

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF
MIDDLEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

FOR THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014



Marge

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Town Clerk: Mon 7:30-9 pm; Sat 9 am-noon (623-2079)

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Assessors

Board of Health

Building Inspector

Communications Committee

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

Cultural Committee

Finance Committee

Fire Chief

Historical Commission

Library

Planning Board

Selectboard

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Marge

It is with sincerest thanks and great appreciation that we dedicate this annual town report to retiring Town Clerk, Marge Batorski.

For twenty-five years Marge has been the welcoming “face” of Middlefield, cheerfully greeting town residents, new and old, and a wide array of others searching for records, bits of history, and everything else from voter registrations to dog licenses. And she has arranged and smoothly managed a very substantial number of town elections.

Throughout her very popular tenure over the years she has easily garnered a higher percentage of votes than any other elected official, which attests to her diligence and never-ending willingness to extend herself to assist individuals and town officials.

Marge has lived in Middlefield throughout her life and has always been active in town affairs. She worked as a teacher’s assistant in Middlefield and in the Gateway system for over two decades and has been the church organist at the Middlefield Congregational Church for over 35 years.

She is an active member of the Historical Society and was Chairperson for the town’s Bicentennial Committee and..... by the way, found time to manage a home and raise five children.



“Okie Dokie” – A Few Years Ago

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Elected Officials

Body	Member	EOT
Board of Assessors	Ann Marie Visconti	2015
	Laura Lafreniere	2016
	Gita Jozsef - Chair	2017
Constables	Ed Vivier	2015
	Charles H. Hunter	2016
Cemetery Commission	Timothy Pease	2015
	Mark Doane	2016
	Larry Pease	2017
Planning Board	Michael Hale	2015
	Jay Waag-Swift	2015
	Cam McNeill	2016
	Maureen Sullivan	2017
	Alan Vint - Chair	2017
School Committee	Sarah Foley	2016
	Noreen Suriner	2017
Select Board	Alan Vint - Chair	2015
	Howard Knickerbocker - Clerk	2016
	David Dinicola	2017
Town Moderator (1 yr.)	Joe Kearns	2015
Town Clerk (1 yr.)	Marge Batorski	2015

Selectboard

Our town has made notable progress in several areas over the past year and the selectboard continues to pursue and monitor a number of ongoing issues with a multitude of complexities.

The Green Community grant projects to improve energy efficiency in several town buildings were completed this year.

Energy efficient furnaces were installed in both the highway garage and the fire station. New bay doors were also installed in both buildings to prevent heat loss. The highway garage also benefited from the addition of new energy efficient windows and doors and additional insulation.

The town hall had ceiling tiles repaired, replaced or added where tiles had been missing for several years.

We anticipate working with DOER in the coming year to acquire additional grant money to assist in insulating the Senior Center/COA/museum building.

After a multi-year process of obtaining grants in conjunction with the PVPC, we used our \$170,000+ grant to replace the entire slate roof and paint the exterior of the Senior Center/museum. Included in the work were a chimney rebuild, plumbing and electrical wiring upgrades, egress repairs, and roof insulation. These repairs have gone a long way towards preserving one of our most historic structures.

The town hall has also benefitted from a number of improvements in the hopes of creating a more “user friendly” environment.

The kitchen has undergone a complete retrofit with upgrades that have brought it into compliance with all health and building codes.

The interior walls throughout the building are in the process of being repainted and there are plans to invite local photographers, artists, etc. to display their work in the hall and rooms.

Recently a new audio-visual system has been installed in the auditorium. There is now a large screen, a projector, a DVD/Blue-Ray player, large speakers, and wireless microphones in place. Several boards and departments have already utilized the system with very positive results.

The “middle mile” has also reached the town hall, so there is substantially faster internet access in the building.

There are also three “new” computers situated in the auditorium for public use as well as for the bi-weekly computer classes being offered.

Looking to the future, we are hoping to secure funds to begin a very badly needed electrical system upgrade and contemplating options to procure auditorium seating that is not designed for small children.

Administratively, the Selectboard continues to face a number of complex issues.

We procured a grant of \$30,000 to do further testing at the “Brownfields”/general store site. The results to date are not complete and we may not receive our next report until after the ATM. Based on our work with various state agencies there is optimism that we can procure additional grant money to fund any additional cleanup.

The Selectboard wants the townspeople to know that we are proceeding very cautiously on this project. We have the ability to take ownership of the buildings but have chosen not to do so at this time in order to protect the town from any liability. The legal issues are much more complex than we can state here but it is not the intention of the Selectboard to move too far ahead without “town” input. Ultimately there may be many options and no decisions have been made.

We are facing an ongoing issue regarding Worthington’s withdrawal from the Gateway School District. We have all attended various meetings of various boards and committees trying to resolve the problems and legalities associated with the withdrawal.

The Selectboard chose to have Middlefield join the lawsuit with the other Gateway towns against Worthington, et al, questioning the legality of the withdrawal and the various long-term costs associated with the withdrawal. Worthington’s withdrawal has not substantially affected Middlefield financially this year as we have fewer students and our percentage assessment is smaller. We are likely to be involved in this lawsuit for a while but pursuing it is very important for our future assessments, and more importantly, for the children in our town.

We aggressively pursued a cooperative effort with the Selectboard of the Town of Washington to move swiftly to get a new bridge installed just over our town line. The closure of that bridge created a major impediment for commuters from Middlefield as well as potential emergency responders. Our diligent cooperative efforts succeeded in getting the new bridge installed in relatively quick time. We thank the Town of Washington for their serious attention to our mutual problem.

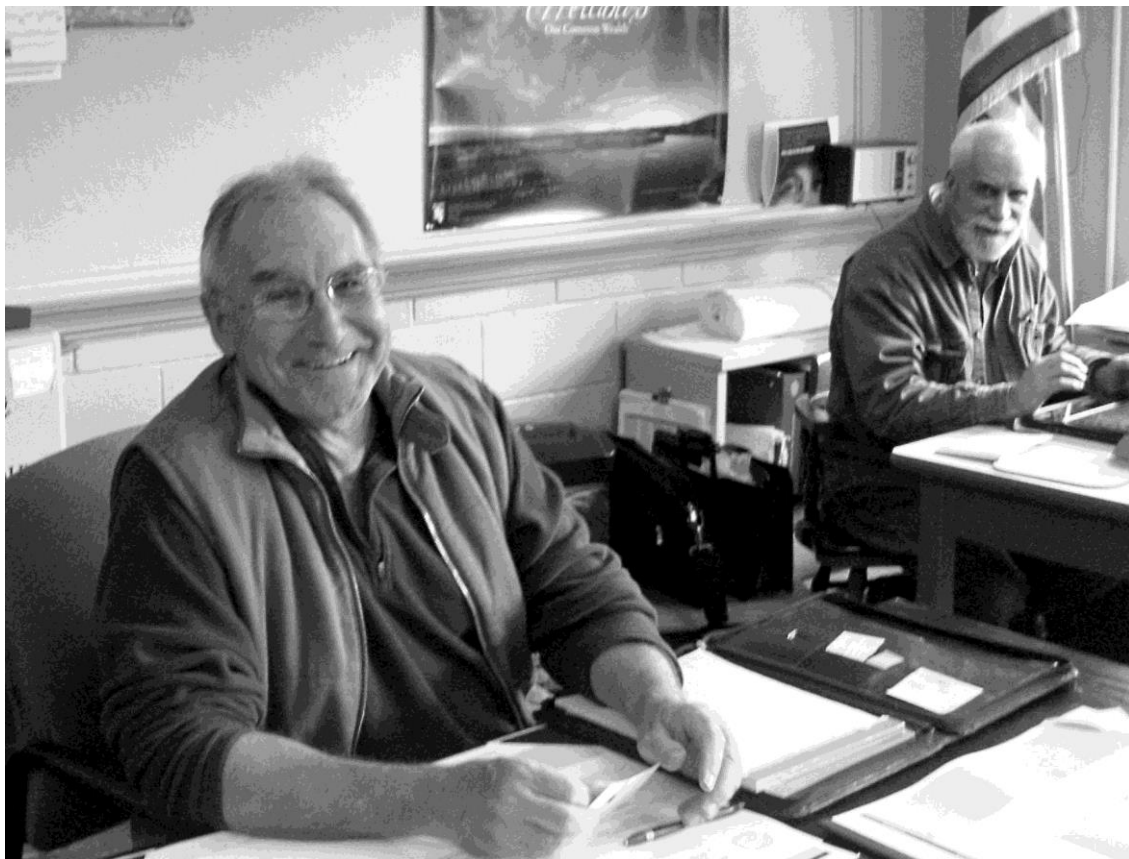
We appointed a more proactive and efficient Building Commissioner who has instituted a streamlined process for permitting. The Selectboard has been working with him to resolve a series of code enforcement issues in town.

