

TOWN OF  
**MIDDLESEX, VERMONT**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

Current Reports of the Town Officers  
for the year ended June 30, 2013

Town School District for year ended  
June 30, 2013

Please bring this book to Town Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

## TOWN MEETING DINNER

**When: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 (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 Scharf at 223-9189 or [liz.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:liz.scharf@gmail.com).

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **MIDDLESEX ALL YOU CAN EAT PIE BREAKFAST!**

**Saturday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (or until we run out of pies)** at 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 Ursula Stanley 224-1334, [ustanley03@yahoo.com](mailto:ustanley03@yahoo.com)***

On the Cover

The Middlesex “Team Floodtastic” Robotics team was the overall first place winner at this year’s FIRST Lego League robotics tournament, held at Norwich University. Each year over 20,000 teams worldwide compete in regional robotics tournaments. Vermont had over 20 registered teams this year and New Hampshire had over 140 teams.

The Middlesex team, which included Alec Benedict, Bradley Benedict, Cyrus Jessup, Eva Jessup, Waylon Kurtz, Torin Callnan, Wilder Brown, Jenna Brown, Maddie Friend, Evie Moore, and Tzevi Schwarts met two – three days each week at the Town Hall from August through December to learn about robot design, computer programming, and they created an innovative “Rising Smart Bridge” solution to prevent bridges from washing out during heavy flooding events. After their stellar performance at the Norwich tournament, the team was invited to compete in the New England FLL championship tournament in Nashua in December, where they competed against the top 50 teams in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Please contact Randy Brown ([brownmasonry@madriver.com](mailto:brownmasonry@madriver.com)) if you are interested in learning more about the FLL program and how to register and coach a new team!

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## DEDICATION

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The Middlesex Select Board is pleased to dedicate the 2013 Town Report to Mary Hood Alexander who is stepping off the Select Board after serving 17 years, thereby ending decades of her own dedication to our town.

Mary was only three when her parents moved to the white house across the from the Wrightsville Reservoir boat launch on Route 12. The oldest of seven children, she went on to become a student teacher at Rumney Memorial School when it consisted of just four classrooms.

In 1971, Mary joined the Middlesex School Board and stayed for ten years, during which Rumney became, by local vote, a “demonstration school” run by the State of Vermont for two years. It was not exactly an easy time to be a school director –considering state officials also sat on the board during that period - and the program was later scrapped by the Vermont Legislature.

After Gary Lamell resigned from the Select Board to become Road Foreman, Mary, who had briefly served as Town Treasurer, was appointed to fill his spot in November 1996. By then, she had become an attorney by reading the law while working as a paralegal at a Montpelier law firm and raising two children, Amber and Toby. Mary joined the Vermont Bar in 1990 and specialized in real estate and marital law before hanging up her own shingle.

As Board member, Mary brought to the table her vast historical knowledge of Middlesex, valuable legal training, a cheerful disposition and, on some summer evenings, a cone from the Dairy Crème.

We wish Mary all the best as she and her husband, Allen, our former Collector of Delinquent Taxes, enjoy their three grandchildren and their Portal Road home. Thank you, Mary. Your service has been unparalleled.

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**MIDDLESEX FACTS AND ASSISTANCE**

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**Zoning and Access Permits:**

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

**Zoning Fees:**

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

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

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

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

**Hearings:**

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

**Access Permits:**

Access permits are required for the installation of driveways.

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

**Dog Licenses:**

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

**Dog Fees**

Neutered/Spayed .....	\$10
Non Neutered/Non Spayed.....	\$14

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

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS - HANG ME UP!

Middlesex Fire Department.....Emergency.....	911
Middlesex Fire Department .....Station .....	223-5525
Middlesex Fast Squad .....	911
Montpelier Ambulance.....Emergency.....	911
Vt. State Police .....	Emergency.....911
Vt. State Police .....	K Troop.....229-9191
Animal Control Officer .....	Erika Holm.....249-2127
Health Officers.....Elizabeth Fortman .....	249-1058
.....Jeff Koonz .....	229-6907
Zoning Administrator .....	Cindy Carlson.....498-7475

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Office.....	223-5915
Fax .....	223-1298
Clerk Email .....	middlesxtwnclrk@comcast.net
Asst. Clerk Email.....	mdxassistantclerk@comcast.net
Treasurer/Tax Collector Email .....	middlesxtreas@comcast.net
Road Foreman Email .....	middlesxhgwy@comcast.net

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

### MEETING SCHEDULES

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

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**MIDDLESEX CONTACTS**


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<b>Animal Control Officer</b> .....	Erika Holm, 249-2127
.....	Shane Grace (If Erika is unavailable), 498-4312
<b>Auditor</b> .....	Helen Weed, 223-5818
.....	Vacancy (2)
<b>Bandstand</b> .....	John Puleio, 229-0881
<b>Boy Scouts</b> .....	Jeff Koonz, 229-9607
<b>Cub Scouts</b> .....	Eric Benedict, 223-0969
<b>Budget Committee</b> .....	Shaun Fielder, 223-9838
.....	George Longenecker, 229-9787
.....	Kelly Sullivan, 223-0725
<b>Cemetery Contacts</b> .....	Gary Lamell, 223-2710
.....	Janet McKinstry, 223-5997
.....	Michael Patterson, 229-9940
<b>Central VT Regional Planning Commission Rep.</b> .....	Ron Krauth, 229-5496
<b>Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep.</b> .....	Anita Krauth, 229-5496
<b>Central VT Solid Waste Management District Offices</b> .....	www.cvswwmd.com
.....	229-9383
<b>Conservation Commission</b> .....	Dave Shepard, Chair, 229-1744
.....	Barry Goodman, Secretary, 223-4660
.....	Eric Seidel, 223-1406
.....	Aaron Moore, 223-4254
.....	Scott Gurley, Treasurer, 229-0177
.....	Rich Langdon, 229-5975
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b> .....	Cindy Carlson, 498-7475
<b>Fire &amp; Emergency</b> .....	In Case of Emergency, 911
Use these numbers for non-emergencies:.....	Fire Chief: Doug Hanson, 229-6361
.....	Fire Warden: Jason Merrill, 229-4797
<b>Emergency Management Chairperson</b> .....	Michael Morrisette, 223-6911
<b>Fishing Derby</b> .....	Heather or Jason Collier, 229-1245
<b>Food Shelf (Middlesex United Methodist Church)</b> .....	David Carkeet, 229-9496
.....	Liz Scharf, 223-9189
<b>Girls/Boyz First! Community-based Mentoring Program</b>	
.....	Wendy Freundlich, 229-4798
<b>Girl Scouts &amp; Studio B</b> .....	Tammy Hoermann, 223-4257
<b>Green Up Day</b> .....	Jeff Koonz, 229-9607
.....	Green Up Vermont, 229-4586
<b>Health Officers</b> .....	Liz Fortman, 249-1058
.....	Jeff Koonz (Asst.), 229-9607
<b>Highway</b> .....	Paul Cerminara, Foreman, 778-0404
.....	Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, 229-4832
<b>Historical Society</b> .....	Patty Wiley, 229-0499
.....	Sarah Seidman, 223-4828

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<b>Justices of the Peace</b> .....	Janet Heyman, 229-4979
.....	Doug Lombard, 229-9600
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748
.....	Chris McVeigh, 223-6558
.....	Peter Hood, 223-6518
.....	Charlie Merriman, 249-8096
<b>Learn to Swim Program</b> .....	Debbie Goodwin, email: debgoodwin@lycos.com
<b>Listers</b> .....	Richard Alderman, 223-3953
.....	Caleb Deane, 223-5752
.....	Eric Young, 229-9908
<b>The Middlesex Newspaper</b> .....	Neely Washington, 223-1033
<b>Moderator</b> .....	Susan Clark, 223-5824
<b>Planning Commission</b> .....	Steve Martin, Chair, 229-4832
.....	Richard Alderman, Secretary, 223-3953
.....	Theo Kennedy, 223-4748
.....	Thea Schwartz, 229-4184
.....	John Krezinski, 223-6875
<b>Recreation Committee</b> .....	Tanya Perry, 229-2767
.....	Mark Campbell, 229-5610
.....	Tammy Joslyn, 223-3146
<b>Rumney School Board of Directors</b> .....	Julie Moore, Chair, 223-4254
.....	Beth Holtzman, Vice Chair, 229-1206
.....	Mark Bushnell, J. Lauri Scharf, 223-9189
<b>Rumney Community School Partnership</b> .....	Adam Rosen, 223-5429 x302
<b>Rumney Community Connections</b> .....	Karen Allen, Site Coordinator, 223-5429 x322
<b>Rumney PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)</b> .....	Pascale Stephani, 223-8902, 225-8902
<b>Rumney Playgroup (for pre-schoolers)</b> .....	Jennifer Miller-Arsenault, 229-5463
<b>Select Board</b> .....	Peter Hood, Chair, 223-6518
.....	Bill Callnan, 223-5794
.....	Mary Just Skinner, 223-7123
.....	Mary Hood Alexander, 223-3648
.....	Steve Martin, 229-4832
<b>Service Officer</b> .....	Mary Hood Alexander, 223-3648
<b>Town Agent/Grand Juror</b> .....	Larry Mandell, 223-6483
<b>Town Clerk</b> .....	Sarah Merriman, 223-5915
.....	Maryke Gillis (Asst.), 223-5915
<b>Treasurer/Trustee of Public Funds</b> .....	Cindy Carlson, 498-7475
<b>U-32 School Director</b> .....	Adrienne Magida, 223-8672
<b>Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board</b> .....	Jane Dudley, 229-0177
<b>Wrightsville Beach Picnic Shelters Reservations</b> .....	Collin O'Neal, Beach Mgr., 223-7774
.....	Laurie Emery, CVRPC, 229-0389

**Zoning Administrator**.....Cindy Carlson, 498-7475  
**Zoning Board of Adjustment**..... Charles Merriman, Chair, 249-8096  
 ..... Roger Hirt, 223-0531  
 ..... Doug Lombard, 229-9600  
 ..... Charlene Bohl, 229-9908  
 ..... Dennis Nealon, 229-0870

**Middlesex Town Clerk’s Office**

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

**School Contacts**

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

U-32 High School  
 930 Gallison Hill Rd.,  
 Montpelier VT 05602  
 Phone: 229-0321  
 Website: [www.U32.org](http://www.U32.org)

**Vermont General Assembly**

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

**Vermont State Senators (Washington County)**

Sen. Ann Cummings (D)..... Phone: (h) 223-6403; (w) 229-0345  
 24 Colonial Drive, Montpelier VT 05602

Sen. William “Bill” Doyle (R) .....Phone: (h) 223-2851; (w) 802-635-2356  
 Murray Road, Montpelier VT 05602

Sen. Anthony Pollina (I)..... Phone: 229-5809  
 93 Story Road, North Middlesex, VT 05682

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

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

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**


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<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Expires</i>	<i>Term</i>
Moderator	Susan Clark	2014	1 yr
Selectboard	Mary Alexander	2014	2 yr
	William Callnan	2014	3 yr
	Peter Hood	2015	3 yr
	Steve Martin	2015	2 yr
	Mary Just Skinner	2016	3 yr
Rumney School Board	J. Lauri Scharf	2014	3 yr
	Chris McVeigh	2014	2 yr
	Julie Moore, Chair	2015	3 yr
	Mark Bushnell (appointed)	2014	3 yr
	Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair	2015	2 yr
U-32 School Director	Adrienne Magida	2016	3 yr
Budget Committee	George Longenecker (appointed)	2014	3 yr
	Shaun Fielder	2014	3 yr
	Kelly Sullivan	2015	3 yr
Auditors	Helen Weed	2014	3 yr
	vacancy	2014	3 yr
	vacancy		1 yr
Listers	Richard Alderman	2015	3 yr
	Caleb Deane	2014	3 yr
	Eric Young	2016	3 yr
Town Clerk	Sarah Merriman (appointed)	2014	1 yr
Treasurer	Cindy Carlson	2014	1 yr
Trustee of Public Funds	Cindy Carlson	2014	1 yr
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cindy Carlson	2014	1 yr
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Larry Mandell	2014	1 yr
Cemetery Commission	Janet McKinstry	2015	3 yr
	Michael Patterson	2016	1 yr
	Gary Lamell	2016	3 yr
Planning Commission	Dick Alderman, Secretary	2015	3 yr
	Theo Kennedy	2016	3 yr
	Johnnie Krezinski, Jr.	2015	3 yr
	Steve Martin, Chair	2014	3 yr
	Thea Schwartz	2016	3 yr

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**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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Road Commissioner .....Steve Martin

Zoning Administrator .....Cindy Carlson

Assistant Town Clerk..... Maryke Gillis

Animal Control Officer .....Erika Holm

Heath Officers..... Elizabeth Fortman  
Jeff Koonz

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

Town Service Officer..... Mary Alexander

CV Regional Planning Commissioner ..... Ron Krauth

Emergency Management Coordinatiior.....Michael Morissette

Fire Warden..... Jason Merrill

Wrightsville Beach Board Member .....Jane Dudley

CV Solid Waste Management District .....Anita Krauth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

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- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000 to help support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,750 to help support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$500 to help support The Family Center of Washington County? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$26,800 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3400 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000 to help support the services provided by the Friends of the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier? (By Petition.)
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$750 to support (RSVP) The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3411 to support the following organizations:
- |                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| American Red Cross                   | \$250.00 |
| CV Community Action                  | \$249.00 |
| CV Council on Aging                  | \$250.00 |
| CV Economic Development Corp         | \$250.00 |
| Circle (Battered Women)              | \$199.00 |
| GMTA                                 | \$199.00 |
| Green-Up Vermont                     | \$100.00 |
| Home Share Now                       | \$250.00 |
| Peoples Health & Wellness            | \$200.00 |
| Sexual Assault Crisis Team           | \$245.00 |
| Vt. Assoc. for the Blind             | \$249.00 |
| Vermont Cares                        | \$250.00 |
| Vt. Center for Independent Living    | \$195.00 |
| Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force | \$100.00 |
| Washington County Diversion          | \$250.00 |
| Washington County Youth Services     | \$175.00 |
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ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)

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

WHEREAS:

1. especially in the digital age, a child's personal information cannot easily be retracted once shared or seized; and
2. existing law and school policy provide that individual student information belongs primarily to each student and his/her parents or guardian; and
3. without consent or strict legal requirement, transferring student records outside the school offensively mocks and effectively denies students' ownership and privacy interest in their own information; and
4. protecting our students' ownership and privacy interests in their own records is a solemn public trust that cannot credibly or effectively be fulfilled without direct, exclusive physical control of those records; and
5. our school officials have publicly stated that local management of student data is technically feasible without significant cost or operational disruption; and
6. widely-reported data theft, information sharing, cyber-attacks, and warrantless data collection threaten the security of our student records, especially when pooled with millions of others;

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

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

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

*THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:*

*Peter O. Hood, Chair*

*Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair*

*Mary Hood Alexander*

*William Callnan*

*Steven Martin*

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TOWN MEETING BALLOT

Town of Middlesex, VT

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT MARCH 4, 2014

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.

SARAH MERRIMAN..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

For BUDGET COMMITTEE for 1 year term. Vote for not more than ONE.

GEORGE E. LONGENECKER..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

CINDY CARLSON..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

HELEN WEED ..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

CINDY CARLSON..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

CINDY CARLSON..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

For AUDITOR for a 1 year term. Vote for not more than ONE.

WRITE IN..... [ ]

For SELECT BOARD for 3 year term. Vote for not more than ONE.

WILLIAM CALLNAN..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

For PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 year term. Vote for not more than ONE.

STEVEN MARTIN ..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

For SELECT BOARD for 2 year term. Vote for not more than ONE.

LIZ SCHARF..... [ ]
WRITE IN..... [ ]

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

CALEB DEANE..... [ ]
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## SELECT BOARD REPORT

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The Select Board would like to thank Cindy Carlson for her service as Town Clerk and Select Board Assistant until her resignation from those posts shortly after Town Meeting last year. Cindy brought a wealth of knowledge to her job as Select Board Assistant. She was always ready with the right financial figures and institutional memory, while her calm demeanor kept everyone on an even keel. Of course, it's not as though Cindy has completely retired. She is still our Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds and Zoning Administrator.

The Board would also like to thank Matt Dwire. In 2010, the Board appointed Matt to fill the spot of long-term Select Board Member Walt Kelley, who later died in 2011. Matt was elected to serve out Walt's term in 2010 and in 2011 he was reelected to another two-year term. Steve Martin was elected to the Board in 2013 after Matt decided not to run again. We appreciated Matt's fresh approach, valuable insights and sense of humor.

In addition, the Board recognizes the many other citizens in Middlesex who volunteered their time to serve on various other boards, as well as those in the Fire Department and FAST Squad who are always on call in emergencies. Their dedication to the community is just one of many reasons why Middlesex is so special.

The Board worked closely with Road Foreman Paul Cerminara to insure full support of the Highway Department's plans to tackle mud season, especially on Center Road. Last fall, the Road Crew took down 18" worth of buildup on a section of Center Road from Brook Road to halfway up the hill. That section is now smooth and wide and should be much improved over previous years.

In April, the Board approved the installation of fifteen Neighborhood Watch Signs at the urging of resident Tammy Picard who, along with other townspeople, was concerned about a rash of break-ins. The Board insisted that the signs represented actual Neighborhood Watch members on each street and since the signs' implementation, the burglaries have stopped.

A Central Vermont Solid Waste Management grant of \$3,000, paid for the removal last spring of approximately 800 to 1,000 tires that had been buried in property behind Town Hall. Thank you to Anita and Ron Krauth for facilitating that grant. Another grant from FEMA and the State of Vermont financed the removal of two mobile homes on Three Mile Bridge Road that were damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. Per the grant's stipulations, all power, water, and sewer were removed and the small parcel was protected by a conservation easement so that it will remain open land forever. This was done at no cost to the Town.

The Board also approved a Service Reimbursement Ordinance that grants the Town authority to bill insurance carriers for costs incurred when the Middlesex Fire Department and FAST Squad must respond to accidents on I-89 and Route

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2. To be clear, the Town will only bill the carriers of non-Middlesex residents or Middlesex residents whose accidents have been caused by criminal activity.

In order not to raise the tax rate last year, the Board allocated a withdrawal from the fund balance of \$27,490 to keep the rate at .4231. The Board also chose not to collect an 8% penalty, as provided by state statute, applied against homeowners who failed to file HS-122 forms (Home Declaration Forms) by April 15. However, the Board plans to revisit that decision this spring so remember to file!

This year, the Board is proposing a budget of \$1,024,306 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year before Special Articles. This represents an increase of .86% from the previous fiscal year. The Special Articles, if approved, total \$45,061.

Finally, the Board continues to solicit suggestions concerning the Old Fire Station behind Town Hall. So far, the best idea is to use it for “cold storage,” a place to house the Road Crew’s seasonal equipment.

If you would like further information about any of these developments or the Board’s plans, feel free to contact the Town Clerk’s Office. As always, Select Board meetings are open to the public and are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Town Clerk’s Office. We encourage you to attend.

*Sincerely The Middlesex Select Board*

*Peter O. Hood, Chair*

*Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair*

*Mary Hood Alexander*

*William Callnan*

*Steve Martin*

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## FIVE-YEAR SIGN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

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

### **Summer 2012**

TH#1 - 3 Mile Bridge Rd.

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

TH#3 – East Hill Rd.

TH#4 – Knapp Rd.

TH#5 – West Hill Rd./Story Rd.

TH#6 - Chase Rd.

TH#7 – North Bear Swamp Rd.

