$31,030	\$30,461	\$33,029	\$1,999
Social Security/Medicare	\$13,977	\$14,604	\$15,730	\$16,320	\$1,716
Retirement	\$7,895	\$8,109	\$7,354	\$7,855	(\$254)
Section 125 Benefit	\$135	\$144	\$144	\$150	\$6
Workers' Compensation	\$1,194	\$1,407	\$1,407	\$1,762	\$355
Unemployment Insurance	\$282	\$495	\$485	\$1,762	\$1,267
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,131	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,000
Dental Insurance	\$1,257	\$1,255	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$335
Disability Insurance	\$668	\$849	\$890	\$937	\$88
Professional Services & Strategic Plan	\$4,600	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Professional Services-Mentor	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Legal Services	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Maintenance - Machines	\$398	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Copier & Postage Lease	\$1,413	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$0
Insurance	\$1,228	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$0
Postage	\$3,326	\$3,338	\$3,338	\$3,338	\$0
Advertising	\$2,232	\$800	\$800	\$900	\$0
Printing	\$817	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
Travel	\$1,386	\$3,758	\$3,758	\$4,508	\$750
Supplies	\$6,757	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
Supplies-Employee Recognition Prog	\$1,429	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
Books and Periodicals	\$784	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$3,571	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0
Total Office of the Superintendent	\$279,833	\$308,649	\$319,523	\$339,621	\$30,972
Preschool & Early Ed Administration					
Salaries	\$35,429	\$41,654	\$0	\$0	(\$41,654)
Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Security/Medicare	\$2,821	\$3,187	\$0	\$0	(\$3,187)
Retirement Benefits	\$685	\$797	\$0	\$0	(\$797)
Section 125 Benefits	\$45	\$48	\$0	\$0	(\$48)
Worker's Compensation	\$367	\$338	\$0	\$0	(\$338)
Unemployment Compensation	\$106	\$95	\$0	\$0	(\$95)
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,315	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$0	\$301	\$0	\$0	(\$301)
Disability Insurance	\$149	\$208	\$0	\$0	(\$208)
OTH Professl Svcs & Northstar	\$1,796	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
Rental & Leases Storage & Office	\$421	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Communications-Postage	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$0
Advertising	\$283	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0
Travel	\$1,277	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget FY 2013-2014	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Budget	FY 2013 Projected	FINAL FY 2014 Budget	BUD 14-BUD13 Increase (Decrease)
Supplies	\$1,459	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Utilities	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$90	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
Total Preschool & Early Ed Prog	\$47,833	\$54,716	\$6,060	\$8,090	(\$46,626)

Fiscal Services

Salaries	\$181,141	\$191,658	\$191,187	\$202,028	\$10,370
Health Insurance	\$29,854	\$31,678	\$31,678	\$36,074	\$4,396
Social Security/Medicare	\$13,109	\$14,251	\$14,215	\$14,987	\$738
Retirement Benefits	\$14,033	\$14,261	\$14,232	\$15,075	\$814
Section 125 Benefit	\$225	\$192	\$192	\$200	\$3
Workers' Compensation	\$1,255	\$1,294	\$1,294	\$1,616	\$322
Unemployment Insurance	\$442	\$455	\$455	\$1,616	\$1,161
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,337	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$5,500	\$2,000
Dental Insurance	\$1,582	\$1,616	\$1,818	\$1,667	\$51
Disability Insurance	\$726	\$836	\$836	\$882	\$46
Professional Services	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Travel	\$1,051	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$2,700	\$1,000
Supplies	\$1,628	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$578	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Total Fiscal Services	\$246,981	\$265,141	\$264,605	\$286,045	\$20,904

Auditing Service

Audit	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$7,300	\$400
Total Auditing Services	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$7,300	\$400

Operation and Maint. of Bldg.