We negotiated a “capped” legal contract last year with our town counsel, Kopelman and Paige. As we are sure numerous boards and town officials can attest, the ensuing “new” methodology of utilizing town counsel resulted in a much greater amount of clear legal support. The entire town has benefited as the various town entities have been able to move in legally accurate directions in the matters before them.

Our Tax Title attorney, in conjunction with the tax collector and treasurer, has once again been able to acquire a significant amount of previously unpaid taxes and we were able to auction off one abandoned property for the town.

The Selectboard has also worked diligently with the AGO and our esteemed town clerk to rectify some inconsistencies in our by-laws.

All in all we have had a very productive and positive year and have high hopes for the future.



Monday Nights – Alan Vint & Bill Girard

Thanks to Our Volunteer

Emergency Responders

Ron Radwich	Chief	Charlie Hunter
Larry Pease	Deputy Chief	Logan Judge
Matt Radwich	Asst. Chief	Olivia Killela
Bob Radwich	Captain	John Kuivenen
Cody Paschal	Lieutenant	Cole Main
		Tyler Main
Amy Baker		Bob Miller
Steve Baker		Justin Miller
John Bandoski		Scott O'connor
Karl Barcome		Tim Pease
Chase Carrington		Arlene Radwich
John Dewkett		Henry Roberts
Dave Edwards Jr.		Paul Rock
Carlos Flores		Brendon Rock Jr. Member
Carlos Flores Jr. Member		Jake Sanborn
Dave Fuller		Lauren Suriner Jr. Member
George Haywood		Ed Vivier

Finance

The Middlefield Finance Committee is made up of five members elected to staggered three-year terms. It is the official fiscal watchdog for the town and plays a vital research and advisory role in the town's financial planning. The committee is responsible for submitting its recommendations on the annual budget to the town meeting, including the review of all proposed financial articles in town meeting warrants.

The committee has statutory authority to make transfers from the town's reserve fund to departmental budgets for extraordinary or unforeseen occurrences. It may approve, together with the selectmen, budget transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first 15 days of the next year in order to close out the town's financial records.

The committee is also responsible for long-range revenue and expenditure forecasts to help schedule large capital acquisitions, and for identifying major changes in the town's operating budget.

Planning

The Planning Board, with the assistance of a senior planner with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, has spent the last year reviewing and revising a number of the town's zoning by-laws with the expectation of presenting these potential revisions to the townspeople in the coming months through a series of public hearings and comment periods to solicit feedback and further revision before holding a Special Town Meeting to vote on the proposed changes. The topics under review include the zoning use tables and definitions, the home-based business by-law, signage, and a potential new village center district.

The goals of the proposed revisions will be to make the zoning by-laws more user-friendly and more accommodating to a wider range of enterprises.

Assessors

The Board of Assessors (BOA) oversees real and personal property valuations upon which property taxes are based. While an office of town government, the BOA is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) to assure compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Approximately 81 percent of the town's budget is funded by property and automobile excise taxes, Property values are adjusted each year in accordance with changes in the market, including new construction, additions, and new personal property accounts.

The BOA continues to maintain extensive data on the real and personal property in town, including exempt properties and personal exemptions. The BOA conducts a multi-year *Cyclical Inspection Program* to re-list and re-measure all properties in town, as required by the DOR. A current and accurate property inventory is critical to the determination of uniform, fair market values.

The town's property data is maintained using the State's Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal system (CAMA). This system not only assists in analyzing property values, but also contains property data, building sketches, photographs, ownership history, and additional data used by other departments.

FY 2015 assessed values for various classes of property and their share of the tax levy:

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Levy %</u>
Residential	\$59,995,284	17.44%	\$1,046,318	91.62
Commercial	\$2,590,172	17.44%	\$45,173	3.95
Industrial	\$24,700	17.44%	\$431	0.04
Personal	\$2,875,068	17.44%	\$50,141	4.39
TOTAL	\$65,485,224	17.44%	\$1,142,063	100.00

Motor Vehicle Excise bills for calendar year 2014 also generated \$42,660.41 in tax receivables.

Statutory exemptions for veterans, the blind and the elderly of \$3,075 were granted in FY 2015. Taxpayers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to consult with the Assessors' office to determine eligibility for deferrals and exemptions to help them to remain in their homes.

Building

On July 1 William Girard was appointed as Building Commissioner. Also appointed was Gary Danko of Becket as the Assistant Building Inspector.

The Board of Selectmen has authorized the purchase of a software package that allows online permit applications and certificates of occupancy and inspection. The link can be found at the town website under Building Commissioner along with my contact information. All permits including electrical, plumbing and gas permits are also done exclusively on line. Payment for these permits can be made by bringing in a check during regular office hours, sending a check to the Building Department or by using an online process with UniBank which allow payment from your checking account or credit card.

There is a new fee schedule set up that will marginally affect the cost of a permit. Mostly it was instituted to increase the options and clarify the different types of permits. Plumbing, gas and electrical permits are now an

even \$50 per inspection. This will increase the payment to the inspectors and make them more responsive to the needs of the town, homeowners and contractors.

The hope is to make the whole process easier, more affordable and less time constrained so that more people are encouraged to take out permits for the work they are doing. Also the online permitting allows for less storage and use of paper records with plans and permits stored in the "cloud". This way records can be retrieved with a few key strokes instead of looking through reams of paper in file cabinets and boxes.

If there are any issues that arise from the permit process or zoning questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

ZBA

This past year would best be characterized and remembered as the Zoning Board of Appeal's "*year-of-discovery and transition*". This was the year when it abruptly came to the board's attention that the town's 1987 effort to vote and approve that the Middlefield ZBA change from being an *appointed* board to an *elected* board was ruled illegal by the Attorney General. Upon discovery of this ruling, all current elected board members were promptly appointed. Going forward, the town's selectboard will annually appoint all three ZBA members.

The town's current ZBA board remains active in its efforts to process all legitimate and appropriate citizen requests for special permits, variances and administrative appeals.

Tax

The Town of Middlefield operates on a Uniform Fiscal Year commencing July 1st and ending the following June 30th. The Tax Collectors office is responsible for collecting Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

The residents of Middlefield continue to be a pleasure to work for and with. They are timely in their payments and the work of the Deputy Collector for unpaid excise bills continues to lessen. Collecting delinquent taxes continues to be our major focus of the Collectors office. I have established payment plans with some of our delinquent payers and these payers are adhering to their commitments. I will use Tax Title as a means of last resort for those parties who don't honor their Real Estate taxes.

My office is always open to the Tax Payer either in person or by phone, I am willing to offer payment plans to those struggling with Real Estate Tax. I strive toward the timely collection of taxes to benefit all those who live in the Town of Middlefield.

Cemetery

The Town accepted ownership of 5+ acres of land adjoining Pine Grove Cemetery. The land was graciously donated by Mr. Robert Schumann and will be available for future cemetery expansion.

The Document Committee assisted in digitizing our fragile maps and ledgers to ensure their long term availability and safety. The next step will to make our records available electronically.

From the 1989 Town Report: "During 1989, your Commissioners undertook the task of updating the Pine Grove Cemetery map (necessitated because of vandalism at the school which destroyed much of the cemetery records a few years past)." This demonstrates the reason for our concern with today's documents.

Library

This year the library continues to provide free materials to the people of Middlefield and beyond in a neutral and relaxed setting. We have continued to put more new, uncatalogued and donated books on the shelf for our patrons. Our holdings have climbed to 5968.

We have installed a new sign and outside light for patron's convenience.

The free baseball night at Waconah Park was a big hit as was the children's After School Program and the Senior Luncheon with myself and current books.

The library applied for and received a Cultural Council Grant which will be used for several initiatives including: Writing Your Memoirs given by Thatcher Freund, Hands on History given by Denis Cormier in conjunction with a lecture on the first purple heart given to a man from here in Middlefield, a demonstration of scarecrow making by local artisan Michael Melle, The Art of Georgia O'Keefe given by Greg Maichek, Edible Perennial Gardening given by John Root and Pied Potter Hamelin who demonstrated his redware last year at Middlefield Fair sponsored by the library.

The library is currently working with Emergency Management to offer a warm inviting place to meet during a real emergency.

We are currently working to get two new initiatives off the ground; a mentoring project for the High School children and a Cancer Awareness Group that meets in the library once a week.

Police

The Middlefield Police Department continues to serve the residents of the Town. Chief Thomas Austin and other officers hold office hours at the Town Hall on most Monday evenings to counsel and answer questions from

residents, and to process requests for firearm permits and renewals. The Department is staffed by three officers, a Sergeant, and Chief. The officers are Bob Hoynowski, Matt Radwich, Jenny Austin. The Sergeant is Curt Robie and the Chief is Tom Austin. Bob Hoynowski also serves as the Middlefield Director of Emergency Preparedness.