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**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*

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**FIVE-YEAR TOWN OF MIDDLESEX HIGHWAY PLAN**


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**End 2014****Mud Season Mitigation** – Center Rd.**Full Service** – Zdon Rd.**2015/2016****Mud Season Mitigation** – East Hill Rd. 300' Section, Molly Supple Hill Rd. 300' Section**Full Service** – East Bear Swamp Rd., North Bear Swamp Rd., West Hill**2016/2017****Mud Season Mitigation** – Bolduc Rd. 300' Section, Portal Rd 300' Section,  
McCullough Rd. 200' Section**Full Service** – Bolduc Rd, Tangletown Rd., Dolan Rd., Warren Rd.,  
McCullough Hill Rd., Upper Barnett Hill Rd.**Service Preparation** – McCullough Rd., Upper Barnett Hill Rd.**2017/2018****Mud Season Mitigation** – French Rd. 200' Section, Molly Supple Hill Rd. 300'  
Section, East Hill Rd. 300' Section**Full Service** – French Rd., Macy Rd., Wood Rd.**Service Preparation** – Macy Rd., Wood Rd.**2018/2019****Mud Season Mitigation** – Portal Rd. 300' Section, East Hill Rd. 300' Section**Service Preparation** – East Hill Rd., Portal Rd.**2019/2020****Mud Season Mitigation** – To Be Determined**Full Service** – East Hill Rd., Portal Rd.**Paving** – Shady Rill Rd., East Hill Rd./Terrace St. Junction

NOTE: All paving projects are pending grant funding

**Structures Replacement** – Shady Rill Rd. (Herrick Brook Bridge #5),

3 Mile Bridge Rd. Box Culvert

NOTE: All structures projects are pending grant funding and/or permitting approval

**Full Service** = Gravel resurfacing, brush cutting, culvert replacement, ditching**Mud Season Mitigation** = Excavation, drainage, fabric, gravel**Service Preparation** = Shoulder cutting, minor ditching, culvert replacement

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**CAPITAL PLAN FOR TOWN EQUIPMENT**


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

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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**


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It was a year of transition at the Town Clerk's Office. Shortly after the 2013 Town Meeting, Cindy Carlson resigned as Town Clerk and the Select Board appointed me in her place. It was instant on-the-job training after that. A big shout out to Cindy for her patience and understanding as I bugged her endlessly about how to do the job she did so effortlessly. Middlesex is so very fortunate to still have Cindy as Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds and Zoning Administrator. We'd be at a loss without her.

Along with the usual duties of recording, licensing animals, registering voters (50 new ones this year!), collecting tax monies and helping Middlesex residents discover information about their properties, the office oversaw a bond vote for Rumney School in May. Thank you to ballot workers Helen Weed, Barbara Buckley, Joanne Hull, Martha Tucker, Yvonne Straus, Linda Prescott and all those who volunteered their time to count votes.

The Middlesex Town Clerk's Office is known for its timely recording of important records and 100% of the credit for that goes to Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis. Not only does Maryke efficiently record for posterity the births, deaths and marriages - as well as the various land transactions and documents that will someday lay the foundation for Middlesex's history - she regularly updates our town's website with the latest news at: [www.middlesexvermont.org](http://www.middlesexvermont.org). This year, Maryke uploaded the 2013 Grand List to go with our Interactive Zoning Map online.

A grateful thank you to former Assistant Clerk Janet McKinstry and all those who offered their advice, insight and experience to aid in this transition. We in the Town Clerk's Office look forward to helping our neighbors get the most out of their local government. Remember, this is YOUR office and YOUR records. Our job is to save them and serve you!

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk*

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**MIDDLESEX BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The Select Board's proposed budget for FY 2015 is \$1,024,306. This budget proposal is an increase of \$8,756 from the FY 2014 budget of \$1,015,541. While the 2014 budget was a 2.7% increase from the previous year, this budget is a .86% increase, which is much smaller. The Select Board worked carefully to bring up employee salaries, improve road maintenance and keep the budget as close to level funded as possible. The Budget Committee thanks the Select Board for their efforts and recommends approval of this budget.

**Rumney School Proposed Budget for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)**

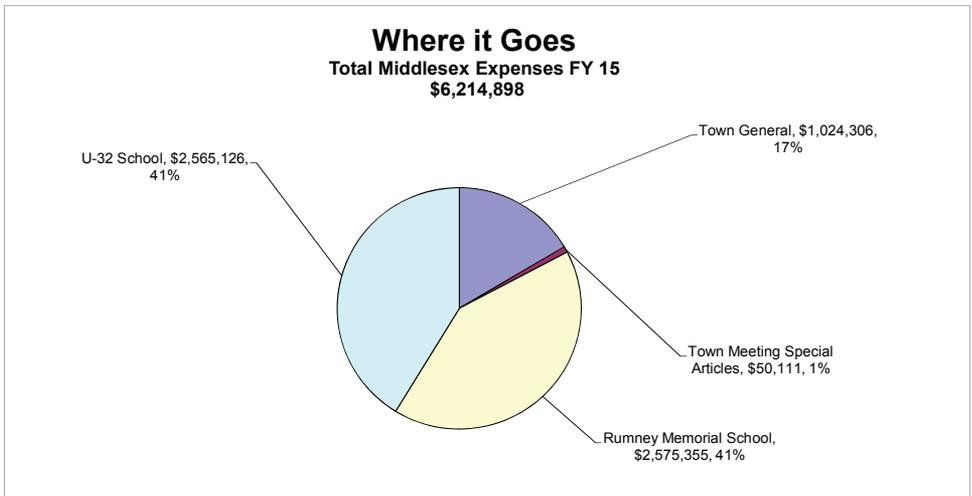
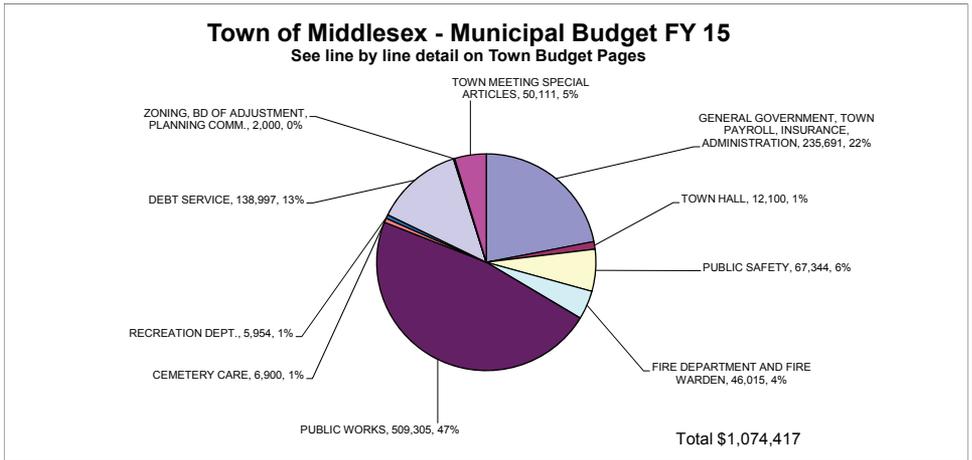
The School Board has worked diligently, with input from the principal, superintendent's office and Middlesex community members, to offer a proposed budget for Rumney School of \$2,575,355 for FY 2015. This is a level-funded budget on the expense items, as compared to the current year budget. Please note there will be an anticipated reduction in the special education reimbursement for Rumney in FY2015 of approximately \$91,000; this is lost revenue. With this factor considered, the resulting bottom line for the overall budget for Rumney is a 3.3% increase. The Budget Committee thanks all involved for their efforts and recommends approval of the Rumney School Proposed Budget for FY 2015.

With these budget proposals, Washington Central Supervisory Union officials indicate the overall impact on Middlesex residents' property tax rate bill would be \$0.147. In other words, for each \$100,000 of home value taxpayers would see an additional tax burden of \$147. Bear in mind that U-32 has proposed a budget of \$14.7 million; this represents a 5.2% increase compared to the current year budget. Additionally please be aware the State of Vermont has proposed a property tax increase for Vermont residents of \$ 0.07 for FY 2015. With this increase and with other adjustments factored in, the resulting FY 2015 state property tax increases would account for an estimated \$115 of the \$147 noted above.

Do take the opportunity to attend either of the School Board public information meetings where they will answer any questions on the proposed budget. The meetings are being held February 22, 2014 at 9am at Red Hen and on March 3, 2014 at 6pm at Rumney School Library.

*Budget Committee: Shaun Fielder, George Longenecker and Kelly Sullivan.*

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**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**


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<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2013</b>	<b>Actual FY-2013</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2014</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2015</b>	<b>% Of Change Between</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Property Taxes	\$795,326	\$810,945	\$821,853		
State Aid - Highways	\$114,968	\$114,946	\$110,000		
Interest on Investments	\$5,000	\$2,294	\$2,000		
School Reimbursement	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Licenses and Fees	\$20,000	\$27,223	\$32,000		
Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$15,000	\$18,714	\$15,000		
State Aid - Railroad Tax	\$1,295	\$1,295	\$1,200		
State Land Use/Pilot	\$80,598	\$80,604	\$79,000		
Other	\$4,000	\$17,710	\$6,500		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,040,187</b>	<b>\$1,077,731</b>	<b>\$1,071,553</b>		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Selectboard Salary	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	100.00%
Selectboard Clerk	\$18,544	\$15,262	\$18,989	\$18,084	95.23%
Advertising/Printing	\$1,700	\$1,947	\$2,300	\$2,300	100.00%
Selectboard Courses	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
Discretionary Fund	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	100.00%
Legal Fees	\$3,000	\$5,117	\$3,000	\$4,000	133.33%
Town Report	\$3,200	\$3,558	\$4,000	\$3,000	75.00%
VLCT Dues	\$2,577	\$2,577	\$2,541	\$2,600	102.32%
County Tax	\$14,347	\$14,247	\$15,161	\$14,247	93.97%
CV Solid Waste	\$3,800	\$1,731	\$1,731	\$1,735	100.23%
CV Reg Planning Comm	\$1,818	\$1,818	\$1,818	\$1,818	100.00%
Conservation Commission	\$1,000	\$168	\$1,000	\$500	50.00%
Tree Warden	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	100.00%
Elections	\$1,000	\$490	\$400	\$550	137.50%
Misc. Expense	\$0	\$108	\$0	\$0	
Tax Abatements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$63,236</b>	<b>\$59,172</b>	<b>\$65,190</b>	<b>\$63,084</b>	<b>96.77%</b>
<b>TOWN INSURANCES</b>					
Workers Comp	\$8,000	\$11,027	\$9,000	\$11,909	132.32%
Unemployment Comp	\$1,957	\$1,378	\$2,000	\$1,488	74.41%
Property & Casualty	\$16,000	\$12,826	\$18,000	\$13,853	76.96%
<b>Total TOWN INSURANCES</b>	<b>\$25,957</b>	<b>\$25,231</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>	<b>\$27,250</b>	<b>93.97%</b>

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**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Social Security	\$15,906	\$14,806	\$16,700	\$16,500	98.80%
Medicare	\$37,200	\$3,463	\$3,900	\$4,000	102.56%
Retirement	\$11,222	\$10,759	\$12,421	\$12,000	96.61%
Life Insurance	\$860	\$1,914	\$950	\$2,000	210.53%
Health Insurance	\$33,000	\$28,538	\$35,000	\$23,550	67.29%
Long Term Care Ins	\$950	\$0	\$950		0.00%
<b>Total EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$99,138</b>	<b>\$59,480</b>	<b>\$69,921</b>	<b>\$58,050</b>	<b>83.02%</b>

**ADMINISTRATION**

Clerk/Treasurer	\$38,119	\$40,990	\$39,088	\$24,607	62.95%
Office Staff Salary	\$13,578	\$13,532	\$17,085	\$27,700	162.13%
Lister Wages	\$5,000	\$5,960	\$7,500	\$7,000	93.33%
Clerical Mileage	\$250	\$123	\$250	\$250	100.00%
Office Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,580	\$2,300	\$2,600	113.04%
Equipment Repair	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Purchase	\$2,500	\$1,665	\$2,500	\$2,000	80.00%
Telephone	\$3,300	\$4,203	\$3,800	\$4,200	110.53%
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,563	\$3,000	\$3,000	100.00%
Auditing	\$3,300	\$3,475	\$3,400	\$5,000	147.06%
Listing Mileage/Expenses	\$2,200	\$2,248	\$2,000	\$2,400	120.00%
Clerk's Office Seminars	\$500	\$194	\$500	\$300	60.00%
Listing Mapping	\$500	\$0	\$750	\$750	100.00%
Copier Lease	\$2,030	\$2,367	\$2,200	\$2,500	113.64%
Computer Maintenance	\$2,450	\$4,534	\$5,900	\$5,000	84.75%
<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$78,277</b>	<b>\$84,434</b>	<b>\$90,523</b>	<b>\$87,307</b>	<b>96.45%</b>

**TOWN HALL & STORAGE**

Electricity	\$1,900	\$2,553	\$2,100	\$2,600	123.81%
Heat	\$4,000	\$2,438	\$4,500	\$3,000	66.67%
Grounds	\$1,500	\$1,510	\$1,500	\$1,500	100.00%
Building Repairs	\$5,000	\$7,499	\$5,000	\$5,000	100.00%
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$12,400</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$13,100</b>	<b>\$12,100</b>	<b>92.37%</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Animal Control	\$1,500	\$557	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%
Health Officer	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$250	50.00%
Courses/Seminars	\$100	\$0	\$500	\$100	20.00%
Ambulance	\$53,851	\$53,851	\$55,738	\$57,694	103.51%
Speed Enforcement	\$5,000	\$3,637	\$5,000	\$7,500	150.00%
Dog Pound	\$800	\$700	\$800	\$800	100.00%
<b>Total PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$61,751</b>	<b>\$58,745</b>	<b>\$63,538</b>	<b>\$67,344</b>	<b>105.99%</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FD-Admin Asst.	\$5,000	\$1,143	\$1,500	\$1,000	66.67%
FD-Supplies	\$200	\$827	\$300	\$300	100.00%
FD-Equipment Repair	\$3,000	\$1,717	\$6,500	\$6,250	96.15%
FD-Equipment Purchase	\$5,000	\$12,219	\$2,225	\$2,260	101.57%
FD-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,026	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%
FD-Fast Squad	\$1,000	\$768	\$1,600	\$1,600	100.00%
FD-Electricity	\$1,200	\$1,677	\$1,400	\$1,400	100.00%
FD-Fuel - Heat	\$5,500	\$4,602	\$5,500	\$5,500	100.00%
FD-Building Maintenance	\$1,100	\$4,364	\$2,600	\$2,600	100.00%
FD-Radio Dispatch	\$9,500	\$8,063	\$10,562	\$13,200	124.98%
FD-VFFA Dues/Legal Fees	\$1,000	\$2,713	\$1,975	\$1,455	73.67%
FD-Forest Fire Warden	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	100.00%
FD-GAS	\$1,000	\$909	\$5,000	\$5,000	100.00%
FD-Stipends	\$2,000	\$1,340	\$2,000	\$3,000	150.00%
FD-Grant Reimbursement	\$0	-\$407	\$0	\$0	
FD-Communication/Radio	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	100.00%
FD-Tanker Payoff	\$0	\$0	\$2,500		0.00%
<b>Total FIRE DEPT.</b>	<b>\$36,750</b>	<b>\$40,961</b>	<b>\$46,112</b>	<b>\$46,015</b>	<b>99.79%</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Salaries	\$168,000	\$165,442	\$172,200	\$176,430	102.46%
Winter Maintenance	\$45,000	\$72,578	\$65,650	\$71,500	108.91%
Summer Maintenance	\$27,000	\$30,281	\$26,000	\$26,725	102.79%
Equipment Maintenance	\$40,000	\$59,522	\$40,000	\$39,050	97.63%
Courses/Seminars	\$300	\$130	\$300	\$300	100.00%
Utilities	\$3,000	\$2,883	\$3,000	\$3,000	100.00%
Garage Maintenance	\$10,000	\$9,425	\$6,000	\$9,325	155.42%
Street Lights	\$2,000	\$2,110	\$2,000	\$2,200	110.00%
Gas/Diesel/Oil	\$66,000	\$77,175	\$63,000	\$67,400	106.98%
Culverts	\$4,000	\$2,680	\$4,000	\$2,000	50.00%
Signs	\$3,000	\$5,357	\$3,500	\$3,500	100.00%
Bridge Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.00%
Paving Fund	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	166.67%
Construction & Paving	\$90,000	\$43,041	\$90,000	\$84,125	93.47%
Equipment Purchase	\$2,000	\$12,636	\$2,000	\$1,750	87.50%
Enhancement Grant Match	\$0	\$848	\$0		
CVSWD Tire Grant Exp.	\$0	\$2,570	\$0		
<b>Total PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$474,300</b>	<b>\$500,678</b>	<b>\$491,650</b>	<b>\$509,305</b>	<b>103.59%</b>

**CEMETERY**

Labor	\$42,400	\$6,000	\$4,300	\$4,300	100.00%
Materials	\$1,000	\$60	\$1,300	\$1,300	100.00%
Repair to Cemetery	\$1,000	\$35	\$1,300	\$1,300	100.00%
<b>Total CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$44,400</b>	<b>\$6,095</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**RECREATION**

Wrightsville Beach	\$904	\$1,808	\$904	\$904	100.00%
Town Bor	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,725	\$3,000	110.09%
Learn to Swim	\$1,250	\$675	\$1,300	\$1,300	100.00%
Bandstand Mowing	\$500	\$750	\$500	\$750	150.00%
<b>Total RECREATION</b>	<b>\$5,654</b>	<b>\$6,233</b>	<b>\$5,429</b>	<b>\$5,954</b>	<b>109.67%</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

Capital Budget	\$0	\$49,000	\$0		
Grader	\$27,480	\$27,480	\$0		
Grader Interest	\$563	\$542	\$0		
2010 International Dump	\$20,400	\$20,200	\$20,040	\$20,000	99.80%
2010 Int Dump Interest	\$2,254	\$2,184	\$2,180	\$1,500	68.81%
2004 Fire Truck	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	100.00%
2004 Fire Truck Interest	\$1,474	\$1,474	\$301	\$602	200.00%
2009 One Ton Truck	\$11,000	\$0	\$0		
2009 One Ton Interest	\$741	\$0	\$0		
Fire Station Bond	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	100.00%
Fire Station Interest	\$28,479	\$27,758	\$26,858	\$24,585	91.54%
2008 Kobelco Excav	\$0	\$0	\$21,000		0.00%
2008 Kobelco Excav-Int.	\$0	\$0	\$500		0.00%
2014 Western Star 4700 TR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,010	
2014 West. Star Trk-INTER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300	
<b>Total DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$152,391</b>	<b>\$188,637</b>	<b>\$130,879</b>	<b>\$138,997</b>	<b>106.20%</b>

**ZONING/BRD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Zoning Wages	\$3,000	\$496	\$0		
Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$300		0.00%
Advertising	\$300	\$768	\$300	\$500	166.67%
Zoning - enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Courses/Seminars	\$75	\$0	\$200		0.00%
<b>Total ZONING/BRD OF ADJUST</b>	<b>\$3,375</b>	<b>\$1,264</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>62.50%</b>

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Advertising	\$500	\$117	\$500	\$500	100.00%
Mapping	\$0	\$90	\$0		
Mail Drop/Postage	\$500	\$170	\$500	\$500	100.00%
Printing & Copying	\$500	\$98	\$500	\$500	100.00%
Consultation	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000		0.00%
<b>Total PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$474</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>60.00%</b>

**Total Expenditures**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,060,129</b>	<b>\$1,045,404</b>	<b>\$1,015,542</b>	<b>\$1,024,306</b>	<b>100.86%</b>
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**SPECIAL ARTICLES**

Middlesex Conservation Fu	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	100.00%
CV Home Health & Hospice	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$3,750	100.00%
CV Council on Aging	\$199	\$199	\$250	\$250	100.00%
RSVP	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	100.00%
Rumney Community Conn.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	100.00%
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	\$25,543	\$25,543	\$26,800	\$26,800	100.00%
Family Center of Vermont	\$199	\$199	\$250	\$500	200.00%
CV Economic Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$250	50.00%
Home Share Now	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	100.00%
Vt. Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	100.00%
Montpelier Veteran's Coun	\$200	\$200	\$200		0.00%
Washington County Youth S	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	100.00%
Vt. Centr for Indepen. Li	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$195	100.00%
Montpelier Senior Center	\$200	\$200	\$1,050	\$3,400	323.81%
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	100.00%
No.Vt.Resource & Developm	\$100	\$100	\$100		0.00%
Sexual Assault Crisis Tea	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$245	125.64%
CV Community Action	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$249	125.13%
Vermont Cares	\$199	\$199	\$250	\$250	100.00%
Green Mt. Transit	\$200	\$200	\$953	\$199	20.88%
Circle (Battered Women)	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	100.00%
North Branch Nature Ctr	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	\$195	\$195	\$195	\$249	127.69%
Maple Leaf Farm	\$200	\$200	\$0		
Waterbury Area Senior Ctr	\$0	\$0	\$10,000		0.00%
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	100.00%
Our House	\$0	\$0	\$200		0.00%
Washinngton County Diversion		\$0	\$250		
Central VT Adult Basic Ed		\$0	\$1,000		
Girls/Boyz First Mentoring		\$0	\$1,500		
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force		\$0	\$100		
<b>Total SPECIAL</b>					
<b>ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$41,998</b>	<b>\$41,998</b>	<b>\$56,011</b>	<b>\$50,111</b>	<b>89.47%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,102,127</b>	<b>\$1,087,402</b>	<b>\$1,071,553</b>	<b>\$1,074,417</b>	<b>100.27%</b>

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**MIDDLESEX TOWN AUDITOR**

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

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

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

*Helen Weed, Auditor*

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**TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

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A significant change took place in 2013 in your Town office, now that there is a separate Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Patti Lewis joined the Treasurer's office as bookkeeper taking on the day-to-day duties. This change brings greater transparency with responsibilities split between Patti and myself. We are fortunate to have found an excellent bookkeeper that is familiar with the Town's accounting software and with former government account experience as Patti was the former Treasurer for the Town of Berlin. I continue to oversee the Treasurers office on a regular basis and am available via email, [middlesxtreas@comcast.net](mailto:middlesxtreas@comcast.net) or by phone, (802) 498-7475. We continue to work closely with the Select Board and with the Town Auditors to keep the finances for the Town in order. At the end of the year, a formal audit was completed by William Yacavoni, Certified Public Accountant. A copy of his report is available on the Town's website or at the Town Clerk's office.