Other Contract Services	\$485	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
Water & Sewer	\$570	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$0
Cleaning Services	\$5,275	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$0
Disposal Services	\$240	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$0
Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,205	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0
Rental and Leases	\$1,771	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Building Insurance	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
Supplies	\$493	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
Electricity	\$4,107	\$4,315	\$4,315	\$4,315	\$0
Propane	\$1,841	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Total Operation and Maint. of Bldg.	\$19,387	\$21,640	\$21,640	\$21,640	\$0

Debt Service

Interest	\$5,780	\$4,352	\$4,352	\$2,272	(\$2,080)
Principal	\$65,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Total Fund Transfers	\$70,780	\$24,352	\$24,352	\$22,272	(\$2,080)

Fund Transfers

Capital Fund	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$19,500	\$11,000
SPED Fund Transfer to Schools	\$49,059	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Fund	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$9,000
Total Fund Transfers	\$81,559	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$34,500	\$20,000

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget FY 2013-2014	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Budget	FY 2013 Projected	FINAL FY 2014 Budget	BUD 14-BUD13 Increase (Decrease)
Special Education-Instructional & Support Services					
State Placed Student Costs	\$562,214	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
State Placed 504 Students	\$64,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Behavior Specialist Salary & Benefits	\$72,421	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Case Management Services	\$132,197	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total SPED Instr & Support Svcs	\$831,146	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services					
Salaries	\$106,207	\$117,992	\$117,992	\$121,676	\$3,684
Health Insurance	\$10,567	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$12,129	\$943
Social Security/Medicare	\$8,416	\$8,881	\$8,881	\$9,151	\$270
Retirement Benefits	\$2,428	\$2,501	\$2,501	\$2,576	\$75
Section 125 Benefit	\$90	\$96	\$96	\$100	\$4
Worker's Compensation	\$756	\$778	\$778	\$950	\$172
Unemployment Compensation	\$266	\$274	\$274	\$950	\$676
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,900	\$3,132	\$3,132	\$4,500	\$1,368
Dental Insurance	\$878	\$879	\$879	\$879	\$0
Disability	\$468	\$511	\$511	\$528	\$15
Machine Maintenance	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$0
Insurance	\$2,062	\$2,744	\$2,744	\$2,744	\$0
Postage	\$1,900	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Telephone	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$2,775	\$0
Advertising	\$288	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
Travel	\$2,020	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Supplies	\$662	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Supplies-Shared	\$3,571	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$662	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Total Special Area Admin. Services	\$147,111	\$163,874	\$163,874	\$171,081	\$7,207
Special Education-Ineligible for Reimbursement					
Ineligible ISP Services	\$3,806	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Services	\$296	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Total Special Education-Ineligible for Reimbursement	\$4,102	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,934,146	\$1,758,398	\$1,725,563	\$1,804,571	\$46,175
Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)	(\$98,179)	\$0	\$30,833	\$0	\$0

MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

Town of Middlesex
 Estimated Tax Calculations
 As of January 2, 2013

NOTE: Includes both Rumney Memorial and U32 Proposed Budgets.

Town	Education Spending Per Eq Pupl	Base Ed Spending Amt	District Spending Adjustment	Equalized Pupils	TAX RATES:			
					Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Equalized Nonresidential	Actual Nonresidential
Projected Budget 13-14	\$14,096	\$8,915	158.12%	295.72	\$1,455	\$1,514	\$1,410	\$1,468
Budget 12-13	\$13,500	\$8,723	154.76%	300.97	\$1,377	\$1,422	\$1,380	\$1,425
	4.42%	2.20%		-1.74%				

Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead	Actual Nonresidential	TAX RATES:	
			Current	Common Appraised at 100%
FY07-08	\$1,526	\$1,548	87.87%	\$1.41
FY08-09	\$1,663	\$1,723	76.91%	
FY09-10	\$1,780	\$1,832	73.71%	
FY10-11	\$1,800	\$1,822	74.11%	
FY11-12	\$1,391	\$1,398	97.32%	
FY12-13	\$1,422	\$1,425	96.86%	
FY13-14	\$1,514	\$1,468	96.06%	

**Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)
 Impact on a \$100,000 property**

TAX RATES:			
Current	Common Appraised at 100%	Equalized	Total Tax Rate
FY13-14			
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.03	\$0.74	\$0.77
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.03	\$0.71	\$0.74
TOTAL Tax Rate	\$0.06	\$1.45	\$1.51

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

Excess Spending Per Education Spending Per	Equalized Pupil	Equalized Pupil
State Penalty Amount	\$15,456	
Amount Per Town	\$13,601	\$14,096
Elementary	\$13,589	\$13,687
U32	\$13,615	\$14,554

Washington Central Supervisory Union
As of January 1, 2013

Draft Budgets

Explanation of Tax Rate Changes From Budget 2012-2013 to Budget 2013-2014

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

	Budget 13-14	Budget 12-13	Change	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential		Not Affected by School Spending
	December 2012 Common Level Of Appraisal	December 2011 Common Level Of Appraisal		Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K	
Berlin	101.96%	103.53%	-1.57%	\$23	\$0.023	\$0.021	\$21	
Calais	97.69%	99.47%	-1.78%	\$27	\$0.027	\$0.025	\$25	
East Montpelier	98.22%	97.16%	1.06%	(\$17)	(\$0.017)	(\$0.015)	(\$15)	
Middlesex	96.06%	96.86%	-0.80%	\$12	\$0.012	\$0.012	\$12	
Worcester	100.86%	98.91%	1.95%	(\$24)	(\$0.024)	(\$0.028)	(\$28)	

Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate- used \$.92 and \$1.41-Per memo 12/1/12-Increase of \$.03

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$48	\$0.048	\$0.029	\$29
Calais	\$50	\$0.050	\$0.031	\$31
East Montpelier	\$51	\$0.051	\$0.031	\$31
Middlesex	\$50	\$0.050	\$0.031	\$31
Worcester	\$49	\$0.049	\$0.031	\$31

******Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32 Proposed FY 13-14 Budgets with Equalized Pupll Changes***

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$39	\$0.039	\$0.000	\$0
Calais	\$40	\$0.040	\$0.000	\$0
East Montpelier	\$18	\$0.018	\$0.000	\$0
Middlesex	\$30	\$0.030	\$0.000	\$0
Worcester	\$32	\$0.032	\$0.000	\$0

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

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$110	\$0.110	\$0.050	\$50
Calais	\$117	\$0.117	\$0.056	\$56
East Montpelier	\$52	\$0.052	\$0.016	\$16
Middlesex	\$92	\$0.092	\$0.043	\$43
Worcester	\$57	\$0.057	\$0.003	\$3

Prepared by: Lori T. Bibeau, WCSU Business Administrator

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

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

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

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2013 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Calais Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Town Hall in Gospel Hollow on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2013 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2013 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Rumney School in Middlesex on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2013 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Worcester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2013 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

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

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

ARTICLE 3. To fix the annual compensation of district officers.

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

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$14,101,074.00 for the 2013 –2014 school year?

ARTICLE 5. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2013 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 6. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

A meeting will be held on March 4, 2013 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting will be held at U-32 in room 131 and will begin at 6:00 P.M.

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

Mary Ormsby, Clerk

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- Virginia Burley, Chair (East Montpelier)
- Conrad Smith, Vice Chair (Calais)
- Emily Goyette, Clerk (East Montpelier)
- Allen Gilbert (Worcester)
- Adrienne Magida (Middlesex)
- Michael Law (Berlin)
- Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)

Union High School District No. 32

OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 5, 2013

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

ARTICLE 1

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

Mary Ormsby

Write-in: _____

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$14,101,074.00 for the 2013 – 2014 school year?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 2

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

Mary Ormsby

Write-in: _____

ARTICLE 5

Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2013 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