The Department answers police calls received from Berkshire dispatch and the Massachusetts State Police and also provides services at many town events. The department responds to many local emergencies as well as providing local patrols of town roads and traffic control.

Officers continue to receive training from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Training includes topics such as Use of Force Continuum, First Responders and CPR Certification, Massachusetts Legal Updates, Defensive Tactics, and Community Policing.

Over the past several months, the Hill Town Law Enforcement Association has been reconstituted with a membership of over fifteen town police departments including the Tyringham PD, Tolland PD, Chester PD, Huntington PD, Russell PD, Granville PD, Blandford PD, Sandisfield PD, and several other departments. The purpose of the Association is to provide training for officers, allow for interaction, and the dissemination of information on local crime taking place, and to improve overall policing in the hill towns. The Association has recently achieved recognition and status as an official training agency in the state which allows for all training to be certified by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

The members of the Department want to thank the town for their support of the Department and are always open to suggestions to improve the services provided. The Department wants to especially thank the Selectmen's office, Highway Department and the Middlefield Fire department for their cooperation and assistance over the past year. The Department also wants to thank the Massachusetts State Police and Troopers at the Russell Mass State Police barracks for their support and service to the town.

The department is always looking for new members. Individuals interested in applying must have a clean criminal record and must be over 21 years of age. In order to be certified as a police officer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, candidates must attend the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and pass the Reserve Intermittent Police Officer Training Course or the course for fulltime police officers. This course is paid for by the Department once a person makes the commitment to serve. Once appointed as an officer in the town, officers must attend annual mandatory training to improve skills and to receive updates on changing laws, policies, and approaches to effective policing. Anyone interested should come to the station and talk with Chief Austin or can reach out to any member of the department.

This year has seen an increase nationwide in cybercrime, and identity theft. Residents are urged to be very careful when giving out information over the internet. Due to the rural nature of the town there is always a risk of homes and property being broken into. Residents are also reminded to lock their doors and take steps to safeguard their property. If you plan on being away for an extended period of time it is suggested you inform a neighbor so he/she can keep an eye on your property. You can also let the department know as well. If you decide to install a home alarm system it is requested that you let the department know so we are aware of the system.

In closing, the Department wants to thank the residents of the town for your support and welcome any suggestions you may have to improve the services provided.

Fire

Last year we had thirty one calls. We have thirty two members in our department including EMT's. Our training continues on fire fighter one and two programs. Better weather will enable a return to outdoor training.

Through a town Green Community Grant we were able to convert our heating system from an unreliable oil furnace to a propane heater. We vented this new heating system through the side of the building thus eliminating the pipe that went through the roof. We then repaired the roof to stop the leaks. Every time it rained the fire house was flooded. In addition the two walk in doors were replaced. The rear walk in door was raised to help eliminate water coming into the building due to melting snow and rain.

As stated in the 2013 report, it was our plan to take the tank off the 1962 five ton and put it on a newer military five ton. This did not take place due to the amount of rust inside the tank. We felt it was beyond repair. After discussions on options we decided that we did not want to continue to rely on the two military trucks for tankers.

The finance committee suggested selecting a truck and bringing the matter to the town for a vote at the annual town meeting. We are recommending a four-wheel drive cab and chassis with a 2000 gallon tank. The truck has the ability to start firefighting immediately if first arrival on scene. The truck costs \$210,000.00. The finance committee will determine the best financing plan. We feel this truck is the best option and will serve our town for many years.

We would like to take a moment to report on one of our firefighters. Jake Sanborn went through a bone marrow transplant this past year with a successful outcome. He is again active in our fire department and is looking forward to taking his EMT class. Welcome back Jake.

The department would like to thank all for your continuing support.

Fire and Medical Calls

Medical -14

Trees on wires - 5

Car Accident - 4

Mutual Aid - 3

Fire Alarms - 2

Chimney Fire - 1

Brush Fire - 1

Lost Person - 1

Highway

Everyone must be glad to see the winter of 2014/15 come to a close.

This year's projects included:

1. Prep work on Chester Road which included adding a catch basin at the Chester Road - Alderman Road intersection to eliminate a deep ditch at this intersection. We also installed some sub-drain to fix a water problem. This was followed up with new pavement in September. Part of that was the Pot-hole monies and the rest was provided by the Chapter 90 grant
2. A reconstruction project on Root Road which included full depth reclamation, changing all the culverts on the road, adding four new catch-basins to eliminate deep ditches close to the road. We also added over one thousand feet of sub-drain to fix a water problem. We also added eleven hundred feet of Tensar Geo Grid to help support the new asphalt. This was put down at the end of September.
3. We worked with R&R windows removing the old windows in the garage and prepping the openings for the new windows. The addition of a new door in the rear of the garage was also added. The new heating system installed last year has been a welcome improvement to the garage this winter.
4. The old chimney was removed from the garage and the roof was repaired. We also painted some of the rust spots on the roof with the use of the lift from the Senior Center Project.
5. We replaced a four foot culvert on Arthur Pease Road that had failed in the middle of the Root Road project. The damaged section was covered with road plates until October. We then built two coffer-dams to prevent the flow of the water. We designed one at each end of the pipe so that we could pump the water out. This effectively worked to get the old culvert out. We then installed the new culvert. The road was closed for a little over a week for this project.

These were the larger projects in addition to our regular work schedule which included grading, mowing, plowing and whatever else Mother Nature tosses our way.

We will be getting the Pot-Hole money from the state again this year. We are working with the Selectboard to see where we will use this and our other Chapter 90 funds.

We will also need to have another set of ground water tests done at the garage as the last test came in above environmental limits.

Thank you for your continued support of the Highway Department.

Animals

32 “farm” visits were made in the fall of 2013. The purpose of documenting ownership of each animal provides the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources with data for response planning in an emergency.

There were 95+ dogs licensed in 2013. This provided a data base for reference with complaints of “dogs at large” or to know when dogs were not licensed. A total of 4 home kennels were inspected prior to licensure for 2014. All kennels were inspected and approved as meeting all standards of care per the state guidelines.

Calls to the ACO were as follows: (1) Barking dog, (4) Missing dogs, (1) possible neglect, (1) unlicensed dog, (2) dog “at large”, (1) missing cat and (1) dead animal removal.

Conservation

Conservation Commissions in Massachusetts are charged with overseeing the parameters of the state’s Wetlands Protection Act. The commission operates under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Throughout the year the commission holds monthly meetings, public hearings, as necessary, and surveys sites and responds to concerns and complaints regarding wetlands issues. The commissioners also attend seminars and classes from time to time to update their knowledge and understanding of current regulations.

The commission is available to assist landowners in complying with the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act and is responsible for enforcing those regulations.

Communication

The Communications Committee is pleased to report further progress in expanding, upgrading and maintaining the Town’s communications infrastructure during FY 2014.

The Town website which employs the popular and powerful WordPress content management system (CMS), continues to run without a hitch. Various boards and committees continue to post their meetings and upload their minutes, and community events are regularly submitted for posting. Other additions include historical town records from 1879 to 1966, and searchable annual collections of Selectboard minutes.

A new online system accessed via the Building Commissioner’s page allows you to apply for and view the status of various permits.

The comprehensive security system with firewall protection and daily scans continues to do its job, including the interception of frequent hacking attacks.

MassBroadband 123. Verizon DSL service in the Town Hall was replaced by service over MassBroadband 123 middle mile fiber from Crocker Communications, serving all town offices, including the Library. Two additional public wireless access points were installed in the town offices, bringing the total to four.

Town Hall Data Security. The Backblaze cloud backup & recovery service provides continuous real-time backup for on all critical computers – the Selectboard, accountant, assessors, treasurer, tax collector, and the library.

The Town Hall network continues run smoothly. The dual system provides an open, public network for library and general use, and a separate, secure network for official town business. There is public, wireless access in the Town Hall for meetings, auditorium presentations, and many other uses. A Gateway Security system protects the entire network.

A comprehensive AV system was installed in the Town Hall auditorium, including overhead projector, screen, Blu-ray player, and an audio system with wireless mics and speakers for performances, town meetings, police training, presentations, movies, and more.

The Middlefield GIS. Our powerful, customized geographic information system (GIS), which can be accessed via the town website, continues to run smoothly. "Emergency communications. We are evaluating various dispatching options including using the Hampshire County repeater site on Skyline in Chester. This site should provide solid coverage along River Road which is now lacking. The Chester Fire Department will assist in conducting a series of radio coverage tests once leave cover is again on the trees. The Police Department is acquiring a surplus tower for potential service in Middlefield.

Public computers were installed in the Town Hall auditorium for classroom training and free public access.

Last Mile Broadband. We continue to be an active participant in the WiredWest cooperative. We are exploring less costly town-based solutions, including wireless and fiber-to-the-neighborhood (FTTN).