As of June 30, 2013 there were delinquent taxes in the amount of \$74,877, which were turned over to the Tax Attorney and a Delinquent Tax Sale was held. As of January 23, 2014 there is an outstanding balance due of \$5,228.95. Payment arrangements are in place for these outstanding taxes. It is the Town's policy to turn over any delinquent taxes to our Tax Attorney in June 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).

We look forward to a productive 2014 as we continue to serve the Town of Middlesex. Thank you for your support.

*Cindy Carlson, Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes*

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**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**


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<b>Rate Name</b>	<b>2013 Grand List</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Total Raised</b>
Homestead	1,455,501.00	1.4220	2,069,722
Non-Residential	483,779.00	1.4247	689,240
Contracts	-2,068.00		
<b>Total Grand List</b>	<b>1,937,212.00</b>		
Town	1,937,212.00	0.4220	819,634
Penalty for Late Filed Homestead			349
<b>Total Billed</b>			<b>3,578,945</b>
<b>Taxes Accounted For</b>			
Property Taxes Collected			3,553,179
Delinquent Taxes Receivable 7/30/13			65,553
1.5% Discount Taken			20,638
Adjustment/Abatements			0
Late Homestead Penalty			490
			<b>3,639,860</b>

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## NOTES PAYABLE

As of June 30, 2013

Item	Original Issue Date	Original Amount	Principal Payment	Retired	Outstanding	Interest Rate	Matures
Excavator Rebuild	2013	\$21,000	\$21,000		\$21,000	1.98%	1/28/14
2004 Fire Pumper	2004	\$135,000	\$15,000	\$105,000	\$30,000	3.30%	12/1/14
Fire Station	2009	\$825,000	\$45,000	\$135,000	\$690,000	4.19%	11/15/29
2010 International	2009	\$140,280	\$20,040	\$60,120	\$80,000	1.97%	11/13/16
<b>Total - Debt Service</b>					<b>\$821,000</b>		

## 2013-2014 TAX EFFORT

<b>2013-2014 General Government</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Budget	523892.00		
Special Articles	56011.00		
1.5% Discounts	21000.00		
<b>BCA Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>600903.00</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>			
Interest	2000.00		
School Reimbursement	4000.00		
Licenses and Fees	32000.00		
Delinquent Tax Interest	5000.00		
RR Tax	1200.00		
PILOT/Hold Harmless Payment	47000.00		
PILOT/ Agy of Natural Resources	32000.00		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10000.00		
<b>Fund Balance Reduction</b>	<b>27500.00</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>160700.00</b>	Total General Government	<b>\$ 440,203.00</b>

<b>2012-2013 Highway</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Budget	491650.00		
<b>Receipts</b>			
State Aid to Highways	110000.00		
Other		Total Highway	<b>\$ 381,650.00</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>			
			<b>\$ 821,853.00</b>
<b>Total Municipal Tax Effort</b>			
			<b>\$ 821,853.00</b>
2013 Grand List	1949711.34		
2013 Homestead Tax Rate	1.5074	(State of Vermont)	
2013 Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.4991	(State of Vermont)	
2013 Municipal Tax Rate	0.4215		
Local Agreement Rate	0.0016		
Total Town Tax Rate	0.4231		
Total Non- Residential Rate	1.9222		
Total Residential Rate	1.9305		

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**2013 DOG REPORT**

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<b># Registered 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>Fees to State</b>
186	\$2,202.00	\$747

The Town Clerk's office receives many calls throughout the year from 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 it is really in the best interest of your pet.

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**BIRTHS**


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<b>Child</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Lucius Bustos Hawkes	Matisse Marie Bustos Timothy Elijah Hawkes	Feb. 7, 2013
Opal May Clementine Suits	Rosemary Pearson Andrew David Suits	Feb. 10, 2013
Jack Davis Lawrence	Sarah Elizabeth David Charles Lawrence	Feb. 15, 2013
Abigail Suzann Lawrence	Sarah Elizabeth David Charles Lawrence	Feb. 15, 2013
Levi Hatch Haviland	Liza Constance Daniel Lee Haviland	March 27, 2013
Charley Jean Lund	Crystal Lynn Pierce Stanley Allen Lund, Jr.	April 19, 2013
Avery Shea Lafaille	Laura Shea Christopher Allen Lafaille	May 24, 2013
Violet Bella Flye	Alyssa Marie Clayton Earl Flye	July 16, 2013
Caleb Marsh Gould	Lauren Julia Matthew Daniel Gould	July 17, 2013
Ezekiel Ray Hamilton	Sarah Althea Braun Michael Raymond Hamilton	July 30, 2013
Isabella Blair Cerminara	Monica Dawn Paul Angelo Cerminara	August 13, 2013
Chase Increase Robinson	Erin Lacey Dana Timothy Robinson	Oct. 21, 2013
Aliana Esther Rueda	Halie Rae Powers David Peter Rueda	Nov. 10, 2013

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**DEATHS**


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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>
George William Campbell, Sr.	February 20, 2013	85
Francis Paul Mobbs	March 13, 2013	61
John Glyndon Gant	March 17, 2013	68
Sherian M. Valenti	May 21, 2013	44
Margaret Agnes Dalton	July 16, 2013	92
Bert Allen Wendel	July 30, 2013	47
Kenneth Carl Sayers	September 7, 2013	75
Ardys Ruth Eldred	October 13, 2013	94

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**MARRIAGES**


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<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ashley Marie Buska	Joshua Randall Demers	June 1, 2013
Larken Bunce	Keith Eric Taber	June 13, 2013
Maria Lynn Touchette	Dustin Tyler Mable	July 12, 2013
Amanda Rose Maxwell	Robert Irwin Bowers	July 28, 2013
Susan Mary Rickstad	Douglas Alan Lombard	August 10, 2013
Alessandra Wolf-Pollina	Ondrea Anthony Daniel	September 7, 2013
Bryan J. Redmond	Katherine Frances Clemente	September 7, 2013
Sera Jane Barone Hyjek	Gabriel Jack Chickering Ayers	September 14, 2013
Patrick Charles Hedges	Mark Allen Johnson	September 21, 2013
Shauna Marie Bisson	Justin Paul Redmond	November 22, 2013
Joanna Elisabeth VonCulin	Angela L. Shaheen	November 24, 2013

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**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2013**

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 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.)

Meeting convenes at 4:35 pm

Susan Clark Moderator reviews the Roberts Rules of Order.

The Civil Invocation was read.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Bill Callnan moves to elect Susan Clark as Moderator. Anita Krauth seconds, motion carries.

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

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

Town Clerk	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
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. Anita Krauth moves to approve the reports. Jeff Koonz seconds. There was discussion regarding the Town Roads and if McCullough Hill Road reclassification was still under review. Peter Hood reports a public hearing was held. The Select Board voted after the public hearing not to upgrade the road. "Mud Season" mitigation is discussed. Peter Hood reports a public hearing was held regarding mud season concerns. A plan to perform three "test" sites with different approaches for mitigation was explored. The tests costs were in the range of \$90,000 for the three sites. It was determined that this approach didn't make since, it would be financially unfeasible to go ahead with any of the plans. After looking at hired costs of excavators, the Town purchased an excavator. It is the intent to do

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some “Mud Season” mitigation with the excavator. The Center Road between Person’s Farm and the Notch Road (300’) is to be mitigated in the 2013-2014 budget period. There was discussion regarding sign replacement on Upper Sunny Brook Road. No signs will be changed until the Federal rules expire. UPS has a driver approaching McCullough Hill Road from the north and there is a sign on the road stating it’s closed. This UPS driver will not drive down McCullough Hill Road; the resident asks that the Select Board and/or the Road Foreman talk to UPS. It was also suggested that the Select Board and/or the Road Foreman ask UPS to approach McCullough Hill Road from the South to make the deliveries. 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. (32 VSA Sec. 4773). Bill Callnan moves, John Dick Seconds. No discussion, motion carries.

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). Mary Alexander moves, Mary Skinner seconds. No discussion, 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. (32 VSA Sec. 5136) Jeff Koonz moves, Bill Callnan seconds. No discussion, motion carries.

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) Bill Callnan moves and Bill McMannis seconds. Discussion: It was noted the new fire station building has a maintenance line item that has been increasing each year. The question was asked: Is that to put aside funds? Bill Callnan answered that this is primarily an inter-fund account. Gas/diesel fuel amount has increased substantially and the Fire Department was getting diesel from the highway budget without being charged. There is discussion regarding the increase in the Winter Maintenance under the Highway budget, Office Staff Salary in Administration. Winter Maintenance has increased from \$45,000 to \$65,000 as there had been pre-purchased winter sand. Office staff salary has increased as the Zoning Administrator position salary has been combined into Office Staff. Motion carries.

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ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support student and community participation in Middlesex Community Connections programs? (By Petition) Julie Moore moves and Paul Zabriskie seconds. It is noted that the grant to support Community Connections is about to expire. This could become an expense to the Town in the future. Support for Community Connections was expressed. The question was asked if there is a charge to the parents. Yes, it is a sliding scale. Are there funds available from the school budget to support Community Connections? The School Board will check to see if there is money in the Rumney School fund. There are funds in the U32 budget for Community Connections. There is a homework fund in the Rumney budget but it is reimbursed by Medi-Care. Motion carries.

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) Leroy Carlson moves, Ron Krauth seconds, Anita Krauth speaks on behalf of the North Branch Center. Motion carries.

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) Mary Just Skinner, moves, Jeff Koonz seconds. Mary Just Skinner speaks on behalf of Retired Senior and Volunteer Program. Motion carries.

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) John Dick moves, Bennett Shapiro seconds, Mary Hood speaks on behalf of Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice. A question is asked why other home health organizations are not being contributed to. She states there are other organizations providing the same services, and the community should be aware of these other organizations. It is stated that CVHHH has been in the community for a long time and voters are urged to support this article. It was asked if there are other organizations who have petitioned. All organizations that have petitioned are in the warning. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$26,800 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition) Chris McVeigh moves. Michael Katzenberg seconds. There was discussion

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regarding on-line users of the library and the addition of a technology coordinator position. Michael Katzenberg addresses the Library topic, stating that the people who usually use the computers at the library do not have funds to pay a fee. The budget includes a new position for a part-time technology coordinator which will be advantageous for the library. This year the funding request has increased by 5%, however, the previous four years were level funded. A project that is underway to review library cards and eliminate inactive cards. There is further discussion of library cards with regards to using computers. Will we start a fund to pay for library cards for those that can't afford a card? The idea of a public library is that residents support the library and anyone can use it and there are some community resources that we should support. Some residents feel the amount to use the Library is a bargain and that the culture of the library is part of our children's education. Frank Allen asks to call the question. Anita Krauth seconds, motion carries.

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) Paul Cerminara moves and Eric Benedict seconds. Karol Smith, the executive director of the Senior Center, spoke on behalf of the organization. She reports requests for services have increased from Middlesex residents. Meals are delivered five days a week. It would be helpful if the Town could have the total number of meals that are delivered to Middlesex. Karol does not have this number available with her. There is no charge to the people receiving the meals because the organization is federally funded. While they deliver five days a week, most people receive seven days of meals. Karol reports they need to raise a total \$58,000 and Waterbury contributes \$30,000. There was concern that this request is out of proportion as opposed to what other communities contribute. Residents were concerned about the amount of funding without any detailed information on services to the Middlesex residents. Karol states they are searching for a Middlesex resident to serve on their Board.

Shaun Fielder moves to amend the request to \$7500. Anita Krauth seconds.

There is further discussion about savings to the community by Middlesex not having a program to administer, the value of providing this service to our residents in need and the need for accountability. Mike Legendre suggests that the amendment be voted on. (Amendment) motion fails.

Motion carries.

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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) Jeff Koonz moves and Ron Krauth seconds. Peter Hood speaks on behalf of Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation. Motion carries.

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) Ron Krauth moves and Eric Benedict seconds. Barbara Buckley speaks on behalf of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. Motion carries.

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) Anita Krauth moves and Mike Legendre seconds. Sandra Levine asks about the wording of the article. It is stated that the article has to be written exactly as the petition is submitted. A resident asked why the amount is increased and does Montpelier support the organization. Bill Callnan states last year they requested \$250, but prior years they did request the same amount. It was stated that the Agency of Transportation supports the program and that the City of Montpelier does support this organization as well. Additionally, it provides a great service for both local trips and to Burlington and Colchester locations a link to IBM is being supported. It was pointed out that we are paying \$83,000 per year for the support of school buses, it is hard to live in this community if you do not have a car. Public Service is helpful in the carbon footprint. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,208 to support the following organizations:

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.V 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	\$3,208

Jeff Koonz, moves, Bill Callnan seconds, motion carries.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Voters of the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board) Greg Whitchurch moves Eric Benedict seconds. Dave Shepard speaks on behalf of the Middlesex Conservation Fund. The Fund has about \$10,000; it is available for projects that may come along to purchase property or development rights to keep property in conservation. It could be used for recreational resources, and it could be used for currently owned property. An update on the Town Forest was requested. Dave Shepard speaks on behalf of the Town Forest. They are working on a boundary survey, a timber harvest and to establish the first trail. Bill Callnan states that there will most likely be another request next year so the fund balance can be brought up to \$20,000. If the timber is harvested does that bring income to the Town? The income would come to the Town and it would be up to the Select Board to appropriate the funds. In the past the Select Board has felt that any income would go back to the Conservation Fund. The Select Board would vote on where the funds would go. The funds are currently in a money market account. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the updated Middlesex Town Plan dated 2013 – 2017? (To be voted by Australian ballot). Thea Schwartz speaks on behalf of the Planning Commission. She states that the plan had to be updated under state law. Input was gathered from residents, boards and the Regional Planning Commission.

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.

Mary Just Skinner moves to dispense of reading of the article. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries. Travin Leyshorn moves to approve the article, Laurianna Cappone seconds. The article is discussed with the following comments: The pipeline was built prior to 1950, it goes to South Portland and not Portland. A resident feels that the Town should be proud to be having this discussion with approximately 25 other Vermont towns. The Town and State needs residents to stand up and change what is politically possible and setting an example to the rest of the country. This pipeline is not near Middlesex, it goes through the upper north east section of Vermont. The company, as of last week, says there is no plan from the company to reverse flow in the existing pipeline and adopting this article states we will not buy oil from distributors who use this pipeline. Concerns were expressed: We will have to change our thoughts on wind and solar. For as long as

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we keep depending on fossil fuels we will never use alternative energy. Everyone should be for efficiency this is pre-asphalt (tar loaded with sand) It is more CO2 than oil pumped from the ground. If you exploited this resource it will equal more than twice the CO2 than what we have already put into the atmosphere. If it isn't possible to move the product by pipeline, it will most likely move by train.

Charlie Merriman moves to strike statement #2 stating it is illegal. Anita Krauth seconds. The Select Board asks if section #2 is practical. Peter Hood states if the article states it might be virtually impossible and that also statement #5 is virtually impossible. The Town has only a few vendors and it would be possible. A suggestion to the amendment, the Town should only buy fuel from vendors whose refinery sources do not use any resources from refineries that use tar sands so much as possible. Bennett Shapiro seconds.

Charlie Merriman states that it is illegal. The Select Board only has the power to enforce legislature, he feels it is unconstitutional. Motion: Anita Krauth – suggests that we request that this resolution be passed over. Ron Krauth seconds. Martin Pincus – what is the main argument for passing it over. (Dissension among members of the community). Elija Hawkes – doesn't seem like a great deal of division in the room and we should be able to vote both yes and no. He doesn't suggest passing over. Sandy Levine – feels that the discussion is healthy for the Town, she would be proud not to buy oil from companies that use tar sands. John Puleio states that we should continue the discussion. Bennett asks to call the question. Mary Alexander seconds.

Passover the questions – no.

Sarah Merriman states we don't want to undermine everything, just vote for Charlie's amendment to remove section #2.

Charlie Merriman: moves for #2 - the Town, if legal, shall ask every fuel vendor to ask for refinery sources of their fuel and to offer, where possible, fuel that originates from tar sand-free refineries.

Liz Scharf: Does this include the school as well or just Town vendors; it is just the Town, not school.

Martin Pincus: Will the town buy dirty oil? No they will not.

Dexter Lefavour calls the question on the amendment. Motion carries.

Amendment carries. 2/3 majority

Dave Magida calls the question Mike Legandre seconds. Motion carries. 2/3 majority

Article passes.

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

Peter states that Cindy Carlson has chosen to leave her employment to the Town. He asks that Cindy be recognized. Also that Matt Dwire is not running for Select Board after 2 years of service.

Meeting adjourns at 7:04 pm.

*THE MIDDLESEX SELECTBOARD*

*Peter O. Hood, Chair*

*Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair*

*Mary Alexander*

*William Callnan*

*Matthew E. Dwire*

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**MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ACTIVITY REPORT 2013**

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For the calendar year 2013, your Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department responded to ninety seven (97) calls. The majority of our calls (50) were for Motor Vehicle Crashes or collisions. We responded to sixteen (16) fire calls, the majority of which were for Mutual Aid to our six neighboring towns. The rest of our calls were for miscellaneous items like alarm activations, both carbon monoxide and smoke/fire, trees down on power lines, propane odors and even the removal of an injured hiker from the White Rocks Trail.

We thank the citizens of Middlesex for being safe since we had no structure fires in town last year.

Our business meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and you are always welcome to attend and meet your Volunteer Fire Department members. We are always looking for volunteers; low pay, rotten hours and miserable working conditions but lots of job satisfaction.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Jeff Koonz, President*

*Douglas Hanson, Chief*

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**MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FAST SQUAD**

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The Middlesex Fast Squad was dispatched to 143 medical emergencies in 2013. We were called to respond with the Fire Department to the interstate 20 times, and another 19 times for vehicle crashes around Middlesex. Other calls included chest pain, shortness of breath, falls, injuries, or similar situations where neighbors needed help. Montpelier Ambulance is contracted to provide ambulance transport when needed. The Fast Squad assisted 89 patients who were transported to CVH in 2013, as well as provided medical aide to many who then did not need to go to the hospital. At least one Fast Squad Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), responded to over 90% of the calls for medical help.