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

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6

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

YES

NO

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	FINAL			
	ACTUAL 2011-2012	BUDGET 2012-2013	PROJECTED 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014
REVENUES				
TUITION	791,121	791,192	950,529	1,003,377
INVESTMENT INCOME	132,275	132,106	150,959	132,106
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	11,106,595	11,138,135	11,138,135	11,114,177
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	156,610	76,573	76,573	94,600
STATE REVENUES-MISC	197,240	218,359	218,829	216,399
EDUCATION JOBS FUND ARRA	2,755	95,930	95,930	92,337
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	263,689	260,062	260,062	260,062
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	926,037	893,855	908,014	970,016
FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	218,000
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	\$13,556,522	\$13,594,212	\$13,799,031	\$14,101,074
EXPENSES				
BUSINESS ED.	180,885	161,440	149,049	159,229
DRIVER ED.	53,464	55,252	54,562	56,538
ENGLISH	697,169	727,893	733,293	771,601
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	302,283	267,478	290,543	303,146
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	312,024	331,419	315,741	345,566
TECHNOLOGY ED.	141,804	151,525	150,035	164,086
LIVING ARTS	92,223	45,992	55,364	57,105
MUSIC	220,832	227,093	192,549	200,031
PHYSICAL ED.	331,978	348,794	345,970	365,602
MATHEMATICS	778,986	765,868	748,788	771,050
SCIENCE	880,553	859,803	855,254	889,051
SOCIAL STUDIES	530,427	540,150	541,138	560,915
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	380,810	429,853	425,228	454,267
OTHER INSTRUCTION-S04	15,706	2,700	2,700	2,781
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	417,314	497,440	497,440	516,615
INSTRUCTL PROG-ADVANCED PLACEMENT	0	82,406	85,470	101,036
MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS	17,146	18,375	18,375	18,926
INSTRUCTIONAL & SUPPORT SVCS-ARRA	2,755	0	0	0
GUIDANCE SERVICES	497,010	520,170	513,324	555,714
HEALTH SERVICES	119,165	124,617	123,861	133,372
CURRICULUM SERVICES	136,370	141,091	135,697	141,646
MEDIA SERVICE	93,388	92,790	92,149	95,892
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	247,288	262,428	260,498	270,654
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	374,955	351,352	351,214	385,319
BOARD OF EDUCATION	67,784	53,721	53,721	55,692
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	170,401	164,843	164,843	182,210
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	773,295	812,646	819,920	855,735
FISCAL SERVICES	127,851	123,544	123,544	132,363
INTEREST EXPENSE	96,931	100,000	118,853	100,000
AUDITING SERVICES	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,700
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,109,997	1,178,304	1,143,156	1,176,667
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	536,059	613,176	613,176	651,055
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	1,270,605	906,961	906,961	870,572
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1,505,602	1,576,180	1,572,982	1,672,417
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	10,508	24,500	0	0
SPEECH SERVICES	105,630	109,188	108,901	113,571
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES	45,156	24,000	45,750	30,000
PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	0	6,000	2,000	10,000
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	152,548	131,060	134,232	140,522
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	27,254	46,000	46,000	47,380
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	78,419	77,104	77,104	69,149
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	3,724	11,174	11,174	11,510
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	616,366	625,296	635,104	650,991
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,528,885	\$13,594,212	\$13,520,219	\$14,101,074
U 32 Cost per Equalized Pupils-Historical Trends:				
Local Education Spending - Per State Formula			\$11,138,135	\$11,114,177
% Increase In Local Education Spending				-0.22%
U32 Equalized Pupils-Average Daily Membership			784.43	763.66
Local Ed Spending Per Equalized Pupll			\$14,189	\$14,554
% Increase In Spending Per Equalized Pupll				2.50%

U-32 ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Adrienne Magida U-32 Board Member - Middlesex

The U-32 Board of Directors continues to work with the administration, teachers and staff to provide a high quality 21st century education for all our students. The School Board focused its work this year on a variety of areas to support the efforts of the school personnel. The Board and teachers successfully negotiated a 5-year teaching contract using interest-based bargaining, which had staff and board members working collaboratively to reach agreement on many different contract issues. The Board and the staff felt very positive about these negotiations. After much discussion and effort, course offerings at the high school now include AP classes in Statistics and Calculus with many more beginning in the next few years. The Board continues to maintain and closely monitor a capital fund to help manage long-term maintenance of our facilities. We have also continued support of the 10-year NEASC reaccreditation process, which will take place in March. The Board is in the process of conducting a self-assessment to help us focus our work.