Historical

The Historical Commission normally hosts open houses at our museum on Saturdays during summer holiday weekends - as well as during Middlefield Days. We were forced to take a hiatus this year as roof construction forced us to cover all the collections. The new roof is beautiful and we look forward to seeing everyone this year. We are always available to open on special request.

We man the farm building during the annual Middlefield Fair and present varying exhibits every year. This year an old General Store interior was our theme. The Commission is working with the Documents committee to inventory and electronically replicate many of our irreplaceable documents and photographs.

Documents

The Historical Document Committee was formed this year to undertake the cataloging and digitization of our historic town documents, both official town records and individual and organizational papers and photographs of historic value. We want to make these documents available to the wider public via our town web site, and to disperse multiple electronic backups to assure their retention.

Our first undertaking was digitizing 3 rolls of microfilm made during the 1980s. These were photographic images of our early town record volumes. The result is over 3200 pages imaged and available electronically on the town website. The huge remaining task is the indexing of these records, which at the current rate of progress will go on for years. Of particular note are the 192 pages of original vital records that have never been available to researchers.

We had hoped to find early sexton's records for the cemeteries but apparently most cemetery records were destroyed by vandals in the 1980s. We offered our services to the Cemetery Commission to make a point in time "snap shot" of their working records. We have digitized 2 large maps of Pine Grove and hundreds of pages of journal entries. The cemetery burial cards starting at 1920 have been digitized.

We hope to create a digital database of these cemetery records that can be regularly updated. We note that Middlefield does not have a map or inventory of the burials in each cemetery nor photographs of the stones. The cemeteries are our link with the past. This would make an excellent project for interested volunteers.

We have scanned town annual reports from the late 1980s to date and searchable versions are available on our web site. This effort is ongoing as we work backwards through time. The Selectmen's minutes for the last several years have been put in an "electronic" PDF copy by fiscal year and are again fully searchable on the town web site.

In process is the scanning of a citizen's paper genealogy to preserve the effort and make it available for future historians. If you have town related material or older photographs please contact us if you need preservation help (we would love electronic copies) - or consider donating the material to the museum.

This year we hope to gain access to the Congregational Church Records and to start an inventory of the material stored in the Clerk's closet at the Town Hall. We have created an electronic base inventory of the Museum collection and will hopefully continue expanding that effort.

COA

The COA continues to serve our seniors a Wednesday noon meal in a social setting. Approximately 500 total meals were provided this year. In addition to the meals, the COA supplies monthly "brown bags" of staple foods to eligible seniors. We wish to acknowledge the volunteer effort provided by Marge Pierre and Kathy Obrien in supporting our Meal Coordinator Suzanne Lemieux.

The senior center has been closed for several months this winter due to frozen drain pipes. This condition was probably due to construction vehicles disturbing the pipes during the roof reconstruction. The weekly meals were relocated to the town hall. The final interior construction work was completed in February.

Volunteer drivers have provided 15 rides to date this year for medical appointments. The Franklin Regional Transportation Authority provides mileage reimbursement through a yearly grant. We thank Judy Artioli for coordinating this activity.

We experimented with two series of Tai Chi classes hosted by Doreen Black that provide balance and other physical training for seniors. Turnouts were low.

Your COA is a member of The Southern Hilltown Councils on Aging Consortium (SHCOAC) whose membership also includes Russell, Blandford, Granville and Tolland. The consortium has been reorganized and will be formally authorized by a municipal agreement between the five towns. A clerk has been hired and an Outreach Coordinator is in the process of being hired. A regional web site for elder coordination and information is planned. We are a dues paying members of the Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA).

COA gratefully acknowledges the direct financial support of the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs who has provided a \$4,000 grant to Middlefield and has also funded the Consortium at the \$40,000 level.

Veterans

The Central Hampshire Veterans Services District mission is to aid, support, and advocate for the Veterans of our communities and/or their dependents. A secondary mission is to work with the Veterans Council to arrange for Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades, and other patriotic events.

The District serves Veterans and their families in the communities of Northampton, Amherst, Pelham, Chesterfield, Williamsburg, Goshen, Worthington, Cummington, Hadley, and Middlefield. The expanded district has given all of the member communities' access to a veterans' service office on a full-time basis. There are two full-time Veterans' Service Officers with diverse backgrounds and experience to better answer questions, solve problems, and deal with the struggles unique to those who have served in our Armed Forces.

Our work with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness to develop an Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness among Veterans was completed.

Health Agent

Activity for the Health Agent was varied in 2014. The Board/I issued the following permits: food—11, septic system installer—1, septic system pumper—2. No percolation tests were witnessed and no new septic system construction permits issued in 2014. I inspected 9 food booths at the fair, as well as the Blossom Center, Council on Aging, and Town Office building kitchen. I also worked with the Agricultural Committee on an issue with the water wells at the Fairgrounds prior to opening the Fair this year. \$110 was turned over to the Treasurer during calendar 2014.

I am impressed and delighted at the Town's efforts to get the Town Office building kitchen updated, repaired, and thoroughly clean so that I was able to give it the official go-ahead for public functions. Much appreciation goes to the Selectboard and to building custodian Kathy O'Brien for her meticulous cleaning of the kitchen.

Nuisance and housing complaints kept me busy during the year. It was necessary to condemn two buildings and issue orders for repair to bring them into compliance. One particularly complex issue on Skyline Trail was brought to Housing Court and ultimately condemned by the Board. I also inspected one rental housing complaint and issued orders. The rental unit was brought into compliance. Two issues regarding campers were addressed by me and the building inspector in his role as Zoning Enforcement Officer. Camping in trailers, tents, vans, or other facilities is allowed for a limited period of time in Middlefield, but only by permit.

If you need me, please call or email me. Since I am part-time and live elsewhere, it is best to call me at home, telephone 413-586-5767 or email me at jackieduda@yahoo.com. In-person help should always be scheduled in advance. Mail should be directed to me at the town hall "attention health agent". You will also find some useful information on the town webpage. I continue to work for the City of Easthampton 4 days a week so my work in Middlefield is generally limited to Friday's, holidays, weekends, and evenings. Please refrain from calling me in Easthampton, as it violates the City's protocols.



PORCHLIGHTSM
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The following services were performed in Middlefield during the fiscal year 7/01/2013 – 6/30/2014:

HOME VISITS	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Total
Skilled Nursing	9	7	2	0	18
Physical Therapy	4	9	0	0	13
Occupational Therapy	0	5	0	0	5
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Social Work	1	0	0	0	1
Maternal Child Health	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrition Services	0	0	0	0	0
Home Health Aide	4	4	0	0	8
Totals	18	25	2	0	45
NON-BILLABLE	0	0	0	0	0

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE					
Confirmed	0	1	0	0	1
Probable	1	0	0	0	1
Suspected	0	1	0	0	1
Revoked	0	0	0	0	0

CLINICS	# of Clinics Held / Attendance				
Flu	0	1/19	0	0	1/19

HRMC

The Hilltown Regional Management Cooperative was created 26 years ago by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

The member Towns that comprise the HRMC includes: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for FY14 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (from Middlefield); Adam Leach, Vice Chair (from Worthington); and, Tom Martin, Treasurer (from Westhampton). Eric Weiss, HRMC Administrator has been managing and operating the HRMC as a half-time contractor since its inception. In June, Eric announced that he would be leaving the helm of the HRMC to serve as the Executive Director of the MHEC.

The HRMC has been providing guidance to its member towns on recycling, municipal waste disposal hauling and disposal, and compliance assistance and sustainability services. In fiscal year 2014 those services included:

- Monitoring of Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) program hauling
- Monitoring of Municipal Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal
- Negotiating a new MRF contract with DEP and Waste Management
- Sponsoring an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (i.e. fluorescent lights, compact fluorescent lights, ballasts, and non-alkaline batteries), and Freon removal from white goods (appliances)
- Transfer Station operations monitoring
- Preparing bids and contracts for transfer station equipment
- Preparing bids for environmental monitoring activities

For the past 2½ years, the HRMC has managed a regional recycling and hauling contract for its 10 member communities.

In addition to the managing the day to day operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board; provides technical assistance on DEP and compliance related issues, advocates with local, regional, and State officials, and researches and drafts grant submittals.

The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY13 the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions, the Assessment Budget has remained level funded for the past 4 years. The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and the program efforts on behalf of its member communities. Many of the program

costs are passed through the HRMC to have oversight of contracts and enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight on program operations.

In fiscal year 2014, the HRMC member Towns collectively diverted 1,042.61 tons of recyclable materials (paper, and bottles/cans) to the MRF and earned \$20,363.35 in recycling revenue.

The HRMC looks forward to continuing to assist the member Towns during the upcoming year. If you have questions about HRMC programs, call us at 413-685-5498 or by email at hrc@hrc-ma.org.

Wild & Scenic

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities.