Emergency Medical Services in Vermont is going through changes, joining the national standards for EMT's and paramedics. Members of the Middlesex Fast Squad have been training to keep up with the National and Vermont standards and protocols. Additionally the Fast Squad averages 12 hours of in house training per year, participates in district ambulance trainings quarterly, fire department training and many attend the annual Vermont EMS conference in the fall.

The Middlesex Fire Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year. The history of the Middlesex Fire Department was documented in the fundraiser cookbook; COOK! Don't Burn! which was available this fall and holiday shopping season. We have sold 220 copies; we thank the community for support. We are considering a second printing this summer. If you would like a copy or 5, let us know at [MVFDcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:MVFDcookbook@gmail.com)!

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

If you are interested in membership, or need any other EMS information contact the Fast Squad Director, [MargeBower@comcast.net](mailto:MargeBower@comcast.net)

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**MIDDLESEX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**


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**Accounts for Fiscal Year 2013, ending 6/30/2013**
**Checking Account**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			\$83.11
Charity		\$125.00	
Donation	\$264.58		
Forest Fire Waterbury	\$913.40	\$163.40	
Fund Raising	\$415.68		
Membership – Uniform Shirts		\$312.00	
Miscellaneous		\$260.51	
Reimbursable	\$805.00	\$350.00	
Ending Balance	\$2,398.66	\$1,210.91	\$1,270.86

**Money Market Account**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			\$124.59
Donation	\$468.97		
Interest	\$1.71		
Truck 14 – Raffle Truck 4	\$1,985.00		
Truck 14 – Repair & Equip		\$963.56	
Ending Balance	\$2,455.68	\$963.56	\$1,616.71

**Fast Squad – J. D. Picard Fund**

Opening & Ending Balance			\$2,000.00
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**Petty Cash**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			\$135.07
Dues	\$24.00		
Miscellaneous	\$17.03	\$5.70	
Stipend – Correction		\$8.00	
Ending Balance	\$41.03	\$13.70	\$162.40

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**MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Middlesex Town Forest** – During 2013 the Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee (a subcommittee of the MCC) continued working on implementing the Middlesex Town Forest Management Plan. Partway through the year, this Committee combined its meetings (four per year) with the MCC. Trips into the Forest took place to look for boundary lines and property corners and to scout a location for a trail to a viewpoint on the Chase Mountain ridge. The Committee also worked on an access agreement with a neighboring property owner. Committee members in 2013: Dick Alderman; Planning Commission Liaison; Steve Juiffre; George Longenecker; Lydia Menendez; Brian Redmond; Bill Rossmassler, Dave Shepard, and Eric Seidel. The MCC bid farewell to Lydia Menendez who had served as chair and co-chair of the Committee since its creation and thanks Lydia for all of the great work she put into this Committee. Thanks are also extended to John Buddington who has contributed greatly to the work of the Committee. For more information check out <http://sites.google.com/site/middlesextownforest/> or email [middlesextownforest@gmail.com](mailto:middlesextownforest@gmail.com) .

**Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area** – The MCC organized a work hike in the spring to help prepare the trails for the season. Several MCC members were joined by the park manager Collin O’Neal and Hope Crifo on picking up trash, drainage work, brush clipping and removal of a blowdown.

**Green Up** – 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. MCC member Barry Goodman handled the coordination and provided the data for the report to the Green Up Vermont organization. Thanks to the Middlesex road crew for providing the trucks and hauling the collected trash to the transfer station and to Bolduc’s Salvage for the metal recycling.

**Walt Kelley Park** – The MCC conducted a work day to control invasive exotic plants that have become established in portions of the wooded areas of the park. MCC members were joined by Anne Greensfelder, Susan Warren and Brendan Shepard in pulling Japanese barberry and some honeysuckle. Anne’s weed wrench was an invaluable tool for this effort. The MCC will monitor this site to determine the effectiveness of this control effort.

**3 Mile Bridge Road Parcels** – Two mobile homes flooded by Tropical Storm Irene have been the subject of a buyout by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The two parcels totaling about one acre of land will become public land providing access to the Winooski River. The MCC has been working with Town Clerk Sarah Merriman on this project which involves a conservation easement to be held by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The MCC will be drafting an interim

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management plan for the property and will be seeking public input on how the property might be used and managed in the future.

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*

*George Longenecker*

*Scott Gurley*

*Eric Seidel*

*Rich Langdon*

*Dave Shepard*

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### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 777**

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

In 2013 we had one Scout, Dave Koonz, earn his Eagle Rank. This is the highest rank a Scout can earn. His leadership project was to start the development of the Walter Kelley Park. He organized the construction of four picnic tables for the park, one of which is handicap accessible. In addition he purchased a grill which will be placed after the final excavation work is completed.

We hope to have another Scout complete his Eagle project in 2014. Look forward to hearing about his project and how you can help.

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 Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. If you have questions about the Boy Scout program or would like to join, call me at 229-6907

*Yours in scouting,*

*Jeff Koonz, Scoutmaster*

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 777

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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. Our Pack Website is: <https://sites.google.com/site/pack777middlesex/>.

In 2012, Pack 777 participated in many different activities including field trips to the Vermont Statehouse and Camp Sunrise in Benson VT, helping set up for Town Meeting by placing the handouts and providing candy on each chair, a snow-shoe hike at North Branch Nature Center, a woodworking night at Main Street Middle School and cleaning up Shady Rill Road in both directions from Rumney School for Green Up Day.

We held our Annual Pinewood 2013 Derby Race at the Middlesex Fire Station, with Bradley Benedict, Cole Hayes and Jackson Jagemann having the fastest cars this year. Our Pack held its first family camping trip at Lake Elmore State park and hiked Mt. Elmore and enjoyed the view. Our Webelos Den (4th/5th grade boys) joined Troops 777 and 701 at the Spring and Fall Camporees where the boys joined the older scouts in fun, but challenging activities which tested their mental, physical and teamwork skills.

New this year was a Cub Fun Day in the October where the boys participated in campfire cooking, archery, BB guns, rope making and knots and talked with a Washington County Sheriff. The Pack hiked the Harwood Union Cross-country trail and then celebrated with some creemes at Dairy Creme. The Tiger Den (1st Grade) visited the VT State Historical Museum and the Webelos den built and launched model rockets.

These activities are supported by the Middlesex and neighboring communities' support of our Annual Fall popcorn sale. This year, the pack had over \$4,600 in sales and donations which resulted in over \$1700 to support Cub Scouting here in Middlesex and another \$1400 to support Scouting in Vermont. We thank you for your continued support!

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 6:30-7:30pm 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*

*[Pack777middlesex@gmail.com](mailto:Pack777middlesex@gmail.com) • <https://sites.google.com/site/pack777middlesex/>*

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## MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Middlesex Historical Society was incorporated in November, 1993, to help townspeople understand and preserve the history of the people who have lived and worked in Middlesex, and the buildings, roads, cemeteries, institutions and culture of this community. Our current membership stands at over 200. Members meet three times per year

in January, May, and September to share photographs, memorabilia and stories; dates and times are posted on the Middlesex town website, 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 2013 included the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the town of Middlesex, and the 50th anniversary of the town's volunteer fire department. The sale of the Middlesex Village store to David Specht of Duxbury was also welcome news. Members enjoyed a spring presentation on central Vermont transportation systems by member Manny Garcia, and a fall excursion to Wrightsville Dam to survey maps that document the buildings that once stood there. Once again, members paid a visit to Rumney School 3rd and 4th graders to talk about Middlesex history. The fate of the village railroad station remains in limbo—who will step up to help save this building before its 100th birthday in 2018?

We still have about 80 copies of the first complete history of our community, *Middlesex in the Making*, co-authored by Patty Wiley and Sarah Seidman. Designed by resident Kate Alberghini, the book includes over 200 photographs as well as over 70 interviews with the town's oldest residents. It traces the history of the town from its earliest Abenaki roots to the changes of the 1950s and 60s. Copies can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office, at the Middlesex Historical Society table at Town Meeting, at the Red Hen bakery in the village, or through Bear Pond books in Montpelier.

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

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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*

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### MIDDLESEX LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

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

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

There were two sessions offered last summer, but only one session ran due to enrollment. This was also the case the previous summer. We will be working with Tracey Ellis, the aquatic director at First in Fitness, to see if there is an alternate time the second session can be offered, which may be more accommodating to working families' schedules. Any suggestions about this matter are welcome.

Thank you to the town residents for supporting this important program. The cost of the lessons, \$20.00 per child, was held to a minimum. We were able to do this even though there were increased costs for the Town to use the facility and staff.

<b>Balance from 2012:</b>	<b>\$1230.50</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1350.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	
2013 Town Contributions:	\$675.00
Fees Collected:	\$560.00
Payment made from funds:	\$675.00
<b>End Balance:</b>	<b>\$1115.50</b>

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Debbie Goodwin    debgoodwin@lycos.com*

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**TOWN LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) came in at 95.6% for 2013. This compares with 96.06% for 2012. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), which provides an indication of the uniformity of the Grand List assessments, computed at 10.97%. In comparison, the 2012 COD value was 7.66%. Both COD values are well below the Vermont average.

Taxable properties in town numbered 901 as of April 1, 2013, with a total town assessment of \$207,583,900. In comparison, as of April 1, 2012, there were 900 properties with a total town assessment of \$206,049,000.

Thirteen residential sales were recorded in Middlesex during the year ending March 31, 2013. The residential sales ranged from a house on a 0.2 acre lot on Vermont Route 12 for \$127,800, to a house and 2.5 acres on Notch Road for \$344,500. Residential sales included 11 detached, single-family homes and two new condominiums on Shady Rill Road. The condos sold for \$135,000 and \$141,000. There were six land sales in this same period ranging in price from \$10,000 for a half-acre on Bolduc Road to \$555,000 for a 225-acre parcel at the end of Nellie Chase Road. There were also three sales of commercial properties all located on Three Mile Bridge Road and Cross Road which ranged in sale prices from \$138,500 to \$1,145,800.

Overall, the real estate market in Middlesex remained fairly active during 2013 with residential sales holding their own and land sales tending generally on the downside.

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

*Middlesex Listers,  
Dick Alderman  
Eric Young  
Caleb Deane*

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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The Planning Commission completed the 2013-2017 Middlesex Town Plan which received final approval by town voters at the March 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

The Commission provided assistance to the Middlesex Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding a State Department of Buildings and General Services' application to construct a Therapeutic Community Residence at 1066 US Route 2 and a Strider Development, LLC application for a project on their property at 961 US Route 2.

A revision and update of the Middlesex Land Use & Development Regulations, as approved by town voters on March 1, 2011, was started. Articles 1 and 2 have been completed. The primary goal of the revision is to create clearer and more user-friendly zoning regulations. Once an initial draft is completed next year, public meetings will be scheduled for voter comment and input.

The new regulations are expected to be completed in time to be placed on the agenda of the March 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

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## TOWN MEETING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

### **Front Porch Forum**

This year our town's use of Front Porch Forum (FPF), Middlesex's free online "bulletin board," has continued, with about 100 new members and over 2,000 additional posts this year. As of January 2014, Middlesex's FPF had 908 members, out of an estimated 690 households. Since the Forum was started in June 2010 with a grant coordinated by the Solutions Committee, Middlesex's FPF has seen 7,784 posts. Neighbors have posted about everything from school board announcements to lost (and found) dogs, from road conditions to recipe collections. If you have email, you can join Front Porch Forum; it's free. Go to [www.FrontPorchForum.com](http://www.FrontPorchForum.com).

Middlesex was part of the first wave of towns outside of Chittenden County to adopt FPF. However, this year, FPF got a grant to go statewide, so it is now available in every town in Vermont (although some have adopted it more quickly than others). Front Porch Forum staff note that while FPF is a great place to air ideas and begin conversations, it's not the right place for ongoing, in-depth deliberation or debate. Vermont communities have found that this format is not designed for controversial discourse – that is better accomplished at face-to-face, facilitated meetings. The Solutions Committee is committed to creating additional venues for in-depth discussion of key issues (for example, the round-table discussions we have hosted in the past) and we actively welcome your additional suggestions and ideas for improving communication in Middlesex.

### **...And Other Community Communication**

Speaking of online communication, the Solutions Committee would like to applaud Town Clerk Sarah Merriman and Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis for creative use of FPF to get the word out about town issues, as well as for maintaining the Middlesex Website, [www.middlesexvermont.org](http://www.middlesexvermont.org). Our hats are also off to the Rumney School Board for using FPF and a variety of Rumney-related web locations to poll citizens and keep voters up-to-date on their facilities proposals (see links on the town website). Both the town and school continue to use the good ol' postal service and actual cork bulletin boards, so no one will be left out. However, if you use the internet, we encourage you also to visit these online sites regularly, as one more way to stay informed.

### **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

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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 in the meeting room.

Via phone and internet, remote participants are able to see, be seen, vote in show-of-hands and voice votes, hear and speak to the assembly from afar. Responses from both town meeting participants and remote participants have been very positive. If you or anyone you know would like to use this free service, please contact Susan Clark (number below). No technological expertise is necessary, and we can set you up with a computer if you need it.

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. While Middlesex's 2013 meeting did not have any remote participants, we generally have had 1-3 voters take advantage of the service in past years, and we will offer the service again at this year's meeting.

### **Middlesex Operator's Manual**

The Solutions Committee's Middlesex Operator's Manual: A Citizen's Guide to Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Town 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.

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

Other Solutions Committee pursuits have included: collaborating with the Rumney School Board to heighten understanding of school facilities planning; working with the Town Clerk's office 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!); supporting a Discretionary Funding Task Force to review town meeting funding requests to enable voters to make informed decisions; promoting child care for town meeting with the Rumney Community Connections program; helping coordinate the town meeting dinner that benefits the Middlesex Food Shelf (thanks to Liz Scharf, Rumney kitchen assistant, for volunteering her culinary skills!); offering transportation for town meeting; coordinating with the Town Clerk and Selectboard on a "welcome new voter" letter sent to people who were added to the Middlesex checklist this year, with information on town meeting and how to get involved in Middlesex issues; distributing "Town Meeting Tidbits" via Front Porch Forum and information on how to use "Robert's Rules of Order" at town meeting; and more.

Many thanks to the people who have served actively on the committee this year, including Ron Krauth, Tim Murphy, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, Barb

Whitchurch, and Greg Whitchurch. Thanks also for the interest and collaboration of the Middlesex Selectboard; Lauri Scharf; Dexter LeFavour; Chris McVeigh; John Riley; Dave Lawrence; 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. Participation can range from receiving minutes to attending meetings and being involved in specific projects; it's your call. For more information, please contact Susan Clark, phone 223-5824, e-mail sclark@sover.net.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Clark, Chair*

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### ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

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

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## MIDDLESEX BANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES ENTERS ITS NINTH YEAR

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Plans are underway for a ninth season of great music at the Martha Pellerin – Andy Shapiro Memorial Bandstand in Middlesex. For six consecutive Wednesdays from July 9 to August 13, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m., some of the best performers in Central Vermont and beyond will take the stage to entertain and inspire. On a clear night, with families picnicking in the meadow next to the Rumney School and scores of children running, playing and dancing...well, it doesn't get any better than that. Plans are in the works for wood-fired pizza, which was such a success in 2013.

Over the years, the Bandstand has hosted the likes of Tammy Fletcher, Will Patton, Myra Flynn, Dave Keller, Affinque, Colin McCaffrey, Kat Wright, Dave Grippo, Chad Hollister, Patti Casey, Vorcza, Michele Choiniere, Barika, Yankee Chank and many other local luminaries. Over the course of any season, the styles can span blues and bluegrass, folk and funk, classical and country and Quebécois, brass band music and just plain good time music—and all of it is free.

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

### **Our season-long gold sponsors—**

Bear Swamp Vets, Noyle W. Johnson Freelance Automotive, Middlesex Plumbing & Heating, Montpelier Construction, Universal Institute of Healing Arts, Creative Carpentry & Construction, Freelance Auto, Weathering Heights, Madtech Sound & Lovetown Recording, and Red Hen Baking Company.

### **And Our concert sponsors—**

Athena's Boutique, Bear Creek Environmental, Bolduc Salvage, Brian P. Graphics, Capitol Copy, Hartigans, Onion River Animal Hospital, Highland Gardens, Pease Farm Stable, and Splash Naturals.

### **Please thank them and patronage their businesses.**

And Thanks to all those who assisted or contributed in any way to last year's success. The members of the Bandstand Committee, who began planning this year's summer series during the polar vortex, will oversee this summer's events until the last amp is packed up and the power turned off—

Dick Alderman, Elliot Burg, Wendy Freundlich, Deorsha McDade, Mary Nealon, Margot Prendergast, and John Puleio.

More Info and to sponsor the series: 229-0881 or 223 - 7525  
Come to the Bandstand this summer, bring a friend!

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**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and 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 worked with Efficiency Vermont on the Home Energy Challenge assisting the 15 Central Vermont communities that joined the Challenge. The Commission's work continued this year with providing assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC received a grant to work with towns on assessing green infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws. CVRPC began its Regional Plan 2016 update process with its "Plan Central Vermont" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town through administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, updating parcel maps, providing updates to the Town Plan and its maps, and approving the Plan. CVRPC also assisted with the development of the Town's website, local hazard mitigation plan, culvert inventory, GIS-based road map, and provided an enhanced consultation on the Town's planning efforts.

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

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

*Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director*

*Ron Krauth, Commissioner*

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**CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District is made up of 18 member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. Anita Krauth represents Middlesex on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors.

In FY13, \$10,580.51 in Municipal Assistance Grants was provided; of that, Middlesex received \$1,500 for a tire dump cleanup. The CVSWMD also provided \$14,211.31 in School Zero Waste and Walbridge Reuse Grants, providing the Rumney School with a grant of \$505.92 to purchase reusable sauce cups.

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

- **Residential Composting:** We sell Green Cone food digesters and Soilsaver composting units at a reduced cost to district residents. We also gave several of them away in raffles.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has 95 participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated 2.6 million lbs. or 1307 tons of food scraps to composting facilities.
- **School Composting (part of our School Zero Waste Program):** All 24 public schools in the district participate in this program. Over the course of the 2012-2013 school year, our schools diverted an estimated 125.83 tons (251,705 lbs.) of high quality food scraps.  
Rumney Memorial School has diverted 3.332 tons of food scraps in FY13 alone!
- **Special Collections:** In 2013, nine events were held, in which we collected hazardous waste, electronics, textiles, tires and books.
- **Web Site:** We post useful information about what can be recycled, how to dispose of hazardous waste, and about our goal to move toward Zero Waste, including the “A to Z Guide,” dates and times of our special collections, and strategies for achieving a Zero Waste household.

**Contact:**

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
137 Barre Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602  
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## MIDDLESEX FOOD SHELF

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The Middlesex Food Shelf, housed in the basement of the Middlesex United Methodist Church, offers a range of food, toiletries, and pet food to residents of Middlesex and neighboring towns. As a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, the food shelf benefits from Foodbank training sessions and is also able to acquire food every week from the Barre distribution center at no cost and at discounted prices. The food shelf is open every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

In 2012, the church saw the need for help from other Middlesex residents in staffing the food shelf, and Pat Allen (a longtime guiding spirit of the food shelf along with her husband, Frank) put out a call for volunteers on the Front Porch Forum. In response, several Middlesex residents came forward; after receiving training from Pat, this wave of volunteers assumed the lion's share of the staffing duties. The number of volunteers grew again after the Annual Community Fall Harvest Dinner at Rumney School, and now about 25 Middlesex citizens are actively involved. Most of the newest volunteers are Rumney parents, and some of these are assisted by their children, who work alongside them during the Saturday hours.

On Saturday mornings, clients come into the food shelf and “register”—a process that requires them simply to identify their town of residence and the number of people in their household. In 2013, the food shelf had 515 such visits by a household. (These are not different households, of course, since most of the food shelf clients are returning visitors.) Based on the clients' reports of the size of their households, in 2013 the food shelf assisted individuals with their food needs a total of 1,447 times. The number of households visiting the food shelf each week increased over the four quarters of 2013 from an average of 8 in the first quarter to 9 in the second, 10 in the third, and 13 in the fourth. About 40% of the households are Middlesex households.