The U-32 Board of Directors is proposing a 2013-2014 budget of \$14,101,074, an increase of 3.73 percent over this year's budget. However, due to the way we're drawing on funding sources, the increase in per-pupil spending is 2.5 percent. This was achieved by dipping deeper into the school's fund balance than we have in the past. Since our administration argued strongly against cuts in staff or services, we felt this was the best way to continue to provide a full, rich educational program for our students. The proposed budget basically level funds all the services presently at the school with a few minor very part time additions for World Languages and AP Chemistry, and for guidance and nursing to cover a shortfall in grant funding. Our enrollment continues to drop very slowly but there are 75 tuition-paying students from outside the district to help offset the effect of the decrease.

Creating a budget that balances the needs of all the parties is difficult. The Board struggled this year with how to keep per pupil costs down while maintaining the quality of the programs available to our students. Given financial realities, it is likely future budgets will be viewed in the same way. More new challenges will arise. We believe our solution for balancing this budget is a sound one, given the demand for resources. But we recognize that future boards will not have an easy time of continuing to provide our students with a broad range of services, maintaining our buildings and grounds, and compensating staff to desired levels.

The anticipated impact on the Middlesex residential tax rate of the U-32 budget is a one-cent increase. When the elementary school budget, the common level of appraisal rate and the statewide tax rate are factored in the expected tax increase for a Middlesex taxpayer is a 9-cent increase.

I continue to enjoy the challenges of serving on the U-32 Board. The Board and the administration work closely to ensure our students continue to receive a top-notch education that meets the needs of the diverse student body at U-32. Each year I appreciate the support U-32 receives from the taxpayers and thank the residents of Middlesex for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



CHILD CARE

Child care for pre-school through 6th grade children will be available for Town Meeting at the Rumney School so that parents can attend Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required; be sure to reserve a spot before the mid-winter school break (by Friday, 2/22).

For more information, please contact James Chartrand, Community Connections Coordinator, 223-5429 x 322 or email jchartrand@rumney.org. Details will also be available on the Community Connections section of the Rumney website, www.rumney.org.

PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the town meeting to those who, due to physical limitations, cannot attend the meeting (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). With a mix of internet and phone technologies, these voters can not only hear and see, but also speak at, the meeting. No technical expertise needed, and we can provide any necessary equipment. If you know someone who would like to participate in the Middlesex Town Meeting from a remote location, please contact Greg Whitchurch, Remote Town Meeting Participation Task Force, 223-2416.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE...

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

On the Cover

The Middlesex railroad station, built in 1918, was once the hub of our thriving village. Now it stands in disrepair. An architectural study on the station has been completed, restoration grants can be applied for through the Vermont Transportation agency, and the Middlesex Historical Society will act as an umbrella agency to raise tax-deductible funds.

So many communities across Vermont have come together to save their historic railroad stations. Why not Middlesex? Let's have this station moved and repaired by its 100th birthday in 2018!

Please stop by the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting to ask how you can help, or call Sarah Seidman at 223-4828.



TOWN MEETING DINNER

When: Tuesday, March 5 (meal begins right after Town Meeting)

Where: Rumney School

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

Proceeds will benefit the Middlesex Food Shelf

Menu:

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

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected on Town Meeting Day.

Are you a cake baker or a cookie monster? Please contribute your favorite dessert to the dessert smorgasbord! If you can help, please contact Liz Schaerf at 223-9189, liz.scharf@gmail.com.



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

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 (or until we run out of pies!), Rumney School. This event is for the whole community, and will raise funds for the Rumney PTO and the Middlesex Bandstand Concert Series. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable contribution for the Middlesex Food Shelf.

For more information, or if you can contribute a pie, please contact Wendy Freundlich, 229-4798, wendy.freedom51@gmail.com

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Town School District for year ended
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Please bring this book to Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2013