Through Riparian Conservation and Community Grants program, the Committee provides small grants to support projects in the ten Wild & Scenic communities. To date, funds have helped protect over 420 acres of forests, farmlands and rivers, including a recent Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) on 54 acres in Chesterfield which allowed a family farm to remain viable and working for years to come. An additional 199 acres of riparian lands are set to be placed under a permanent conservation easement within the next year.

Community grants have been used to inventory and improve storm water runoff along the river, provide engineering assessments of deteriorating bridges and culverts, and to solicit additional grant funds. In 2013, the Town of Becket received a small grant to develop preliminary designs and to apply for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to replace a culvert with a more flood resilient, fish friendly crossing. In the fall of 2014, the Town received word the project will receive \$399,375 in FEMA funding.

A small dam on Kinne Brook in Chester was removed. Trout Unlimited previously received funds from the Committee to support the removal of the dam and the replacement of two culverts. When completed, the project will eliminate three stream barriers opening up 10 miles of cold-water habitat for Eastern Brook Trout.

In collaboration with the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership, the Committee printed Invasive Species Guides and distributed them to Town Highway Departments, Conservation Commissions and volunteers in the watershed. These guides are intended to raise awareness, especially of some of the early-detection species which have not been well-established in the watershed.

On September 27, 2014, 58 community volunteers, committee members and specialists gathered along the banks of the East Branch of the Westfield River for the first Watershed Blitz. Teams led by wildlife and river experts recorded observations and noted problems, cataloged assets and recommended priorities for action on over 20 river miles. The community spirit and the opportunity to share knowledge and expertise among the various participants infused the day with enthusiasm and excitement.

Several volunteers who surveyed other sections of the Westfield River recruited their neighbors and friends to survey tributary streams flowing through their backyards. Groups have surveyed Yokum Brook (Becket), Walker Brook (Becket/Chester), Kinne Brook (Worthington/Chester), and Dead Branch (Chesterfield/Huntington). In 2015, volunteers

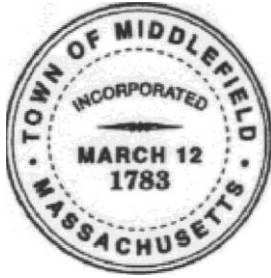
are launching a Stream Team on the Little River (Worthington/Huntington). Each Stream Team receives training, GPS units digital and wildlife cameras, maps, and plenty of opportunities to explore their rivers and streams!

Thank you to the 120+ volunteers who lent a hand surveying river reaches, constructing brochure boxes for our kiosks, and tidying the East Branch and Keystone Arch Bridge Trails.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our newly updated website at www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org.



STM - March 24, 2014 – Warrant



Town of Middlefield

Special Town meeting Warrant

Town Hall Auditorium
March 24, 2014

Hampshire, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections *and* Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Middlefield on the twenty-fourth (24th) day of March, 2014 at 7:00pm then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see If the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from Free Cash to the Town Counsel Account or take any action relative thereto;


ARTICLE 2. To transact any other business to come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the Middlefield Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, at least fourteen (14) days before time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meetings as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the" day of March 2014.



Alan Vint, Chair



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Howard Knickerbocker,

STM - March 24, 2014 – Minutes

Joe Kearns, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:00P.M. Being a quorum present, Mr. Kearns led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then he read the warrant Marin announced that the meeting was being recorded. There were 32 people present.

Art. 1 A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from Free Cash to the Town Council Account. Mr. Vint,

Chairman of the Board, said this request is not to be confused with the Tax Title budget. \$2000 of the Town Council budget of \$6000 was spent on the Harry Pease issue and \$1966.42 was spent on bills. Currently at meeting time, there is the amount of \$146.42 over spent. Presently fees for the lawyers are \$175.00 per hour. Mr. Vint went on to say other boards such as the Assessors, Building Committee and Planning Boards have to consult with the lawyers as well the Selectmen who have to sign contracts and Town Council isn't affordable. Mr. Knickerbocker likened the Legal counsel in that the Town is able to run over the Snow Budget. If there is any money left over, it goes back to the General Fund. A member said that this seems to be at trend, and we need more of a handle on the situation as the Selectmen are not willing to follow last year's budget. A question was asked if last year's figure from the Finance Committee voted be the same. Mr. Vint replied that it varies from year to year as the Town has to consult Town Council for some advice on some of the issues. Being no more discussion, the Moderator declared that a simple vote be taken. There were mostly yeas and a few dissenting. Article 1 passed.

Art. 2 Under this Article, Larry Pease of the Cemetery Commission spoke about 5.5 acres of land that a gentleman was to donate to the cemetery. The land is located on the east side of the cemetery and will butt up to the present site of Pine Grove Cemetery. A question was asked about available plots and the fees? Also, could the information be posted? Larry replied that he has all the information and advised people to call him.

No more discussion and a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. Meeting dissolved at 7:30 P.M.

Maryjois Zotoski
Town Clerk

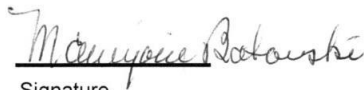
STM – March 24, 2014 - Financial Summary

Town of Middlefield

Town Clerk's Special Town Meeting Report March 24, 2014

Article No	Appropriations From Tax Levy	Appropriations From Free Cash	Appropriations From Other Available Funds	From Available Funds to Reduce Tax Rate	Revolving Funds	Borrowing Authority
1		7,500.00				
Total:		7,500.00				

11/22/2014
Date Submitted


Signature

Town Clerk
Title

ATM– May 3, 2014 – Warrant

Town Hall Auditorium

May 3, 2014

Polls open 12:00 noon

Business meeting starts at 1:30 pm

Hampshire, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Town Hall on Saturday May 3, and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE I. To choose on one ballot

For the term of three years:

Selectboard	Finance Committee
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Board of Assessors	Planning Board (2)
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Zoning Board of Appeals	Library Trustee
Cemetery Commissioner	

For the term of two years:
School Committee

For the term of one year:

Board of Assessors	Finance Committee
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Planning Board	Moderator
Town Clerk	

The polls will open at 12:00 noon and may be closed at 5:00 pm. The business meeting will start at 1:30 pm.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, and other elected or appointed officers or committees of the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for FY2015, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate \$17,780 for these salaries or compensations to be as of July 1, 2014 as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Moderator	100	100	100	100
Assessors, Chair	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Assessors, Member	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Assessors, Member	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Town Clerk	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Selectboard, Chair	1,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Selectboard, Member	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Selectboard, Member	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Constable 1st	100	100	100	100
Constable 2nd	100	100	100	100
Total	18,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY2015; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Treasurer	9,000	9,120	9,120	9,120
Tax Collector	10,000	10,200	10,200	10,200
Secretary (Admin. Asst.)	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Recording Secretary		3,000	3,000	3,000
Asst. Town Clerk	600	600	600	600
Town Accountant	9,100	9,100	9,100	9,100
Assessors' Clerk	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
Town Building Custodian	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,000
Town Maintenance Technician	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total	49,600	53,920	53,920	53,920

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Town Counsel	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Election & Registration	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Maintenance of Public Buildings	46,800	45,000	45,000	45,000
Insurances and Bonds	45,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share	7,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Total	107,200	107,400	107,400	107,400

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Expense Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Selectboard Expense	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Printing Expense	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Copier Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Town Accountant Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Assessors Expense	3,000	3,345	3,345	3,345
Tax Map Update	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Assessors Software/Support	1,650	1,850	1,850	1,850
Assessors' Revaluation	6,300	1,200	1,200	1,200
Treasurer Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Treas. Tax Title & Legal Fees	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Treasurer/Acct Software Support	4,915	4,915	4,915	4,915
Payroll Software Support	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tax Collector Expense	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
TC Tax Title & Legal Fees	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Town Clerk Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Planning Board Expense	500	750	750	750
Communication Comm. Exp.	300	300	300	300
Conservation Comm. Exp.	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000
Zoning Board Expense	500	500	500	500
Electric Inspections Expense	250	250	250	250
Plumbing Inspection Expense	250	250	250	250
Constable Expense	150	150	150	150
Website/Technology Expense	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total	53,715	49,710	49,710	49,710

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Highways; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Highway Department Wages	125,000	128,000	128,000	128,000
Holidays	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Vacations	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Hampshire County Retirement	29,948	37,601	37,601	37,601
Health Insurance	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Fuel	30,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Snow Removal	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Highway Maintenance	30,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Unpaved Roads Material	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Machinery Maintenance	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
Grader Tires		15,000	15,000	15,000
Street Lights	500	500	500	500
Total	347,448	383,101	383,101	383,101

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Librarian Salary	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200
Library Expense	1,500	1,750	1,750	1,750
Veterans Agent Salary	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Veterans' Benefits	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
War Memorials/Playground	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Cemetery Expense	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total	18,500	19,750	19,750	19,750