The food shelf derives most of its revenue from the Rumney fall dinner. Individual monetary donations throughout the year supplement that source. To make a deductible donation, there is a handy jar on the Town Clerk's desk, or you can send a check payable to “Middlesex Food Shelf” to the Middlesex Food Shelf, Middlesex United Methodist Church, 10 Church St., Middlesex, VT 05602. Food donations are invaluable not just for the sake of the budget but for the variety they contribute to the shelves. A food donation box is in the entryway to the Town Clerk's office and another is in the lobby of Rumney School. Items that are always needed: soups, tuna, and, if you raise chickens, fresh eggs, which can be dropped off at Rumney. Fresh produce is best delivered to the food shelf just before the beginning of a Saturday session—between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

The food shelf is grateful to the church for hosting the food shelf; to Red Hen Bread for its weekly contribution of bread; to Pawsitive Pantry of Waitsfield for keeping us stocked in pet food; to the U.S. Postal Service employees of Moretown and the Montpelier Food Coop for their food drives; and to the many Middlesex residents whose wonderful generosity makes the food shelf possible.

**THE MILFORD M. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

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

The Middlesex Select Board, 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, 2014, directly to the Middlesex Select Board.

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

*Submitted by,  
Sarah Seidman, executrix*

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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Vermont Sheriffs and their Offices, having been set forth by our Constitution, were the original law enforcement for each County. There have been many changes in law enforcement since the time the Constitution has been written. Many communities have their own police force or have coverage provided by the Vermont State Police. Sheriffs, by Vermont law, are tasked with service of civil process and transporting prisoners. All other law enforcement functions provided by the Sheriff's Office are by contract or agreement. This allows Sheriffs' Departments to contract with Towns to provide law enforcement coverage.

In Washington County we have contracts with 10 towns for varying amounts of coverage. Our contracts provide motor vehicle patrols to assist with keeping highways and roadways safe for the motoring and pedestrian traffic as well as for visibility in the community. The Department has an agreement with the State Police in Middlesex to be the first responder to serious complaints received by the State Police, if we are patrolling in the area or nearby and are requested by the State Police to respond.

The Sheriff's Department does not provide 24/7 police coverage or take criminal complaints as part of our contracts. If complaints arise, citizens should call the Vermont State Police for immediate assistance. Although our main function is not primary law enforcement coverage, we take great pride in being able to be part of keeping the citizens and visitors within the County safe.

During FY 13 the Department wrote 995 Vermont Traffic Citations and documented involvement in 358 incidents. The Department transported 699 persons and received requests to serve 2877 pieces of Civil Process.

The Department has a full time staff of 10 deputies and two office staff and a part time roster of 28 deputies. With this staffing the Department transports prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles; provides court security; provides construction and security details and serves civil process. We also make a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the ten (10) patrol contracts with towns within the County and through Grant Funding from The Governor's Highway Safety Program for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). The Department is also involved in START patrols, to curb teen alcohol use. We also have an active Snowmobile Patrol, which due to snow fall last winter deployed very little. The Department also provided security for the FEMA Office in Montpelier, during the fall and winter, until the office closed.

In the past fiscal year we continue reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Safety class at the East Montpelier School and giving demonstrations of the "rollover convincer" (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at community events. During

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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 2013 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 2012.

On March 1, 2013 a 13 year veteran of the Department retired. Sgt. Bruce McClure ended his long career in law enforcement. Sgt. McClure retired from the Vermont State Police, to become the Chief of Northfield, VT Police Department. After leaving the Chief's position, Bruce received a commission at the Sheriff's Department. After well over 40 years of law enforcement service Bruce is going to take some time to enjoy his family and ride his Harley.

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

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
23V1004	INTERSTATE HIGHWAY REGULATIONS	1
23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	6
23V1048	STOP/YIELD INTERSECTIONS	11
23V1081B	BASIC RULE >50 MPH	2
23V1125	OBSTRUCTING WINDSHIELDS	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	7
23V301	NO REGISTRATION	1
23V511	DISPLAY OF PLATES	1
23V676AB	DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED	3
23V800A	INSURANCE CERTIFICATE	2
7V656	MINOR POSSESSING ALCOHOL /1ST	1
<b>Report Totals</b>		<b>36</b>

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

<b>Observed Offense</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
ANPR Animal Problem	2
ASST Agency Assist	1
MAST Motorist Assistance	2
<b>Total Incidents for This Agency:</b>	<b>5</b>

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

*Professionally,*  
*W. Samuel Hill, Sheriff*

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**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT**


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The summer of 2013 was a great summer if not a little rainy. It started out with warm weather and little rain that encouraged plenty of people to come and enjoy the beach. This was our 2nd year with the full 18 hole disc golf course that brought people from around VT to come and play. The nice weather continued all the way into August and the attendance at the beach was consistent.

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 weekly disc golf league, hosted a variety of day camps and community programs, held the 4th annual Wrightsville Beach Disk Golf Tournament and the 5th annual Green Mountain Water Skiers Tournament.

We also made improvements to the access paths to the ticket booth and beach by adding two benches and replacing grass surfaces with gravel.

The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreational experience for all recreation area users. This required continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements. The following figures summarize the District's financial operations from January 1, 2013 through year's end:

**Revenue**

Washington Electric	\$ 9,500
Municipal Assessments	\$ 6,683
Season's User Fees	\$18,050
Prior year's carryover	\$ 7,159
Prior year's reserves	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$45,392</b>

**Expenditures**

Personnel	\$33,235
Maintenance	\$3,602
Operating	\$2,552
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$39,389</b>

The District has tried to set aside a reserve contribution each year of \$2,000 to use for capital improvements and the purchase of equipment, as needed. The balance in this account at the end of 2013 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

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whether there will be a carryover from one year to the next. The dues for 2014 remain at the maximum currently allowed of \$.50 per capita.

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

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

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

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## **ARTICLE 9: CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION**

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Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided free basic education and literacy instruction to adults and teens in Middlesex for 48 years. Last year, CVABE served six Middlesex residents and has, on average, provided services to six or seven Middlesex residents each year for the past decade.

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

CVABE's funding request of \$1,000 represents 8% of CVABE's 2012-2013 fiscal year cost for tutoring the six students. This request is on par with the average funding from nearby towns such as Moretown, Waterbury and Montpelier. State and federal government contributions make up 77% of CVABE's funding. To secure the remaining 23% - more than \$332,000 - CVABE must rely on local community support which includes funding from individual towns, individuals, businesses and other sources of income.

Last year, three volunteers from Middlesex were among CVABE's volunteer network. There are six CVABE learning centers including one in Waterbury and another in Montpelier. With CVABE's basic education instruction, many Middlesex residents are gaining academic skills and credentials for employment and to improve their lives.

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**Funding request: \$1,000**

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## ARTICLE 10: CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

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

In 2013, approximately 40 Middlesex residents received 1,309 home visits for skilled and high-tech nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapies, aide and attendant care, case management, and homemaker services. Of that total, 485 received home health care, 183 were in hospice, 675 benefitted from long-term care and 16 received maternal child health help. The total does not include all the Middlesex residents who benefitted from health promotion activities such as flu shots, foot care, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings.

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

Other sources of funding include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, grants and three annual CVHHH-sponsored fund-raising events as well as private donations from the community. Past board members include Middlesex resident Lindsay Kurrle and current board member Mary Hood.

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**Funding request: \$3,750**

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**ARTICLE 11: THE FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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

Among the 79 Middlesex individuals who benefitted from the Family Center's programs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 were:

- 11 who consulted the center's child care and resource referral services.
- 6 families who received assistance paying for child care
- 3 licensed and registered child-care providers who consulted the center's Provider Support services.
- 20 children and 17 adults who participated in the center's playgroups which are free, open to all families with children ages birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements.
- 3 children who attended the center's 4 STARS Early Childhood Education Program
- 9 individuals served by the center's specialized Home Visiting services
- 1 individual who received employment training in the center's Family Works program.

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

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**Funding request: \$500**

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**ARTICLE 12: GIRLS/BOYZ FIRST MENTORING**

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Girls/Boyz First Mentoring is a community-based mentoring program that has served youth in central Vermont for the past 16 years. Its mission is to make a positive impact on the youth the organization serves, to increase healthy behaviors and to decrease substance abuse. Matches meet weekly and spend time together doing activities together in the community. Although the initial match requirement is one year, most pairs stay together for 3-10 years. In the sixteen years that Girls/Boyz First Mentoring has served central Vermont, 26 Middlesex youth have had mentors and nine Middlesex adults have been mentors. Last year in Middlesex, 10 mentees and two adult mentors participated in its program.

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

For the past 12 years Girls/Boyz First Mentoring has been very fortunate to have received federal grants, but they have now ended. The organization receives some state funding, some community donations and individual donations. The \$1500 amount that Girls/Boyz First Mentoring is requesting is the cost of one mentoring match for one year. This cost includes, but is not limited to, recruitment, matching, background checks, events and programs and supervision. With the support of the central Vermont community, Girls/Boyz First will be able to sustain its program and build a diversified and stable base.

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**Funding request: \$1,500**

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**ARTICLE 13: KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY**

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The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is a private, non-profit corporation that serves as a free public library. Founded in 1894, the granite library at the corner of Main and School streets in Montpelier is open six days a week when anyone is free to borrow books, use the free internet service and attend various programs.

The library's collection has expanded to become the second largest in Vermont, offering 77,508 items including books, DVDs, audiobooks and magazines. In addition, 17,796 internet user sessions were initiated last year, boosted by the installation of a fiber optic network through the Fiber Connect Project that was conducted with the Vermont Department of Libraries, and wireless connectivity.

In 2013, the library had 727 active Middlesex patrons who attended programs and borrowed 15,181 items (8.8% of the library's total circulation). Except for Montpelier, which pays a higher rate, funding is based on per-capital population. Of the library's revenue, 48% comes from Montpelier, Middlesex, East Montpelier, Calais and Worcester. Although Middlesex represents 12% of the patrons, Kellogg-Hubbard Library is asking the town to contribute 6% of its revenue. (The other 52% comes through the library foundation which is made up of an endowment, grants and fundraising.)

Since 2011, the library has decreased its operating budget by \$118,000, lowering it to \$860,000. Therefore, Kellogg-Hubbard is asking the five-member communities to level fund their contributions this year. For Middlesex, this means a request of \$26,800. Middlesex resident Michael Katzenberg is the town's representative for the library and a member of its Board of Trustees.

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**Funding request: \$26,800**

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**ARTICLE 14: MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

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

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

Last year, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center served 34 Middlesex residents, though that number did not include the estimated 20 others whom the center estimates attended the free events and meals.

Middlesex members pay lower annual dues than do members from non-supporting towns. The center's funding request of \$3,400 is based on \$100 per Montpelier Senior Activity Center member in Middlesex.

This year's request is a substantial increase over last year's request of \$1,050 for the following reasons: increased cost of operations at the Barre Street facility, increasing Middlesex membership, increasing pressure from Montpelier City Council to get more equitable funding for services to non-Montpelier residents, and an amended strategy to bring overall supporting town funding (from Middlesex and four other towns in the U-32 School District) up to 21% of the public funding revenue.

In fiscal year 2014, for example, monies from the supporting towns constituted 4.7% of the overall public funding while Montpelier tax dollars accounted for 95.3%.

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**Funding request: \$3,400**

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**ARTICLE 15: NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER**

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North Branch Nature Center has been Washington County's only environmental education center for over 15 years. A non-profit organization, its mission is to "connect people of all ages to the natural world." To that end, 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.

Located on Route 12 in Montpelier, the trails at the Nature Center are open all year, 24-hours a day, at no fee. There is also trail access to Hubbard Park and the North Branch River Park (via a footbridge over the North Branch) which offers extended opportunities for hiking and exploring. The Nature Center also has a "Critter Room" with live reptiles, amphibians and other animals which is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no admission fees.

While the Nature Center does not record the town of residence for short-duration programs, most of these participants come from Montpelier and surrounding communities. The total attendance for these programs in 2013 was 1,800.

However, 15 Middlesex residents participated in the longer-duration programs (such as summer camp and the Trekkers after school program) which primarily served youth. Those 15 Middlesex residents enjoyed 450 hours of outdoor, nature-based activities and benefitted from \$1,047 in scholarships awarded to Middlesex children.

Middlesex continues to be a focal area for the Nature Center's Amphibian Monitoring Program in which 38 Spotted Salamanders and 30 other amphibian species were rescued on a single night in 2013. The Nature Center's executive director, Chip Darmstadt, lives in Middlesex, as do two board members.

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

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**Funding request: \$1,000**

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**ARTICLE 16: RSVP**

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RSVP is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over, providing them with a vehicle to use talents they've acquired over the years or to learn new skills while volunteering. During the previous year, RSVP of Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom involved 832 volunteers who contributed over 84,580 hours of service by performing a wide range of tasks, from tutoring to volunteering in hospitals, transporting patients and participating in blood drives – even flood recovery.

Last year, six Middlesex residents provided 89 hours of service through RSVP to Friends of the Vermont State House and the Montpelier Food Pantry. Funding for RSVP pays for placement and referral services, insurance and mileage reimbursement as well as various training opportunities.

Other funding sources include the federal government (49%), the state of Vermont (15%), United Way of Lamoille County (4%), town funds (10%) and in-kind contributions as well as local fundraising. Middlesex resident Mary Just Skinner of Middlesex serves on the RSVP Advisory Council while Sarah Semler serves as a coordinator for the other program RSVP operates, the Vermont Senior Companion Program.

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

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**Funding request: \$750**

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**ARTICLE 17: MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

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Community Connections is in the midst of its 13th year providing afterschool opportunities for students and adults of all ages in Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. The goal of Community Connections is to make a positive difference in the lives of the area's youth, to support academic achievement, encourage healthy behaviors and decrease substance abuse.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Community Connections enrolled 89 K-6th grade Rumney students, 55% of the total student body. Of those, 33 participated in the before-school morning programs, 15 signed up for summer camps and 32 came to in-service day camps. In addition, 15 enrolled in the Community Connections Homework Club.

Community Connections offers a variety of programs including the following: archery, fitness, swimming Brazilian Capoeira dance, African Kokoba drumming, international studies, community cooking, book club, community service, arts and crafts, yoga, team building games, geocaching, literary magazine, Mad Scientist, Lego robotics, skiing, snowshoeing and other activities.

Rumney is in the second year of a \$33,551 grant from the Children's Trust Foundation to enhance programing Community Connections provides to students in grades 3 through 6. Community Connections plans to continue seeking grant support for this program.

Summer 2013 was the second year that Community Connections hosted the Summer Food Service Program in conjunction with its summer camps. The program helps fill a nutritional gap for families who rely on school meals during the year. A total of 2,998 meals were served between June 24 and August 16. Community Connections also partnered with the Central Vermont New Directions Coalition in offering Girls/Boyz First Mentoring which included five Middlesex mentors and seven mentees in 2013.

Community Connections relies on local support since grant funding has ended.

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**Funding request: \$3,000**

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

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**Vermont & The New Hampshire Upper Valley Region**

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

Over the past two years, we have been focusing on disaster preparedness, specifically working to help communities become better prepared when a disaster strikes. This program is called the Local Disaster Shelter Initiative and its purpose is to offer each town in our region the training, support, and supplies to open its own emergency shelter during times of disaster when outside assistance is not available. To date, 40 communities have joined this initiative and dozens more are taking steps to participate.

From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, Washington County Red Cross volunteers responded to 13 incidents involving Middlesex's neighbors, providing food and clothing to a family of two after a fire on Old Gulf Road in Moretown, for example. And in Montpelier, the Red Cross provided hotel stays, food and clothing and storage containers after a fire on County Road. A family of two was provided a hotel stay and food after a fire on Minister Brook.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on the financial support of individuals, businesses and local communities. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$250 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like the Town of Middlesex.

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**Funding request: \$250**

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**CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL**

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Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC helps people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 17,753 people in 9,264 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, workforce training, healthcare navigation, ongoing disaster relief, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 32 Middlesex households representing 75 individuals this past year included:

- Thirty individuals in 12 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the local food shelf.
- Eleven households with 32 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from CVCAC Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- Five individuals in two households received case management services related to ongoing disaster recovery from Spring 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene flooding, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.

This year, the Community Action Council is requesting funding of \$249. Community Action thanks the residents of Middlesex for their generous support.

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**Funding request: \$249**

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**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

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The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization that last year provided free services to 20 Middlesex residents in addition to answering the calls of 59 older Middlesex residents who requested assistance from the CVCOA Senior HelpLine. Some senior citizens participated in the congregate and/or home-delivered meals program which is a contracted service with the Waterbury Senior Center. Additionally CVCOA's contract with GMTA provides rides to and from meal programs, doctors' appointments and medical treatments (cancer, dialysis, etc.) or for other needs such as shopping and trips to the pharmacy.

CVCOA's principal sources of revenue are federal funds from the Older Americans Act of 1965 (53%) and state funds from the Vermont Legislature (41%). Most state funding is designated as a "match" to draw down the Older Americans Act funds. The rest of its revenue is derived from town funds, client donations, grants and other fundraising efforts.

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

CVCOA is grateful to the town of Middlesex for its continued support over a long period of time.

**Contact:**

Middlesex Case Manager Dan Brown – (802) 476-0166  
Beth Stern, CVCOA Executive Director  
59 North Main Street, Suite 200  
Barre, VT 05641  
Website: [www.cvcoa.org](http://www.cvcoa.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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**CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

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

CVEDC assists in the retention and expansion of area businesses. It also provides advisory services, education and information to the local business community through informational workshops, seminars and confidential one on one meetings.

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

This year, CVEDC is requesting \$250 from the Town of Middlesex. While it is hard to definitively determine how many Middlesex businesses CVEDC has assisted, CVEDC last year worked with 80 businesses, many of which employed Middlesex residents. For example, CVEDC is in contact with Don and Lise Wexler, developers who revamped the old Camp Meade on Route 2.

CVEDC employs a staff of one full-time and one three-quarter-time people. The current CVEDC board president is Peter Hood, chairman of the Middlesex Select Board.

CVEDC is most grateful for the town's support.

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$250**

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## CIRCLE

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

During the previous fiscal year of 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) Circle provided the following services to individuals who self-identified as Middlesex residents:

- Advocates responded to 42 hotline calls from callers who self-identified as being Middlesex residents
- 5 individuals residing in Middlesex received assistance filing for temporary protection orders
- 1 woman from Middlesex received housing advocacy
- 1 Middlesex individual received support as their (ex) partner faced criminal charges
- 3 Middlesex residents received child-related services

In addition, Circle staff and volunteers responded to 5,399 hotline calls, an average of 449 calls per month, thereby representing an increase of 4% from the year before. Shelter services were provided to 32 women and 27 children for a total of 1,326 bed nights and Circle's prevention programs reached 2,055 students in Washington County through 79 presentations and long-term support groups.

Also:

- Advocates provided support to 108 plaintiffs during hearings to see final relief from abuse orders and assisted 111 individuals filing for temporary orders.
- Circle's Court Education Program was presented to 261 individuals and 61 people benefited from the one-on-one support of the Court Hour Program.
- Over 1,500 people received direct services from Circle which is maintained by trained staff and volunteers.

**Contact:**

Carolyn Baker  
Direct Service Coordinator  
P.O. Box 652  
Barre, VT 05641  
Administrative office: (802) 476-6010  
24-hour toll-free HOTLINE: 1-877-543-9498

**Funding request: \$199**

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**GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (GMTA)**

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

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

In fiscal year 2013, 12 Middlesex residents received ongoing Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled transportation services, equaling 327 trips and 6,219 total miles traveled. Service included trips to essential locations such as those listed under Individual Services. The Town of Middlesex also received direct service from the Waterbury Commuter, Plainfield Health Shuttle and Snow Cap Commuter.

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

**Contact:**

Tawnya Kristen, GMTA Community Relations Manager

GMTA

6088 VT Route 12

Berlin, VT 05602

802.223.7287

Website: [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org)

Email: [info@gmtaride.org](mailto:info@gmtaride.org)

**Funding request: \$199**

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## GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for 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.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of its budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of Green Up’s budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees.