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Protection of Persons & Property Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Police Chiefs Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Police Dept. Operating Expense	9,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Police Officers' Compensation	8,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Police Officers' Training	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Regional Lockup	505	505	505	505
EMS Service	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
EMS Education	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary	500	500	500	500
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Fire Dept. Inspector Salary	300	300	300	300
Fire Dept. Dispatch Service	7,700	7,700		
Forest Fire	10	10	10	10
Civil Defense	10	10	10	10
Bldg. Commissioner/Asst Comp.	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Bldg. Commissioner/Asst Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Asst. Electrical Inspector Salary	100	100	100	100
Plumbing Inspector Salary	300	300	300	300
Animal Control Officer's Salary	400	400	400	400
Animal Control Officer's Exp.	300	500	500	500
Insect Pest Control Expense	100	100	100	100
Animal Inspector Salary	0	300	300	300
_ Animal Inspector Expense	100	200	200	200
Board of Health Agent Comp.	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Board of Health Expense	200	200	200	200
Total	63,525	67,125	59,425	59,425

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of money for Health & Sanitation; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Ambulance	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,500
Hilltown Resource Management	1,690	1,690	1,690	1,690
Disposal Area	24,500	24,500	24,500	24,500
Health & Sanitation	10	10	10	10
Porchlight Visiting Nurse	1,110	1,110	1,110	1,110
Total	28,510	28,810	28,810	28,810

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$5,000 to establish a Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 6, as amended; or take any other action in relation thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Council on Aging Expense	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Historical Commission Expense	600	600	600	600
Pioneer Valley Planning	80	80	80	80
Recreation Committee Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Hampshire Council of Govt	512	256	256	256
Agricultural Commission Exp.	100	100	100	100
Total	5,292	3,536	3,536	3,536

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,223 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Minimum Contribution	343,215	350,223	350,223	350,223

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,891 for Middlefield's share of the above minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Corn. Recommends
Above Minimum Contribution	87,466	70,891	70,891	70,891

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,453 for Middlefield's share of the Non-Foundation portion (Transportation and Debt Service) of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Non-Foundation portion	126,229	93,453	93,453	93,453

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for vocational education; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Vocational Education	100,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to be expended during FY 2015 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties, capped at the amounts in the table below; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Electrical Inspector	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Conservation Commission	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund, under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY2015. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station attendant's salary, for capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectboard may spend up to \$6,000 in revolving fund monies for the Transfer Station during FY2015 and retain in this account all collected fees; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Debt & Interest; or take any other action relative thereto:

	FY2014 Adopted	FY 2015		
		Requested	Selectboard Recommends	Finance Com. Recommends
Interest on Short-term Debt	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Building Project Loan	20,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Highway truck loan	26,515	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total	48,015	47,000	47,000	47,000

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the Board to serve as the Assessors' Clerk at the salary fixed and voted on by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Finance Committee: Recommends

Selectboard: Recommends

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift from Robert F. Schumann of a parcel of land located in the vicinity of Clark Wright Road and identified on the Town of Middlefield Assessors' Map 411, Parcel 0041-01, to be used as a cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Selectboard: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support WiredWest; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to upgrade the bathroom facilities at the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 and all other Highway grant Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town's roads and bridges and other related costs; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from the Stabilization Fund and borrow \$50,000 for 5 years to purchase a Ford 550 truck or equivalent; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter III, Article XXII, Section 1 of the Town Bylaws

From:

Council on Aging will consist of at least 5 members appointed by the Selectmen for a period of one year. They are responsible for developing and coordinating any services and activities for the elderly including those supported by the Commonwealth.

To:

Council on Aging will consist of at least 5 members appointed by the Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. They are responsible for developing and coordinating any services and activities for the elderly including those supported by the Commonwealth.

; or take any other action relative thereto:

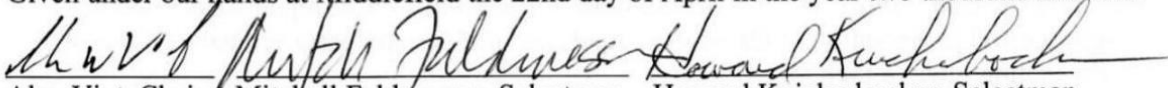
Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

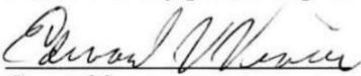
ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business to come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the Middlefield Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, at least seven days before time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 22nd day of April in the year two thousand fourteen.


Alan Vint, Chair Mitchell Feldmesser, Selectman Howard Knickerbocker, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.


Constable
Attest

4-22-14
Date

GLOSSARY

APPROPRIATION: An authorization granted by a Town Meeting to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. The appropriation is carried forward year to year until spent for the designated purpose, unless transferred by a Town Meeting vote to another account.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: *Free Cash*, reserves and unexpended balances available for appropriation.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: Estimated monies to be received by the Town from various sources, such as licenses and state reimbursements. This estimate is deducted by the Assessors from the gross amount to be raised by taxes when the tax rate is set.

FISCAL YEAR: The twelve-month period from July 1 — June 30 to which the annual budget applies, at the end of which a Town determines its financial position and the results of its operations.

FREE CASH: The surplus or deficit revenue account (also called "excess and deficiency" or "available funds"), less any uncollected taxes of prior years, certified each July 1 by the Director of Accounts. Any surplus is available for appropriation upon certification. By action of a Special Town Meeting after certification and before setting the tax rate, part or all of any free cash may be applied to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

OVERLAY: The amount of money allocated by Assessors to cover abatements and uncollectable taxes.

OVERLAY SURPLUS: Unused, accumulated *overlay* from various years, which may be released by the Assessors for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes.

RESERVE FUND: An account with monies allocated for unforeseen or emergency purposes, controlled exclusively by the Finance Committee.

STABILIZATION ACCOUNT: A special account created to provide for capital expenditures, which is invested until used.

SURPLUS REVENUE: The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and reserves.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT: A written order calling an Annual or Special Town Meeting, containing a list of items to be acted upon. Warrants are posted at the official posting places, such as the Town Hall and Post Office.

ATM - May 3, 2014 - Minutes

Before the meeting started, the Police Department made a presentation to a member of the Police Department. The reward was a Medal of Courage presented to David Edwards, Jr. for his bravery in the help that he gave to a man in distress in the cold water of the East Branch of the Westfield River. The man was a visitor from the Bronx of New York. David held onto the man until Tom Austin, the Chief came and helped David get the man out of the water where resuscitation was performed. However it was too late as the gentleman had passed. Also, at this presentation, Tom Austin, the Chief, was presented a medal for his thirty years of service to our community. Sgt. Curt Robie of the Police Department made the presentations. Also the other members of the department were present: Edward Vivier, Matt Radwich, Robert Hoynoski.

After the presentations, Joseph Kearns, the Moderator, opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. by leading the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the Warrant. Under Article 1, it was for the election of officers.

Article 2. This Article was to act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, and other elected or appointed officers or committees of the town. The Selectmen had no oral reports as all the reports were in the Town Report.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town for FY2015, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriated \$17,780 for these salaries or compensations to be as of July 1, 2014. There some discussion of the increase, and the Chairman said that with all the work he is doing for the town, that the increase is warranted. Being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the Article passed easily. (\$20,000)

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY2015. Being no discussion, Article 4 passed unanimously. (\$53,920)

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government. There was discussion as to why the appropriation went from \$107,200 to \$107,400. Alan Vint, Chairman of the board explained that the Town Counsel has gone to \$12,000 so that all boards will have access to legal advice. Such as advice for legal threats, law suits, Planning Board questions, and the Building Commissioner, at times, needs legal advice. Being no more discussion, the vote was taken and Article 5 passed. (\$107,400)

Article 6. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the expense accounts. Being no discussion, Article 6 passed. At the same time, it was mentioned that some people can't get on the town Web Site. (\$49,710). There wasn't much discussion concerning this.

Article 7. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Highways. There was some discussion concerning the Hampshire County Retirement. It was stated that the Highway Department Employees pays 15% and the Town pays 85%. Being no further discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous. (\$383,101)

Article 8. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts. No discussion and the Article passed with a unanimous vote. (\$19,750)

Article 9. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Protection of Persons and property Accounts. There was requested the sum of \$7,700 for the Fire Dispatch Service but the finance Committee and the Selectboard did not recommend this request. There is still discussion as to whether to stay with the State Police in Northampton or to go with Berkshire County. After much more discussion, a motion was made and seconded to call the question. It was necessary to have a 2/3 vote and that requirement was met. The fund voted was \$59,425.

Article 10. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of money for Health and Sanitation. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.(\$28,810)

Article 11. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to establish a Reserve Fund to provide to provide the extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures ads provided by M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 6, as amended. No discussion and the Article passed unanimously. (\$5,000)

Article 12. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Accounts. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously. (\$3,536)

Article 13. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,223 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School Budget This is a bill that has to be paid. This Article passed easily with a majority vote. (\$350,223)

Article 14. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,891 for Middlefield's share of the minimum to the budget for the Gateway regional School District. Being no discussion, the article passed easily with a simple majority vote. (\$70,891)

Article 15. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,453 for Middlefield's share of the Nonfoundation portion(Transportation and Debt Service) of the budget for the Gateway Regional School district for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously. (\$93,453)

Article 16. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for vocational education. Being an error in the printing, the request was for \$30,000 and the Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend. Being no discussion, this article passed unanimously. (\$30,000)

Article 17. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to be expended during FY 2015 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties capped in the amounts in the table below: Electrical inspector--\$2,500 and the Conservation Commission-- \$2,000. Being no discussion, this Article passed with an unanimous vote.

Article 18. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to authorize a revolving fund, under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY 2015. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station attendant's salary, for capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectboard may spend up to \$6,000 in revolving fund monies for the Transfer Station during FY2015 and retain in this account all collected fees. Being no discussion, Article 18 passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 19. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Debt and Interest. No discussion and this Article passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 20. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the Board to serve as the Assessors Clerk at the salary fixed by the Town. Being no discussion, Article 20 passed easily.

Article 21. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote a gift from Robert F. Schumann of a parcel of land located in the vicinity of Clark Wright Road and identified on the Town of Middlefield Assessors' Map 411, Parcel 0041-01, to be used as a cemetery. Larry Pease, of the Cemetery Commission spoke to this Article explaining that the gentleman did not need it any longer and decided to donate to the Town of Middlefield as a part of Pine Grove cemetery on Clark Wright Road. It was then suggested that Larry write a Thank You note to Mr. Schumann which Larry has done. This Article passed with an unanimous vote.

Article 22. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money of \$1,000 to support Wired West. Not much discussion and the Article passed with one "nay" vote. (\$1,000)

Article 23. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to upgrade the bathroom facilities at the Council of Aging. Howard Knickerbocker, Selectman, spoke to this issue and explained what needed to upgrade the bathroom facilities. Not much discussion and this Article passed with an unanimous vote.(10,000)

Article 24. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will accept the Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent. Being no discussion, Article 24 passes unanimously.

Article 25. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 90 and all other Highway grant Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town's roads and bridges. Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, spoke of the things he has planned. He is hoping to remove the center line markers and re-seal the line, he is working on Root Road with drains, culverts and then repave, and he is going to work on the Chester Road. After more discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 26. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization \$50,000 and borrow \$50,000 for five years to purchase a Ford 550 truck or equivalent. There was some discussion, and we needed a 2/3 vote for passage of this Article. Being that the body had 2/3 to pass this Article, Article 26 passed.

Article 27. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter III, Article XXII, Section 1 of the Town Bylaws

FROM: Council on Aging will consist of at least 5 members appointed by the Selectmen for a period of one year. They are responsible for developing and coordinating any services and activities for the elderly including those supported by the Commonwealth.

TO: Council on Aging will consist of at least 5 members appointed by the Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. They are responsible for developing and coordinating any services and activities for the elderly including those supported by the Commonwealth.

This Article passed unanimously.

Article 28. Under this Article, it was mentioned that the Town Scenic Advisory Committee needs new members. No one came forth. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. Dissolved at 3:22 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski

Town Clerk

ATM – May 3, 2014 - Voting Results

To Vote for a person , mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of the name and designation, whether for a preprinted candidate or a write- in candidate.

MODERATOR for ONE year	Vote for 1
JOSEPH KEARNS, Skyline Trail Candidate for Re-election	164

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for THREE years	Vote for 1
JUDITH HOAG, Arthur Pease Road Candidate for Re-election	167

TOWN CLERK for ONE year	Vote for 1
MARJORIE P. BATORSKI, Root Rd. Candidate for Re-election	183

PLANNING BOARD for THREE years	Vote for 2
ALAN VINT, Skyline Trail Candidate for Re-election	81
MAUREEN SULLIVAN, Root Road	105

SELECTMAN for THREE years	Vote for 1
MITCH FELDMESSER, Root Road Candidate for Re-election	83
DAVID DINICOLA, Skyline Trail	105

PLANNING BOARD for ONE year	Vote for 1
JAY WAAG-SWIFT, Alderman Road	127

CEMETERY COMMISSION for THREE years	Vote for 1
LARRY PEASE, Town Hill Road Candidate for Re-election	177

ASSESSOR for THREE years	Vote for 1
GITA JOZSEF-HARRIS, Johnny Cake Hill Candidate for Re-election	100
PATRICIA BAKER, Chester Road	83

FINANCE COMMITTEE for THREE years	Vote for 1
JUDITH HOAG, Arthur Pease Rd. Candidate for Re-election	117
DAVID DiNICOLA, Skyline Trail	74

ASSESSOR for ONE year	Vote for 1
TAMARIN LAUREL-PAINE, Chester Road	91
ANN MARIE VISCONTI, Becket Rd.	95

FINANCE COMMITTEE for ONE year	Vote for 1
DAVID DiNICOLA, Skyline Trail	84
DALE HOAG, Arthur Pease Rd.	101

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for THREE years	Vote for 1
RUTH FELDBERG, Skyline Trail	179

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for THREE years	Vote for 1
NOREEN SURINER, Chester Road	151

193 VOTERS
337 REGISTERED VOTERS

STM – June 23, 2014 – Warrant

Town Hall Auditorium
June 23, 2014 at 7 pm

Hampshire, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Town Hall in said Middlefield on Monday the 23rd day of June next, at 7:00 in the evening then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Fuels account (20422.00); or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Highway Department

Selectboard: Recommends

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$700 from Free Cash to digitize the microfilms of historic town records; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business to come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the Middlefield Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, at least fourteen days before time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 27th day of May in the year two thousand fourteen.

Alan Vint Howard Knickerbocker David Dinicola
 Alan Vint, Chair Howard Knickerbocker, Selectman David Dinicola, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Alison M. Vint 5-28-14
 Constable Date
 Attest

STM – June 23, 2014 – Minutes

The Special Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Joe Kearns. He led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, then he read the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Fuels account (20422.00). A question was raised as to why the transfer and the reply was because of the long, cold hard winter and also the cost of fuel had gone up. Vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$700.00 from Free Cash to digitize the microfilms of Historic Town Records. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 3. Under this Article, there was no other business. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve this meeting. Meeting dissolved at 7:10 P.M.

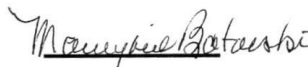
Marjorie Batorski
Town Clerk

Town of Middlefield

Town Clerk's Special Town Meeting Report June 23, 2014

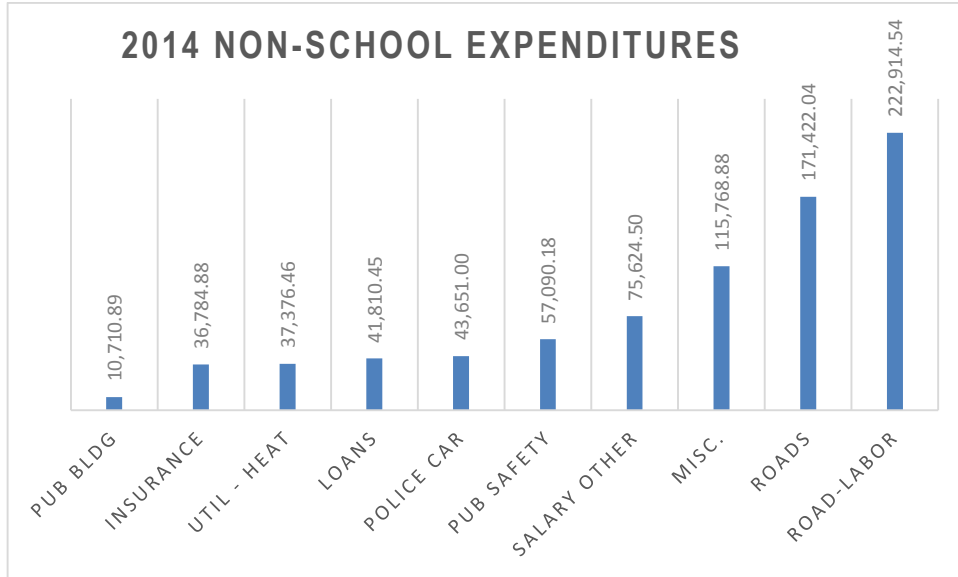
Article No	Appropriations From Tax Levy	Appropriations From Free Cash	Appropriations From Other Available Funds	From Available Funds to Reduce Tax Rate	Revolving Funds	Borrowing Authority
1		4,000.00				
2		700.00				
Total:		4,700.00				