Please mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, the first Saturday in May.

**Contact:**

Green Up Vermont  
PO Box 1191  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802) 229-4586 or (800) 974-3259  
Website: [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)  
Email: [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

**Funding request: \$100**

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## HOME SHARE NOW

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

In the last fiscal year, Home Share Now helped 567 people find affordable housing and supported 61 people in home sharing matches. In 2011, five people from Middlesex received general assistance from Home Share Now; in 2012 that number rose to seven and in 2013, 11 Middlesex residents were served.

Home Share Now's annual operating expenses for the most recent fiscal year were \$207,504. Of that, 22% came from foundations, corporations and community organizations, 67% from the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, 2% municipal appropriations, 6% individual donation and 3% participant fees.

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

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

**Contact:**

Christina Goodwin, Executive Director  
Home Share Now  
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Barre, Vermont 05641  
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Email: [cgoodwin@homesharenow.org](mailto:cgoodwin@homesharenow.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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**PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC**

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The mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured Central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. While patients must have household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, 83% of patients at the People's Health & Wellness Clinic are below 185% of that limit. This equates to a gross income of \$21,257 for an individual, \$28,694 for a couple.

In addition to medical visits, People's Health & Wellness assists with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, free pharmaceuticals and enrollment in health-care programs as well as smoking cessation and diabetes education classes. Over 60 volunteers of traditional and alternative medicine provide their services.

The implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act and the creation of Vermont's Health Care Exchange called Vermont Health Connect last year has meant the disappearance of the Catamount Health Assistance Plan and the Vermont Health Access Plan. VHC, meanwhile, does not offer dental insurance for adults. The clinic continues to participate in helping its patients navigate these new changes.

The People's Health & Wellness Clinic thanks the residents of Middlesex for their support. Funding from Middlesex helps the clinic leverage additional funding from foundation and corporation grants.

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

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$200**

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**SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM**

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

SACT operates using paid staff and volunteers. During 2012-13, the organization had five volunteers and five part-time stipend, paid hotline staff from local communities who were trained to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline calls. SACT received 1,978 calls in 2012-13 and provided services to 186 new clients and three people who had accessed SACT before. Such clients suffered from a variety of abuse including sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, pornography and human trafficking.

During the 2012-13 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 59 people including 41 adult females, 9 adult males and nine children for a total of 658 bed nights. Because of the need to protect client confidentiality, SACT does not identify from which towns the clients originated.

Due to a 10% decrease in federal funding, this year SACT is requesting \$50 more from Middlesex taxpayers for a total of \$245.

**Contact:**

Bobbi Gagne, Executive Director  
The Sexual Assault Crisis Team  
4 Cottage Street  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
Office: (802) 476-1388  
Hotline: (802) 479-5577  
Email: SACTW@aol.com

**Funding request: \$245**

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## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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

During fiscal year 2013, VABVI served 1,417 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including one adult in Middlesex, and 114 adults and 24 students in Washington County.

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

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

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

VABVI has also earned a reputation for managing its funding prudently. During fiscal year 2013, 90 cents of every dollar donated to VABVI was spent directly on services to clients and students.

**Contact:**

Ayeshah Raftery, Director of Development  
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
10 Main Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802) 828-5997  
Website: [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org)

**Funding request: \$249**

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## VERMONT CARES

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

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

The sources of Vermont CARES's funding is as follows: \$331,632 federal, \$251,519 state, \$55,000 foundations, \$48,708 fundraising events, \$45,574 other, \$41,795 direct mail, \$9,000 corporate, and \$5,610 municipal.

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

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

**Contact:**

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Vermont CARES  
58 East State Street, Suite 3  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
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Email: [david@vtcares.org](mailto:david@vtcares.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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**VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

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

For fiscal year 2013 (October 2012 to September 2013), VCIL responded to over 2,218 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 310 people to help improve their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 173 households with information on technical assistance and 428 people received meals through Meals on Wheels for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

During FY 2013, two residents of Middlesex received services from the following programs: Information Referral and Assistance and Meals on Wheels with over \$2,800 spent on meals for Middlesex residents. VCIL is requesting \$195 from the Town of Middlesex to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier. There are also five branch offices around Vermont.

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$195**

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**VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE**

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For the past 15 years, the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council has been managing the Vermont Dry Hydrant Program. During this period, 930 grants totaling \$1.9 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair after the floods of 2011.

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

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

Dry hydrants assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life and damage to property by providing sources of water that might otherwise be inaccessible to fire department tankers. Between 1998 and 2013, four dry hydrant grants have been bequeathed to Middlesex residents out of 790 Dry Hydrant Grants statewide. An affiliated task force estimates that the program will need to exist for at least three years to accomplish its goals state wide.

**Contact:**

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

**Funding request: \$100**

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## THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM, INC.

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

Diversion is a voluntary and confidential alternative to the formal court process for certain juvenile and adult offenders over age 10. Cases are referred to Diversion by the State's Attorney on an individual basis.

In fiscal year 2013, ten Middlesex residents participated in the Diversion program by engaging in restorative justice to make amends for their wrongdoing by addressing the needs of the victim(s), the community and the offender(s). Of those, one accessed the Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP). TASP participants are held accountable for violating under-age drinking laws by participating in community service, undergoing substance abuse testing and attending several classes. They are referred to treatment if needed.

While Washington County Diversion receives funding from the state and participants, there is a gap of approximately \$30 per individual that is not covered by base funding. Since 10 Middlesex residents used Diversion last year, the program multiplied that number by \$30 and rounded down to \$250 in formulating its request.

**Contact:**

Catherine Kalkstein  
Washington County Diversion Program, Inc.  
322 North Main Street, Suite 5  
Barre, VT 05641  
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Email: [Catherine@wcdp-vt.org](mailto:Catherine@wcdp-vt.org)

**Funding request: \$250**

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**THE WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU**

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

The bureau's mission is to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont. In 2013, 35 Middlesex citizens were served by the bureau in various ways. Of those, 15 were teenagers who accessed the Basement Teen Center and three were teens who received ongoing substance abuse treatment. Six were youths and their families who were assisted by the County Roads Program which provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling and temporary shelter for youths who are runaways, homeless or in crisis, and two teens participated in the Transitional Living Program for people between the ages of 16 and 21 who are learning to live on their own. In addition, one teen (and one child) participated in the Teen Parent Program.

The Youth Service Bureau's request of \$175 roughly represents \$5 per Middlesex person served. Most of the bureau's funding comes from federal government and state grants, private foundation grants, insurance, private donations, fundraising and towns. No funds from Middlesex will be used to pay for administrative expenses; they will go entirely to youth services.

**Contact:**

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Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club  
PO Box 627  
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Montpelier, Vermont 05601  
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Email: [wcysb@wcysb.org](mailto:wcysb@wcysb.org)

**Funding request: \$175**

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**TOWN & SCHOOL PROJECTED WAGES**


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Salary Projection for the 2014- 2015  
Budget

**Listers**

Alderman, Richard	\$2,629
Dean, Caleb	\$0
Young, Eric	\$3,943
Animal Control Officer	\$1,583
Cerminara, Paul A	\$51,154
Fitch, Bruce	\$41,044
Porter, Edmund	\$43,165
Files, Jay	\$41,044

**Administration**

Gillis, Maryke	\$13,241
Carlson, Cindy	\$4,142
Merriman, Sarah	\$38,427
Lewis, Patti	\$12,627
Health Officer	\$500
Fire Warden	\$250
Fire Department Assistant	\$999
Hood, Peter	\$750
Skinner, Mary Just	\$600
Callnan, William	\$600
Alexander, Mary	\$600
Martin, Steve	\$600
Fire Department Stipends	\$3,000

**Rumney Memorial School**

Salary & Benefit Projection  
As of December 17, 2013

**Projected Salaries**

Anderson Sorsha	\$29,430
Blodgett Diane	\$6,989
Breidenstein Joanne	\$23,007
Brower Margaret	\$10,261
Campbell Jennifer	\$40,145
Caswell Lauren	\$40,290
Collier Heather	\$13,361
Comtess Peter	\$13,363
Costello Diana	\$58,798
Crandell Rebecca	\$58,882
Danyew Christa	\$22,403
Dillon Sara	\$26,192
Dion Heather	\$56,612
Domanski Maribeth	\$65,186
Donovan Jennifer	\$32,300
Emmons Linda	\$57,557
Farber Katherine	\$60,679
Grossi Sharon	\$33,790
Hait Theresa	\$48,870
Hedler Chip	\$42,867
Israel Martha	\$38,309
Johnson Leslie	\$39,310
Joslyn Tamara	\$22,456
Leblanc Loralyn	\$60,629
Lyle Chaplin Jessica	\$26,068
Lynde Debra	\$24,959
Lynde Robert	\$4,038
Pratt Haley	\$17,934
McGlynn Margrith	\$35,329
Ratazzi Robin	\$19,677
Rosen Adam	\$85,933
Scharf Liz	\$17,712
Sheldon Megan	\$31,606
Smart Julie	\$46,348
Trapani Paul	\$33,408
Weiss Benjamin	\$57,557
White Tamara	\$19,074
Woodard Lynne	\$35,279

**Total****\$1,356,608**

**U32 School District**

Salary & Benefit Projection  
As of November 17, 2013

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

**Projected Salaries**

Abbiati Judy	\$62,923	Crossett Paula	\$49,943
Albee Brian	\$48,433	Cueto Linda	\$20,662
Allen Beth	\$9,475	Dalmasse Denise	\$67,380
Angel Laure	\$50,111	David Beatrice	\$52,509
Antonucci John	\$52,593	Davis Elizabeth	\$22,253
Balch Stephen	\$40,236	Dean Fletcher	\$21,918
Barwicz Jessica	\$50,745	DeCicco Sally	\$3,946
Barrows Stephen	\$64,112	Decker Anne	\$49,598
Bashaw Mary	\$21,813	Deguzzman Jodi	\$18,686
Bazis David	\$47,377	Dentith Susan	\$64,507
Bennett Eric	\$42,077	Desch Marguerite	\$64,507
Bickford Judy	\$64,507	Devries Aanika	\$56,316
Bird Alden	\$50,111	Divelbliss Brian	\$57,725
Blackburn Christopher	\$59,307	Dolan Paula	\$8,441
Blakely Xiomara	\$30,359	Doney Kevin	\$78,280
Blodgett Diane	\$10,609	Dorsey Lillis Ellen	\$25,055
Boulanger Chantal	\$30,965	Doyle Shawn	\$34,410
Brown Ronald	\$61,239	Dugger Lloyd	\$46,136
Bruno Barbarann	\$22,815	Dunn William	\$38,524
Bushey Charles	\$63,860	Dwire Jody	\$9,253
Carey Bodo	\$68,370	Dwyer Colleen	\$33,866
Carpenter Kelly	\$18,686	Dy Krista	\$50,111
Cate Weston III	\$26,877	Emerson Jody	\$72,000
Chaloux Sandra	\$47,377	Emery Paula	\$57,557
Chaplin Mark	\$66,257	Fair Patricia	\$30,598
Chartrand Kristine	\$43,906	Ferguson Kristie	\$41,781
Chase Betty	\$20,236	Ferris Sheryl	\$36,743
Chouinard Bonnie	\$33,067	Fitch Lesley	\$47,893
Clark-Warner Heather	\$19,855	Flynn Margaret	\$53,834
Collier Rachel	\$50,111	Flynn Timothy	\$84,644
Cook George	\$58,798	Fournier Dennis	\$44,976
Cook Vicki	\$22,340	French Adam	\$51,693
Cooke Ellen	\$62,923	Gadapee Bonnie	\$57,557
		Galligan-Baldwin Erin	\$49,943
		Gandin Dan	\$61,239
		Gandin Tracy	\$39,954
		Garand Laura	\$21,495
		Garand Travis	\$19,064
		Garcia Joan	\$26,146
		Garrity Leigh	\$62,923
		Gerritt Keith	\$111,496
		Gillis Nicole	\$47,629
		Gilman Tina	\$15,583
		Gora Peter	\$24,211
		Grace Caroline	\$51,693

Greene Daniel	\$70,113	Newcomb Sharon	\$69,016
Griggs Janine	\$19,471	Niles Stephanie	\$14,899
Grow Roger	\$47,377	Orellana Riena	\$13,749
Guiffre Catherine	\$56,316	Palmer Victoria	\$52,509
Gunther Grant	\$31,442	Papineau Amy	\$23,064
Hannigan David	\$39,923	Paris Maria	\$58,798
Harris Scott	\$48,870	Parrott Diane	\$19,646
Hart Molly	\$43,906	Peck Douglas	\$1,794
Heintz Benjamin	\$56,316	Perry Brittany	\$55,860
Hilferty John	\$49,943	Pollock Pamela	\$20,662
Hill MaryEllen	\$28,291	Poplawski Virginia	\$23,263
Hiller Johanna	\$47,629	Post Deborah	\$24,685
Hoermann Tammy	\$26,074	Pryce Susan	\$49,943
Horowitz Michael	\$57,557	Randall Nanci	\$25,697
Houston Glenn	\$52,468	Reichert Jason	\$58,224
Hungerford Richard	\$52,443	Saxe Kenneth	\$64,507
Hurley Kevin	\$30,725	Schaeffer Nicolle	\$48,786
Ingersoll Jennifer	\$36,185	Simmons Mary Ellen	\$58,966
Jarvis Katie	\$46,800	Singleton Dorothy	\$18,686
Jarvis Lucas	\$17,174	Skoglund Benjamin	\$53,834
Jones Barrett Nicholas	\$47,377	Slade Jodie	\$19,471
Kalman Abbey	\$42,665	Slopey Brian	\$70,328
Kelly Siobhan	\$19,471	Smith Trudy	\$22,815
Kiefer Julie	\$66,536	St. Peter Hollis	\$49,943
Koenigbauer Amy	\$50,105	Stevens Debra	\$20,662
Lakey John	\$39,463	Thomas Gillian	\$42,145
Lakey Sam	\$32,865	Towne Stephen	\$60,272
Lamberti Sheryl	\$22,144	Van Eyck-Sutton Catherine	\$48,870
Lang Roderick	\$18,657	VanDeren Lauren	\$39,442
LaPlante Lisa	\$84,456	Verchereau-Staab Suzanne	\$29,248
Leiberman Karen	\$25,055	Violette Daniel	\$9,682
Levine Judd	\$65,057	Volinsky Sarah	\$64,228
Magoon Heather	\$25,046	Wade Adrian	\$28,879
Martin Tracy	\$40,236	Walker Katherine	\$65,057
Mayette Sue Anne	\$64,507	Wendel Devin	\$38,518
McCann Katherine	\$61,957	Wheelock Ann	\$41,608
McCord Denise	\$64,507	Wiese Kathy	\$66,257
McGinnis Devan	\$28,063	Williams Christopher	\$58,798
McMahon William	\$30,965	Williams Dylan	\$50,195
McNaulty William	\$32,218	Wilmott Margaret	\$9,948
Mitchell Spencer	\$51,338	Wolf Sara	\$20,073
Mitchell Susan	\$19,855	Wourinen Jeffrey	\$21,827
Molina Amanda	\$76,918		
Mooney Erin	\$56,484	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,966,970</b>

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**MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

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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 4, 2014 from 10 A.M. through 7 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following School Directors:

One (1) School Director    One (1) Year of a Two (2) Year Term  
One (1) School Director    Two (2) Year Term  
One (1) School Director    Three (3) Year Term

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Middlesex Town School District will vote to adopt a budget of \$2,575,355 for the 2014-2015 school year.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2014 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

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

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Middlesex Town School District will vote to add \$28,000 to be appropriated to the District Capital Fund to be used to offset the cost of building two new bathrooms in the primary wing?

Two public hearings will be held to provide information on the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot at Town Meeting: one on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Hen and the other on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Rumney School Library.

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

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

  
Edj Moore, Chair

  
Beth Holtzman, Vice-Chair

  
Jonathan L. Scharf, Clerk

  
Christopher McVeigh

  
Mark Bushnell

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Town of Middlesex, VT

# OFFICIAL ANNUAL MIDDLESEX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 4, 2014

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

### ARTICLE 1

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, for One (1) Year of a Two (2) Year Term. Vote for not more than ONE

MARK BUSHNELL.....  
Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHRIS MCVEIGH .....  
Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

JONATHAN LAURI SCHARF .....  
Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

### ARTICLE 2

Shall the Middlesex Town School District adopt a budget of \$2,575,355 for the 2014 – 2015 school year?

YES  NO

### ARTICLE 3

Shall the Middlesex Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2014, in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES  NO

### ARTICLE 4

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

YES  NO

### ARTICLE 5

Shall the Middlesex Town School District add \$28,000 to be appropriated to the District Capital Fund to be used to offset the cost of building two new bathrooms in the primary wing?

YES  NO

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**PRINCIPAL RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

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Last year at Rumney School graduation, I watched sixth-graders graduate who were kindergarteners when I joined Rumney as principal. For every student at Rumney School, I am the only school principal they have had, and it is my desire to keep improving the school climate and academics. This year provided an opportunity for the school to make improvements in our operations—including the venerable phrase “Rumney CARES”. The school’s student code of conduct is summarized in Rumney CARES, a phrase every student knows. This year we taught the students the meaning of each letter: Cooperation and Courage, Assertiveness and Acceptance, Respect and Responsibility, Empathy and Excellence, Safety and Self-Control, and what they mean in each of the settings around the school—from the hallways to the library, from PE class to recess. Through explicit instruction, peer modeling, and video modeling, we are working to make sure that each student knows what Rumney CARES looks like, sounds like and feels like. This is improving the school climate and quality of instruction for our students.

Academic studies at Rumney remain a strength. This year the school was recognized by the Agency of Education for our commitment to Continuous improvement and student achievement as measured by the New England Common Assessment Program. Only 4 other schools in Washington County achieved this level of recognition. We have set high goals for ourselves in our school Action Plan and we are making progress towards achieving these goals. Specifically, we are striving to increase the percentage of students who are at grade level in math and literacy, striving to increase the percentage who are above grade level, and trying to eliminate having any students score at the “below grade level” mark.

We measure student progress not just with the NECAP exam, but also with a variety of classroom measures such as running records, reading journals, home-school reading logs, math quizzes, unit tests, oral practice and a variety of written assignments.

We continue to have fun outdoors and with the creative arts. Singer Songwriter Jon Gailmor joined us for an Artist in Residency which was a tremendous fun opportunity for all students. A final concert packed the gymnasium! We fielded some excellent soccer teams, including two boys squads at the 5/6 level. We have four basketball teams this winter, each squad is filled with enthusiastic and motivated athletes. We will also be trying something new this winter—a winter sports program for all students in grades 1-6. We will be skiing and snowshoeing at Morse Farm, skating in Montpelier or swimming at First and Fitness. And of course, we will be tapping trees at the end of February, to be ready for the earliest sap runs in March. Thank you for your continued support and interest in Rumney School.

*From*

*Adam Rosen, M.Ed, M.A.*

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## RUMNEY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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Crafting a budget is one of the most difficult tasks the Board performs each year. In the budget development process, the Board worked with Rumney Principal Adam Rosen and interested community and faculty members, with input and significant support from the Supervisory Union, to prepare the draft budget. From November until January, the Board discussed and re-discussed how to find the best balance between excellent educational opportunities for all Rumney students and affordability for Middlesex residents. We believe we have been successful in striking this balance, as demonstrated by Rumney's robust enrollment – having increased by nearly 10% since 2006 – which speaks to the quality of our community and our school.

The Board is recommending to the Middlesex community that it fund a budget of \$2,575,355 for the next academic year. This is the same budget figure that we recommended last year, and which was approved by town voters, and will allow Rumney to continue offering the same educational programs and services. Even with a level-funded local budget, most Middlesex taxpayers will see their tax rate rise by approximately \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This increase in the tax rate can be ascribed to the fact that, although the bottom line of the Rumney budget is unchanged, a smaller percentage of it is dedicated to special education, for which the school receives state and federal reimbursement. The reduction in special education spending in our budget was offset by increases in contractually negotiated items, including staff salaries and health benefits, as well as a strategic investment in math and technology integration.

In addition to the local budget, there are two other factors, outside the control of the local board, which will impact our tax rate. These are the Common Level of Appraisal and the base statewide tax rate.

The State uses the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) to equalize education taxes statewide – to ensure that properties of equal value pay equal taxes. Rather than thinking of the CLA as adjusting the tax rate, think of it as adjusting the listed value of the property to fair market value. The Middlesex tax rate is anticipated to rise by \$8 per \$100,000 of assessed value simply as a result of changes in property values in town.

The final piece of the equation is the base statewide tax rate, which is established by the Legislature and currently unsettled. As we are preparing this report, we have been told the projected increase in the base rate may be as much as \$0.07. This would translate into an increase of \$115 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Please note that decisions made by the local board do not directly impact the base statewide tax rate.

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Also on this year's school ballot is a request for \$28,000 to replenish the building's capital fund; the board uses this fund to make significant improvements to our school facility. As you may recall, in May 2013 voters rejected a \$4.5 million Rumney school improvement/renovation bond initiative. Critical building needs remain unaddressed and the Board anticipates bringing a revised proposal to the community before the end of 2014. As the Board continues to work with a facilities work group comprised of community volunteers to re-scope the project, we are faced with immediate building needs. The school's primary wing currently has only two toilets to serve 75-80 of our youngest students. We anticipate another large kindergarten class (in excess of 20 students) starting at Rumney in the fall of 2014 and believe that both sanitation and safety necessitate adding two bathroom facilities to the primary wing. The Board plans to use resources from the building's capital fund to make this improvement to our school facility, but has warned a separate article asking the community to consider replenishing the capital fund in anticipation of this expenditure.

The Board has scheduled two informational meetings on the 2013-2014 school budget in the coming weeks: Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Hen Bakery and Monday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Rumney School. Board members will be available to answer any questions you might have. Also, please feel free to call or email any of us in the interim.

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

*Respectfully submitted by*

*The Rumney School Board Of Directors*

*Julie Moore, Chair*

*Beth Holtzman, Vice Chair,*

*Lauri Scharf, Clerk*

*Chris McVeigh*

*Mark Bushnell*

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## **RUMNEY AUDIT REPORT**

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

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## RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2014-2015

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	PROJECTED 2014	Final BUDGET 2015
<b>REVENUES</b>				
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$26,602	\$17,000	\$24,033	\$24,000
MISCELLANEOUS INC & PURCH DISC	\$813	\$721	\$835	\$800
MISCELLANEOUS INC-ERATE	\$3,170	\$2,200	\$3,100	\$3,100
MISCELLANEOUS INC-OTHER	\$11,141	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE-EDUC JOBS FUND-ARRA	\$31,334	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	\$1,999,705	\$2,134,986	\$2,134,986	\$2,218,325
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$36,147	\$35,007	\$35,007	\$34,529
SPED-MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRT-SPED	\$56,981	\$55,517	\$55,517	\$59,751
SPED EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$205,770	\$251,639	\$219,717	\$209,888
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES	\$0	\$54,000	\$55,085	\$0
EEE GRANT	\$9,175	\$24,285	\$24,285	\$24,962
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,380,838</b>	<b>\$2,575,355</b>	<b>\$2,552,565</b>	<b>\$2,575,355</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$697,597	\$672,842	\$676,851	\$723,729
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIANS	\$18,996	\$34,383	\$31,489	\$32,492
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$27,589	\$17,750	\$17,750	\$22,000
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$103,428	\$113,259	\$102,392	\$116,613
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$53,949	\$53,993	\$54,269	\$58,023
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$841	\$1,334	\$1,260	\$1,300
SECTION125 BENEFIT	\$752	\$715	\$715	\$992
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$4,944	\$5,088	\$5,587	\$6,548
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$379	\$396	\$416	\$470
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$14,988	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$19,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$6,321	\$6,626	\$6,626	\$7,169
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$1,935	\$3,556	\$3,556	\$4,002
PROFESSL EDUC SV-FIELD TRIP ADMISSN	\$337	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,800
OTHER PROF SVCS-HOMEWORK CLUB & MISC	\$9,116	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
RENTALS AND LEASES-COPIER	\$8,871	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$4,700
TRAVEL	\$129	\$400	\$400	\$400
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM	\$19,914	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$23,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES-PAPER	\$893	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
GENERAL SUPPLIES-ATHLETICS	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$1,116	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SVC</b>	<b>\$972,095</b>	<b>\$966,392</b>	<b>\$957,361</b>	<b>\$1,031,388</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$37,382	\$39,466	\$39,310	\$40,686
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$12,582	\$12,838	\$13,361	\$13,762
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$9,531	\$10,947	\$10,434	\$5,616
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$3,442	\$3,859	\$3,894	\$4,092
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$96	\$100	\$100	\$110
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$374	\$377	\$377	\$434
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$34
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$636	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$402	\$412	\$412	\$432
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$156	\$272	\$272	\$283
TRAVEL	\$239	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,717	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$66,586</b>	<b>\$70,850</b>	<b>\$70,739</b>	<b>\$67,999</b>
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$32,504	\$33,479	\$33,790	\$34,972
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$9,655	\$10,738	\$10,361	\$10,828
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,725	\$2,422	\$2,450	\$2,535
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$48	\$50	\$50	\$55
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$233	\$241	\$241	\$279
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$18	\$19	\$19	\$22

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	PROJECTED 2014	Final BUDGET 2015
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$456	\$500	\$500	\$500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$301	\$301	\$301	\$316
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$97	\$174	\$174	\$182
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$173	\$200	\$200	\$200
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$45,210</b>	<b>\$48,224</b>	<b>\$48,186</b>	<b>\$49,989</b>

**HEALTH SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR PROF.OTH	\$61,279	\$37,862	\$39,309	\$40,650
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$15,898	\$10,738	\$10,707	\$11,188
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$4,371	\$2,757	\$2,868	\$2,965
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$438	\$273	\$273	\$324
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$34	\$21	\$21	\$25
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,535	\$460	\$460	\$460
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$502	\$301	\$301	\$316
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$165	\$192	\$192	\$206
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & AUDIOMETER	\$159	\$350	\$350	\$350
TRAVEL	\$109	\$150	\$150	\$150
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$688	\$700	\$700	\$700
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$85,178</b>	<b>\$53,804</b>	<b>\$55,331</b>	<b>\$57,334</b>

**CURRICULUM SERVICES**

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRIC	\$14,392	\$16,671	\$16,583	\$18,427
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$14,392</b>	<b>\$16,671</b>	<b>\$16,583</b>	<b>\$18,427</b>

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS	\$33,994	\$35,014	\$35,279	\$36,514
SALARIES-REGULAR-ASSTS	\$8,389	\$8,640	\$8,640	\$8,898
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$10,823	\$13,455	\$12,983	\$13,567
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,954	\$3,165	\$3,191	\$3,298
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$48	\$50	\$50	\$55
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$304	\$314	\$314	\$362
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$28
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,410	\$600	\$600	\$600
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$408	\$201	\$201	\$211
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$119	\$227	\$227	\$236
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$157	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$3,178	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	\$857	\$800	\$800	\$800
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$625	\$500	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$63,290</b>	<b>\$68,590</b>	<b>\$68,409</b>	<b>\$70,669</b>

**TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$23,654	\$24,365	\$24,494	\$12,676
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$7,068	\$7,159	\$6,908	\$3,609
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$1,447	\$1,771	\$1,784	\$923
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$170	\$175	\$175	\$101
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$13	\$14	\$14	\$8
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$950	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$201	\$201	\$201	\$105
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$65	\$127	\$127	\$66
OTH PROF SVCS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	\$7,088	\$8,184	\$8,141	\$41,095
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-TECH SUPPORT	\$673	\$693	\$693	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$408	\$3,629	\$3,629	\$2,974
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	\$5,277	\$6,060	\$6,060	\$6,060
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,281	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$2,636
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$6,723	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,204
EQUIPMENT	\$9,603	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$26,244
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$65,621</b>	<b>\$68,878</b>	<b>\$68,726</b>	<b>\$102,701</b>

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	PROJECTED 2014	Final BUDGET 2015
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$600	\$605	\$605	\$605
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$39	\$119	\$119	\$119
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$50	\$400	\$400	\$400
TECH. SERVICES-TREASURER	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$1,558	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
ADVERTISING	\$1,464	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	\$1,033	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUC. SVCS.</b>	<b>\$8,844</b>	<b>\$11,924</b>	<b>\$11,924</b>	<b>\$12,424</b>
<b>OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	\$39,113	\$49,581	\$49,318	\$47,610
SUPERV UN SERV-SHARED REGISTRY CKS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPER.</b>	<b>\$40,113</b>	<b>\$50,581</b>	<b>\$50,318</b>	<b>\$48,610</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.	\$83,430	\$85,933	\$85,933	\$88,511
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	\$39,904	\$40,676	\$38,513	\$39,668
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	\$883	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$1,915
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$34,118	\$41,801	\$29,619	\$30,952
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$8,626	\$9,290	\$9,282	\$9,551
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,517	\$1,627	\$1,541	\$1,587
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$108	\$113	\$113	\$124
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$890	\$925	\$925	\$1,038
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$69	\$72	\$72	\$80
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$817	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$1,124	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,212
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$327	\$658	\$658	\$667
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$503	\$750	\$750	\$750
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$1,221	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
TRAVEL	\$1,680	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$2,410	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$47	\$600	\$600	\$600
DUES AND FEES	\$780	\$800	\$800	\$800
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$178,454</b>	<b>\$192,015</b>	<b>\$177,576</b>	<b>\$183,355</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
SUPERVISORY UNION SERVICES	\$29,313	\$34,868	\$34,684	\$35,280
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$29,313</b>	<b>\$34,868</b>	<b>\$34,684</b>	<b>\$35,280</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$21,328	\$17,000	\$24,033	\$24,000
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$21,328</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$24,033</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>AUDITING SERVICES</b>				
AUDIT SERVICES	\$3,100	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,500
<b>TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT</b>				
SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	\$74,895	\$64,894	\$72,225	\$63,090
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$21,781	\$24,965	\$17,269	\$18,046
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$5,258	\$4,639	\$5,304	\$3,977
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,434	\$2,596	\$2,889	\$2,524
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$96	\$100	\$100	\$55
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$489	\$467	\$467	\$503
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$38	\$36	\$36	\$39
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$939	\$1,004	\$502	\$527
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$180	\$335	\$335	\$179
OTHE PROF SVCS	\$2,750	\$0	\$8,754	\$0
SU SERVICES- ASBESTOS & FACILITY DIR	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
WATER & SEWER	\$3,935	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$2,636	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	PROJECTED 2014	Final BUDGET 2015
SNOW REMOVAL	\$4,950	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,500
YARD UPKEEP-MOWING	\$2,874	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,500
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-INCL GROUNDS	\$9,298	\$20,000	\$11,246	\$20,000
RENTAL AND LEASES	\$2,045	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$5,127	\$5,383	\$5,383	\$5,383
TRAVEL	\$46	\$300	\$300	\$300
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$8,436	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
ELECTRICITY	\$28,366	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$29,000
OIL-FUEL BUILDING	\$20,518	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$24,000
EQUIPMENT	\$1,212	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
<b>TOTAL OPN AND MAINT.PLANT</b>	<b>\$199,303</b>	<b>\$204,499</b>	<b>\$204,590</b>	<b>\$199,403</b>

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV**

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$79,136	\$83,474	\$83,474	\$86,660
STUDENT TRANS.SVC.FIELD TRIPS	\$2,511	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,708
<b>TOTAL STUDENT TRANS SV</b>	<b>\$81,647</b>	<b>\$87,074</b>	<b>\$87,074</b>	<b>\$90,368</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE-LOAN	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
WATER PROJECT LOAN REPAYMENT	\$0	\$3,728	\$3,728	\$5,390
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$8,728</b>	<b>\$8,728</b>	<b>\$10,390</b>

**FUND TRANSFERS**

FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$10,700	\$12,720
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND	\$15,000	\$33,550	\$33,550	\$40,000
COMPUTER MAINT. & REPLACE. FUND	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
STUDENT ACTIVITIES-FOUR WINDS	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$1,800
CAPITAL-FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$50,900</b>	<b>\$47,950</b>	<b>\$50,150</b>	<b>\$59,520</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SVC-SP ED**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$128,028	\$122,453	\$106,978	\$116,718
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	\$117,389	\$130,195	\$113,442	\$135,017
SALARIES-TEMPORARY & SUMMER	\$14,888	\$3,917	\$1,881	\$3,917
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$46,287	\$60,482	\$49,146	\$71,209
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$18,353	\$20,087	\$17,382	\$18,634
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,124	\$5,164	\$4,494	\$5,356
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$374	\$465	\$465	\$457
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,579	\$2,024	\$2,274	\$2,040
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$123	\$157	\$157	\$157
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$4,080	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$2,306	\$4,142	\$3,313	\$4,059
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$732	\$1,377	\$1,140	\$1,303
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$42,621	\$100,000	\$109,162	\$10,000
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	\$108	\$150	\$150	\$150
TRAVEL	\$1,717	\$50	\$50	\$50
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,028	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$4,500
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVC-SP ED</b>	<b>\$383,737</b>	<b>\$460,463</b>	<b>\$419,834</b>	<b>\$382,567</b>

**SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

SU SHARED SERVICES	\$11,300	\$47,337	\$48,515	\$0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$11,300</b>	<b>\$47,337</b>	<b>\$48,515</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**SPEECH SVCS**

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	\$34,557	\$35,014	\$35,329	\$36,566
HEALTH BENEFITS	\$9,539	\$10,738	\$10,361	\$10,828
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$2,359	\$2,539	\$2,568	\$2,657
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	\$48	\$50	\$50	\$55
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$244	\$252	\$252	\$292
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$19	\$20	\$20	\$22
DENTAL BENEFITS	\$301	\$301	\$301	\$316
DISABILITY BENEFITS	\$94	\$182	\$182	\$190
SHARED SU SVCS	\$6,649	\$7,725	\$7,725	\$0
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SVCS</b>	<b>\$53,810</b>	<b>\$56,821</b>	<b>\$56,788</b>	<b>\$50,926</b>

**RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	PROJECTED 2014	Final BUDGET 2015
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS</b>				
OTHER PROF SVCS	\$1,852	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SVCS</b>	<b>\$1,852</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS</b>				
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$50	\$19,870	\$4,080	\$0
<b>TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$19,870</b>	<b>\$4,080</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SU ASSESSMENTS</b>				
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	\$18,294	\$18,216	\$18,120	\$55,355
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	\$10,092	\$8,321	\$8,321	\$10,066
<b>TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$28,386</b>	<b>\$26,537</b>	<b>\$26,441</b>	<b>\$65,421</b>
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>				
SALARIES-TEMP-ESL	\$3,763	\$6,989	\$6,989	\$6,989
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$288	\$535	\$535	\$535
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$56
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
TRAVEL	\$222	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>	<b>\$4,327</b>	<b>\$8,078</b>	<b>\$8,078</b>	<b>\$8,084</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,413,836</b>	<b>\$2,575,355</b>	<b>\$2,506,348</b>	<b>\$2,575,355</b>
			3.83%	0.00%
<b>EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$32,998)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$46,217</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>

**MIDDLESEX(RUMNEY MEMORIAL) SCHOOL  
Summary of Changes Budget 2015 vs. 2014**

	Final Amount of Increase(Decrease)	Entire Budget % Increase	BUDGET FY2013-2014	BUDGET FY2014-2015
<b>Staffing Changes:</b>				
<b>Negotiated Items</b>				
Salary Increases -Estimate	\$46,710	1.81%		
Health Insurance Increase @ 4.5% With Current Enrollment	\$11,774	0.46%		
Other Benefit Changes	\$8,446	0.33%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$66,930	2.60%		
<b>Position Changes:</b>				
Staffing Turnover & Reductions- Salary & Benefit Savings-FY13-14	(\$79,189)	-3.07%		
Operation of Plant-Staffing Changes	(\$12,085)	-0.47%		
Instructional Program-Reading Addl .1 FTE Professional	\$7,396	0.29%		
SPED-Addl .1FTE Professional	\$8,466	0.33%		
SPED-Addl 1.0 FTE Paraeducator 1:1	\$42,615	1.65%		
Instructional Services-Addl .3FTE Professional	\$35,127	1.36%		
Technology Support Services-Reduce 2 FTE Professional-See Below*	(\$26,289)	-1.02%		
Subtotal Position Changes	(\$23,959)	-0.93%		
<b>Total Salary and Benefit Changes</b>	<b>\$42,971</b>	1.67%	\$1,862,955	\$1,905,926
<b>Nonsalary changes:</b>				
Instructional Programs-Tuition Reimbursement & Supplies	\$1,600	0.06%		
WCSU Assessments-Draft to Full Board-Includes Tech Support Change*	(\$13,767)	-0.53%		
Technology Services-Change to Shared Staff-See Savings Above*	\$32,947	1.28%		
Board of Directors-Supplies	\$500	0.02%		
Technology Svcs-Tuition Reimbursement, Equipment,Software & Support	\$19,924	0.77%		
Interest Expense	\$7,000	0.27%	Offset 100% by Revenues	
Auditing Services	\$300	0.01%		
Principal's Office-Travel	\$200	0.01%		
Operation of Plant- Fuel Oil, Electricity, Snow Removal & Mowing	\$5,000	0.19%		
Student Transportation Svcs-Per Contract & Field Trips	\$3,294	0.13%		
Fund Transfer-Four Winds	\$900	0.03%		
Fund Transfer-Food Program	\$4,220	0.16%		
Fund Transfer-Building Maintenance	\$6,450	0.25%		
Debt Service Water Loan	\$1,662	0.06%		
Special Education-Tuition Reimbursement, Books, Supplies	(\$113,201)	-4.40%		
<b>Total Nonsalary Items</b>	<b>(\$42,971)</b>	-1.67%	\$712,400	\$669,429
<b>Total Budget Expense Increase(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%	<b>\$2,575,355</b>	<b>\$2,575,355</b>
<b>Revenue Changes</b>				
Projected Reduction Special Educ. Reimbursement & Extraordinary Revenue	(\$90,840)	-3.53%		
Miscellaneous Income & Transportation Aid	\$501	0.02%		
Interest Income	\$7,000	0.27%		
<b>Budget Net Impact on Tax Calculation</b>	<b>\$83,339</b>	3.24%		

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**

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

As a supervisory union, our primary 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.

In the following pages you will find that we have changed the format of some of our reports. This change is mainly attributed to feedback that we have received through our board members to clarify the services that we provide. If you have any questions or would like copies of the WCSU detailed budget please contact our office.

**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 coordinating the Grades 4-8 mathematics lab school that we offered in July. Over 40 teachers and administrators participated in the lab school with Professor Mahesh Sharma. We served 19 WCSU students in our lab school and collaborated closely with the WCSU summer services program and Community Connections in order to meet student and family needs.

We have six operational supervisory union-wide curriculum committees this year: the WCSU Curriculum Council, the Literacy Steering Committee, the Math Steering Committee, the Science Steering Committee, the Social Curriculum Steering Committee and the Social Studies Steering Committee. These committees are structured in a way to support the achievement of our goals for students across the supervisory union.

The work we are doing across WCSU positions our schools well to take on the challenge of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The CCSS are replacing the current Vermont Standards in literacy and mathematics. In literacy, the CCSS align well with the goals of our literacy initiative. This is especially true, for example, regarding the focus on

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student independence and the use of informational texts. In mathematics and science, the CCSS and NGSS, respectively, are informing our work at the school and supervisory union level as we articulate what students should learn and be able to do in these subjects at each grade level.

## **Special Services**

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

This year WCSU offered a collaborative summer program for students across the supervisory union. On average this summer, we served 58 students per day. Students received direct instruction from certified teachers and/or special educators in the basic skill area(s) that were identified by the sending schools. A majority of the students were eligible for special education. Others may not have been identified as needing special education, but were in need of continued academic support throughout the summer. We were able to build in time for the students to have some structured choice activities and FUN. In collaboration with Community Connections, we were able to provide breakfast and lunch every day throughout the program. We also contracted with Vermont Adaptive Sports to provide the students with an opportunity to try adaptive biking and kayaking! The response from both parents and students was very positive!

This is the first year in which the evaluation team has been in place. The team consists of a School Psychologist (.6FTE), Special Educator, and Speech Language Pathologist. They have collaborated with the special educators from across the supervisory union to conduct evaluations in a timely way. This allows for the teachers that are in the schools to have more direct time with the students in which they serve. Kelly oversees the work of the evaluation team.

Kelly is also the supervisory union coordinator for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) a school-wide approach to creating a positive and safe climate in which students can learn and grow. The Responsive Classroom approach is a research based approach to teaching that offers elementary schools practical strategies for achieving many of the goals of PBIS. The premise of both PBIS and the Responsive Classroom approach is that continual teaching, modeling, and reinforcing of positive behavior will reduce discipline problems and promote a climate of greater productivity, safety, and learning.

Throughout this school year all of the elementary schools across the supervisory union have begun the implementation of PBIS or at least follow the guidelines for a positive behavioral support program within the school environment. Overtime, research has shown that focusing on the positive things that students are doing and recognizing them for this increases academic achievement as well. Each school

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has a team that is taking on a leadership role to ensure a smooth implementation throughout the school. The costs that are associated with this are fully funded through a grant from the Agency of Education.

### **Early Education Programs**

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an important step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools have pre-kindergarten program that serves 3 and 4 year olds from their towns. All of the programs have earned the highest 5 STAR rating from the State. WCSU currently serves 103 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 our youngest students (birth to 5) who are risk of school failure across our five towns.

### **Technology**

This was an ambitious past year for the WCSU Technology Department. One big project that is benefiting U-32 students and families was the release of the InfiniteCampus Portal and the offer of several training sessions to U-32 parents on how to access and use this system to view their student's information. To date, over 500 parents have signed up. This has been a very successful project so far and we hope to start planning a release of the portal to elementary parents soon.

Another InfiniteCampus-related project that affects all of the schools is the implementation of a new food service system. Mealtime was replaced with InfiniteCampus' point-of-sale food service module, which ties in to the rest of a student's records. This allows us better management and reporting on student data. The new service module has allowed us to offer staff and families the ability to add money to their food service account online through the InfiniteCampus Portal.

The other major software system change was the library management system. In this case we did not roll that functionality into InfiniteCampus (which doesn't offer a library management module). Instead, we found Follett Destiny to be the best match for our needs, and that is the system we implemented. It is working well and we continue to expand the functionality offered by this system. If you want to check it out, feel free to go to <http://library.u32.org>.

### **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 \$30.7 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we

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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 FY15 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*

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2013, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,758,396. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2013 with a \$215,758 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$131,842 operations, \$0 special education, \$13,928 office equipment and technology, \$54,653 building capital fund and \$ 15,335 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2014, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,804,571 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2015, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$2,439,922 which consists of \$1,148,769 for operations, \$700,000 for state placed students, \$278,138 for newly shared technology services and \$313,015 for newly shared special services.

*William Kimball, Superintendent of Schools*

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

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

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

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

*Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services*  
Washington Central Supervisory Union  
1130 Gallison Hill Road, Montpelier, VT 05602  
802-229-0553 X 303

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## WCSU CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET AND RUMNEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL SHARE

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The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its enrollment. Using the enrollment, the allocation for Rumney Memorial School is 11.8% for FY 2014-2015. The total assessment for Rumney Memorial is \$207,833 which is a decrease of \$13,767 over 2013-2014. The decrease of \$13,767 represents a .53% decrease to the Rumney budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office.

### **Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office:**

#### **Function & Services (not an exclusive list)**

**Administration Services** – SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation. Rumney share is \$47,610

**Curriculum Services** – Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; professional development across the SU; grant writing. Rumney share is \$18,427

**Technology Services** – Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; integration of technology into SU operations. In 2014-2015, the SU shared services for network administration and support are included in this total. Rumney share is \$41,095

**Fiscal Services** – Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. Rumney share is \$35,280

**Student Special Services** – Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschoolers, private school students and homeless students. In 2014-2015, the SU shared services for special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. Rumney share is \$55,355

**Preschool Administration** – Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. Rumney share is \$10,066

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**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET**

Washington Central Supervisory Union  
Budget Summary

Final -APPROVED FULL BOARD Dec. 4, 2013

**A) OPERATIONS:**

**Anticipated Revenues:**

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Projected 2014	Budget 2015	Increase (Decrease)
Assessments	\$1,033,393	\$1,081,571	\$1,081,571	\$1,129,069	\$47,498
Earnings on Investments	\$4,776	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	(\$2,000)
Miscellaneous Income	\$660	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$700	(\$1,300)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,038,829</b>	<b>\$1,089,571</b>	<b>\$1,089,571</b>	<b>\$1,133,769</b>	<b>\$44,198</b>
Fund Balance Usage	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0

<b>Total Operations Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$1,053,829</b>	<b>\$1,104,571</b>	<b>\$1,104,571</b>	<b>\$1,148,769</b>	<b>\$44,198</b>
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**Expenditures:**

Instruction Develop. Services	\$118,319	\$142,485	\$141,914	\$162,236	\$19,751
Technology Services	\$88,790	\$67,138	\$66,862	\$70,904	\$3,766
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	\$290,200	\$342,420	\$340,581	\$347,402	\$4,982
Preschool Administration	\$2,969	\$8,090	\$8,090	\$13,100	\$5,010
Fiscal Services & Audit	\$262,893	\$293,345	\$290,689	\$307,456	\$14,111
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	\$16,848	\$21,640	\$21,640	\$21,635	(\$5)
Debt Service	\$24,393	\$22,272	\$53,272	\$20,640	(\$1,632)
Fund Transfers-Capital	\$62,752	\$34,500	\$34,500	\$25,000	(\$9,500)
Behavior Interventionist	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Area Admin. Services	\$158,212	\$172,681	\$172,270	\$180,396	\$7,715
<b>Total Operations Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$1,025,376</b>	<b>\$1,104,571</b>	<b>\$1,129,818</b>	<b>\$1,148,769</b>	<b>\$44,198</b>

% INCREASE TOTAL BUDGET 2.45%

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

**Anticipated Revenue:**

State Placed Reimbursements	\$368,164	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Income-SPED	\$20,371	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Special Ed Program Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$388,535</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Expenditures:**

Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students	\$387,575	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0
<b>Total Special Ed Program Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$387,575</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

% INCREASE 100% REIMBURSABLE FROM STATE 0.00%

**C) SHARED SERVICES-TECHNOLOGY & SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

**Anticipated Revenues:**

Shared Service Revenues-Special Education	\$313,015	\$313,015	\$0	(\$313,015)
Shared Service Revenues-Technology	\$278,138	\$278,138	\$0	(\$278,138)
Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$591,153	\$591,153
<b>Total Shared Svcs- Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Expenditures:**

Shared Service Programs-SPED Summer & Eval Team	\$313,015	\$313,015	\$313,015	\$0
Shared Service Programs-Technology Support & Network	\$278,138	\$278,138	\$278,138	\$0
<b>Total Shared Svcs- Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$591,153</b>	<b>\$0</b>

% INCREASE 100% PAID AS A SHARED SERVICE 0.00%

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

<b>Total Source of Funds (A+B+C)</b>	<b>\$2,395,724</b>	<b>\$2,395,724</b>	<b>\$2,439,922</b>	<b>\$44,198</b>
<b>Total Use of Funds (A+B+C)</b>	<b>\$2,395,724</b>	<b>\$2,420,971</b>	<b>\$2,439,922</b>	<b>\$44,198</b>

MIDDLESEX ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATIONS

Town of Middlesex  
 Estimated Tax Calculations  
 As of January 14, 2014

NOTE: Includes both Rumney Memorial and U32 Proposed Budgets.

\$1.01		\$1.51	
<b>TAX RATES:</b>			
Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Equalized Nonresidential	Actual Nonresidential

	Education Spending Per Eq Pupil	Base Ed Spending Amt	District Spending Adjustment	Equalized Pupils	Common Level of Appraisal		Actual Homestead		Actual Nonresidential	
					Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Equalized Nonresidential	Actual Nonresidential		
<b>Town</b>										
Projected Budget 14-15	\$14,692	\$9,382	156.60%	287.16	\$1,582	\$1,654	\$1,510	\$1,579	\$1,510	\$1,579
Budget 13-14	\$14,096	\$9,151	154.04%	295.72	\$1,448	\$1,507	\$1,440	\$1,499	\$1,440	\$1,499
	4.23%	2.52%		-2.89%						

	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead	Actual Nonresidential
FY07-08	87.87%	\$1,526	\$1,548
FY08-09	78.91%	\$1,663	\$1,723
FY09-10	73.71%	\$1,780	\$1,832
FY10-11	74.11%	\$1,800	\$1,822
FY11-12	97.32%	\$1,391	\$1,398
FY12-13	96.86%	\$1,422	\$1,425
FY13-14	96.06%	\$1,507	\$1,499
<b>FY14-15</b>	<b>95.61%</b>	<b>\$1,654</b>	<b>\$1,579</b>
<b>Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)</b>		<b>\$0,147</b>	<b>\$0,080</b>
<b>Impact on a \$100,000 property</b>		<b>\$147</b>	<b>\$80</b>

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

TAX RATES:			
Current Common Appraised at 100%			
Level of Appraisal	Equalized	Total Tax Rate	
FY14-15	\$0.04	\$0.83	\$0.87
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.03	\$0.75	\$0.78
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.07	\$1.58	\$1.65
<b>TOTAL Tax Rate</b>			

Excess Spending Per Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Pupil
\$16,166	\$14,692
\$14,224	\$14,056
\$13,990	\$15,469

State Penalty Amount	
Amount Per Town	
Elementary	
U32	

Washington Central Supervisory Union

As of January 14, 2014

**FINAL Budgets-As of Report Date\*\*\*\***

Explanation of Tax Rate Changes From Budget 2013-2014 to Budget 2014-2015

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

	Budget 14-15		Budget 13-14		Local Residential		Local Nonresidential		Not Affected by School Spending	
	December 2013		December 2012		Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K		
	Common Level Of Appraisal	Common Level Of Appraisal	Change							
Berlin	105.33%	101.96%	3.37%		(\$52)	(\$0.052)			(\$0.047)	(\$47)
Calais	91.73%	97.69%	-5.96%		\$109	\$0.109			\$0.100	\$100
East Montpelier	98.98%	98.22%	0.76%		(\$14)	(\$0.014)			(\$0.011)	(\$11)
Middlesex	95.61%	96.06%	-0.45%		\$8	\$0.008			\$0.007	\$7
Worcester	99.05%	100.10%	-1.05%		\$17	\$0.017			\$0.016	\$16

**Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate-\$1.01 & \$1.51-Per Information 12/13/13-Incr.\$0.07 Residential \$0.07 Nonresid.**

	Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$113	\$0.113	\$0.069	\$69
Calais	\$117	\$0.117	\$0.072	\$72
East Montpelier	\$129	\$0.129	\$0.071	\$71
Middlesex	\$115	\$0.115	\$0.073	\$73
Worcester	\$111	\$0.111	\$0.069	\$69

**\*\*\*\*Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32 Proposed FY 14-15 Budgets with Equalized Pupil Changes\*\*\*\***

			Local Residential		Local Nonresidential	
	Elementary	U32	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$0.015	\$0.022	\$37	\$0.037	\$0.000	\$0
Calais	(\$0.018)	\$0.030	\$12	\$0.012	\$0.000	\$0
East Montpelier	\$0.008	\$0.050	\$58	\$0.058	\$0.000	\$0
Middlesex	\$0.033	(\$0.009)	\$24	\$0.024	\$0.000	\$0
Worcester	\$0.029	\$0.012	\$41	\$0.041	\$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	\$98	\$0.098	\$0.022	\$22
Calais	\$238	\$0.238	\$0.172	\$172
East Montpelier	\$173	\$0.173	\$0.060	\$60
Middlesex	\$147	\$0.147	\$0.080	\$80
Worcester	\$169	\$0.169	\$0.085	\$85

Prepared by: Lori T. Bibeau, WCSU Business Administrator

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## U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

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The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 (“U-32”), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

### Polling Places and Times:

Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Calais Town Hall in Gospel Hollow – 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

U-32 in East Montpelier – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

A public hearing will take place at the U-32, Room 131 at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 3, 2014 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities’ respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$14,833,463.00 for the 2014–2015 school year?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2014 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

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


  
SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
*Adrianne Rainaldi*  
Adrianne Rainaldi, Chair (Middlesex)  
*Kevin Doyle*  
Kevin Doyle, Vice Chair (Worcester)  
*Michael Horst*  
Michael Horst, Secretary (Worcester)  
Alison Cook (Berlin)

Union High School District No. 32

OFFICIAL ANNUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 4, 2014

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 \$14,833,463.00 for the 2014 – 2015 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, 2014 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

YES  NO

ARTICLE 3

To fix the annual compensation of district officers as follows:

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

YES  NO

ARTICLE 6

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

YES  NO

## U32 BUDGET SUMMARY

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY	ACTUAL 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	PROJECTED 2013-2014	FINAL BUDGET 2014-2015
<b>REVENUES</b>				
TUITION	983,640	1,003,377	1,003,204	1,033,300
INVESTMENT INCOME	149,280	132,106	151,538	152,106
EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES	11,138,135	11,114,177	11,114,177	11,569,668
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	104,989	94,600	114,750	115,926
STATE REVENUES-MISC	224,239	216,399	214,616	252,011
EDUCATION JOBS FUND ARRA	95,930	92,337	92,337	0
SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	260,062	260,062	260,062	257,457
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME	901,845	970,016	991,300	1,252,994
FUND BALANCE	0	218,000	218,000	200,000
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$13,858,120</b>	<b>\$14,101,074</b>	<b>\$14,159,984</b>	<b>\$14,833,463</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
BUSINESS ED.	147,622	159,229	159,130	153,864
DRIVER ED.	53,359	56,538	58,377	60,535
ENGLISH	737,721	771,801	725,345	729,715
ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS	288,369	303,146	272,532	276,050
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	310,030	345,666	339,317	352,500
TECHNOLOGY ED .	159,456	164,086	169,804	175,996
LIVING ARTS	55,206	57,105	56,301	58,325
MUSIC	195,446	200,031	205,132	212,544
PHYSICAL ED.	346,068	365,602	364,218	366,424
MATHEMATICS	730,326	771,050	775,383	798,577
SCIENCE	848,084	889,051	856,373	885,913
SOCIAL STUDIES	536,787	560,915	566,448	592,721
INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE	444,611	454,265	448,771	422,814
OTHER INSTRUCTION-504	1,130	2,781	2,781	2,837
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	513,780	516,615	520,701	542,600
INSTRUCTL PROG-ADVANCED PLACEMENT	76,313	101,036	131,842	135,646
MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS	14,985	18,926	18,926	19,305
INSTRUCTIONAL & SUPPORT SVCS-ARRA	0	0	0	0
GUIDANCE SERVICES	509,148	555,714	564,565	586,295
HEALTH SERVICES	122,241	133,372	133,504	138,506
CURRICULUM SERVICES	131,437	141,646	131,559	149,248
MEDIA SERVICE	90,303	95,992	95,530	100,007
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	259,539	270,654	267,270	276,432
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	345,718	385,319	384,983	393,411
BOARD OF EDUCATION	41,578	55,692	55,692	56,602
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	164,843	188,210	190,210	188,628
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	827,751	855,735	836,793	874,259
FISCAL SERVICES	123,544	132,363	132,363	138,297
INTEREST EXPENSE	118,525	100,000	119,432	120,000
AUDITING SERVICES	4,500	4,700	4,700	5,200
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,148,818	1,176,667	1,179,196	1,249,087
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	583,709	651,055	651,055	660,978
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	878,723	870,572	870,572	979,981
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1,520,819	1,654,417	1,608,222	1,870,367
SUPPORT PROGRAM	16,592	18,000	103,763	0
SPEECH SERVICES	108,592	113,571	112,098	116,220
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES	40,750	30,000	30,000	45,000
PHYSICAL THERAPY & OTHER SERVICES	1,363	10,000	10,000	20,235
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	139,028	140,522	139,543	144,182
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	27,273	47,380	47,380	40,000
SU ASSESSMENTS SPED	77,104	69,149	69,149	216,991
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	2,558	11,510	11,510	11,972
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	662,249	650,991	635,673	665,201
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,405,998</b>	<b>\$14,101,074</b>	<b>\$14,056,143</b>	<b>\$14,833,463</b>
<b>U 32 Cost per Equalized Pupils-Historical Trends:</b>				
Local Education Spending - Per State Formula			\$11,114,177	\$11,569,668
% Increase In Local Educaton Spending				4.10%
U32 Equalized Pupils-Average Daily Membership			763.66	747.94
Local Ed Spending Per Equalized Pupil			\$14,554	\$15,469
% Increase In Spending Per Equalized Pupil				6.29%

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**U-32 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET REPORT**

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**Adrienne Magida, U-32 Board Chair - Middlesex**

U-32 budgets are developed over a number of months with much input from different constituents. In October the Finance Committee of the Board began discussion about what the budget might look like this year. Contractual obligations, benefit costs, and other known costs were factored into a new budget. Suggestions from the administration about additions and/or deletions to the budget were considered. The Finance Committee and then the Full Board looked at these numbers and asked the administration to consider areas where the budget could be reduced from a 10% increase. The Board held three public hearings in December and January on the budget and made its final decision in January. The 2014-15 budget is a compromise that meets the needs of our school and also takes into consideration our taxpayers' tax bills.

The final proposed 2014-15 budget is \$14,833,463, an increase in expenses of 5.19% over this year's budget. However, due to revenues that offset expense increases, including the use of \$200,000 from the fund balance, the total tax impact will be a 3.23% increase. The budget includes additions and reductions to the program to meet the changing needs of our student population and to respond to a drop in enrollment in the middle school over the last ten years. Additions to the budget include a full-time math strategies teacher in the high school. This position is added in response to our School Improvement Plan, required by the State of Vermont. In addition, we are increasing the Pilot Program staffing by a half time position to meet the increased demand for this program, which allows students to design their own learning experiences in conjunction with some traditional courses. We have added a half time online support person to give support to the 47 students accessing online courses provided through U-32. All these additions will allow U-32 to continue to move forward meeting the needs of different learners. Another budget addition that should be noted was the decision to increase funding to the food service program by \$11,000.

The most significant cut was the elimination of one of the three middle school cores, in response to declining enrollment in the middle school and low student/teacher ratios there. The remaining cores will have an additional teacher to help with the transition to two cores. We also eliminated one-half of the middle school librarian's position. Two low-enrolled high school classes will no longer be offered and the after-school Community Connections program will be administered in-house by U-32 staff instead of by Community Connections. These reductions were very difficult to make and were also very controversial because of the loss of staff positions. The Board has committed to beginning a long-term budget planning process this year which will help us build budgets that are more sustainable in the long term and allow for a broader discussion of all the additions and reductions over a longer period of time.

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The anticipated impact of the U-32 middle and high school budget only on the Middlesex tax rate is a one-cent decrease. But when the three-cent increase for the Rumney Elementary School budget, the one-cent increase for the common level of appraisal and the twelve-cent increase statewide property tax are taken into account the estimated property tax increase for Middlesex residents will be fifteen cents.

As always, it has been a challenge and a pleasure to serve on the U-32 Board. We should all be very proud of U-32 and I thank you again for your continued support of the school, the staff and the students. Please feel free to contact me with any question 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, 2/21).

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

## **PARTICIPATING FROM AFAR**

The Town Meeting Solutions Committee will once again provide access to the town meeting to those who, due to physical limitations, cannot attend the meeting (for example, those who are mobility impaired or abroad in the military). With a mix of internet and phone technologies, these voters can not only hear and see, but also speak at, the meeting. 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 Janette Shaffer, [rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com](mailto:rtmpmiddlesexvt@gmail.com) 802-989-2477