11/22/2014
Date Submitted

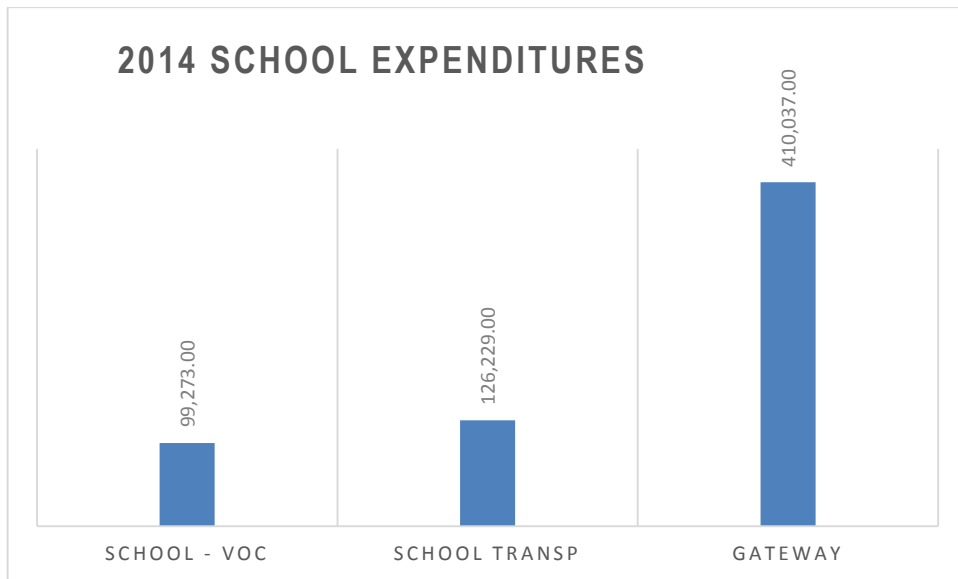

Signature

Town Clerk
Title

Financial Reports



Total Non-School = \$813,153



Total School = \$635,539

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2014

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 2013		\$	481,455.63
Add: Total Receipts for FY 2014	\$	1,569,394.89	
Less: Total Expenditures FY 2014	\$	(1,588,323.93)	\$ (18,929.04)
Balance in Treasury, June 30, 2014			
Cash on Hand	\$	2,439.19	
Checking Account incl. Deputy Collector's Account	\$	(16,720.40)	
Money Market Accounts	\$	476,807.80	\$ 462,526.59

Trust and Investment Funds in Custody of the Treasurer

STABILIZATION FUND:			
Balance on Hand, July 1, 2013	\$	172,556.42	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '14	\$	347.77	
Add: Due to Stabilization Fund Appropriation	\$	-	
Less: Voted transfers at town meetings	\$	-	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2014			\$ 172,904.19
CEMETERY CARE FUND			
Balance on Hand, July 1, 2013	\$	29,664.63	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '14	\$	83.56	
Add: Donation	\$	-	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2014			\$ 29,748.19
SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND			
Balance on Hand, July 1, 2013	\$	27,165.16	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '14	\$	256.67	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2014			\$ 27,421.83

Receipts 2014

Account	Description	Amount
1100.13	Personal Property Tax 2013	1,204.40
1101.14	Personal Property Tax 2014	47,591.06
1200.11	Real Estate Taxes F2011	4,292.66
1200.12	Real Estate 2012	5,421.31
1200.13	Real Estate 2013	33,555.10
1200.14	Real Estate 2014	1,043,455.09
1200.15	Real Estate 2015	3,704.38
1300.08	Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	6.88
1300.09	Motor Vehicle Ex 2009	41.25
1300.10	Motor Vehicle Ex 2010	76.25
1300.11	Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	135.00
1300.12	Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	1,956.26
1300.13	Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	10,302.07
1300.14	Motor Vehicle Ex 2014	43,070.58
1562.00	Tax Titles	30,497.27
1607.08	Chap 90 Reimbursement	64,499.40
1800.00	Estimated Receipts	120.00
1800.00.4171	Interest on Property Taxes	8,623.09
1800.00.4172	Interest on Excise Taxes	656.28
1800.00.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	5,579.81
1800.00.4177	Tax Collector misc revenue	573.34
1800.00.4320	Motor Vehicle Flagging Fee	580.00
1800.00.4360	Municipal Building Rent	1,050.00
1800.00.4372	Rental Income	5,250.00
1800.00.4418	Board of Health Permits	510.00
1800.00.4420	Building Inspection Permit	1,433.80
1800.00.4421	Dog Licenses	94.00
1800.00.4423	Driveway Permits	40.00
1800.00.4425	Town Clerk fees	25.50
1800.00.4428	Fire Dept. Permits	220.00
1800.00.4430	Gas Inspection Permits	65.00
1800.00.4432	Planning Board Permits	60.00
1800.00.4434	Plumbing Permits	316.00
1800.00.4436	Police Department Permits	525.00
1800.00.4438	Zoning Board Permits	200.00
1800.00.4439	Other Licenses & Permits	150.00
1800.00.4483	Copier Receipts	1.60

1800.00.4611	State Owned Land	53,460.00
1800.00.4613	Veteran's Abatement	2,351.00
1800.00.4615	Blind Abatement	1,275.00
1800.00.4616	Elderly Abatements	565.00
1800.00.4620	School Aid Ch. 70	17,154.00
1800.00.4667	Veteran's Benefits	188.00
1800.00.4675	Vocational Reimbursement	23,276.00
1800.00.4685	Unrestricted Gen.Gov	46,028.00
1800.00.4695	Court Fines	310.00
1800.00.4697	RMV Fines	20.00
1800.00.4815	Redemption Fee	75.00
1800.00.4816	Dept Reimbursement	1,697.50
1800.00.4820	Interest on Savings	613.12
1800.00.4840	Misc. Revenues	155.00
1800.00.4950	Refunds	1,451.52
3052.00	Tax Collector Fees-Monson	1,240.00
3053.01	Deputy Collector Fees	1,424.00
3054.00	Town Clerk Agency	247.50
3055.01	Health Ins Deduct	6,530.64
3055.02	Retirement Deduct	14,385.68
3069.00	Police Permits Due State	3,175.00
3097.00	COA Donations	15.00
3099.00	Library Gifts	72.80
3100.00	Town Revitalization	1,750.00
5002.00	Elections – State	2,080.00
5005.11	Historical Comm. Donations	104.00
5006.00	St. Aid to Libraries	1,544.36
5036.00	MA Cultural Council	4,256.66
5040.00	Council on Aging – State	4,000.00
5053.10	VFA 2013	1,952.87
5061.00	WMECO - Mower	24,781.81
5070.11	Dept of Energy Grant	55.21
5106.00	Emerg Management 2013	3,444.71
5520.00	Police Outside Detail	17,450.95
5551.00	ZBA Escrow	800.00
5552.00	Insurance Claim	5,679.95
5577.00	Transfer Station Revolving	9,074.00
5599.00	Electrical Insp Revolving	670.00
7014.00	Refunded Dog Tax	158.11
	Total Receipts	1,569,394.77

Assets 2014

CASH	Asset	Sub-Total
General Cash	462,526.59	462,526.59
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Personal Property Taxes F2011	14.86	
Personal Property Taxes F2013	0.01	
Personal Property Taxes F2014	341.98	356.85
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Real Estate Taxes F1998	91.13	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	433.26	
Real Estate Taxes F2000	1,144.54	
Real Estate Taxes F2001	0.01	
Real Estate Taxes F2002	2,491.72	
Real Estate Taxes F2003	833.08	
Real Estate Taxes F2004	943.05	
Real Estate Taxes F2011	950.96	
Real Estate Taxes F2012	9,921.55	
Real Estate Taxes F2013	16,573.30	
Real Estate Taxes F2014	50,655.02	84,037.62
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2006	432.26	

Motor Vehicle Ex 2007	271.44	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	237.46	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2009	793.54	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	195.69	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	787.73	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	1,867.42	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2014	6,462.23	11,047.77
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	114,311.59	114,311.59
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Chap 90 Reimbursement	135,824.09	135,824.09
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Highway Truck	115,000.00	
Loans Authorized-Town Hall	130,000.00	245,000.00
GRANTS		
Dep. Of Energy Grant	31,530.01	31,530.01
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Chapter 90	29943.39	
Snow Removal	9,548.46	<u>39,491.85</u>
	TOTAL	<u>1,124,126.37</u>

Liabilities 2014

	Liability	Sub-Total
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Real Estate Taxes F2010	439.44	
Real Estate 2015	3,704.38	4,143.82
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2010	694.07	694.07
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Unauthorized/Unissued	245,000.00	245,000.00
AGENCY		
Tax Collector Fees	576.59	
Deputy Collector Fees	840.00	
Town Clerk Agency	124.05	
Health Ins Deduct	1,104.88	
Retirement Deduct	1,520.39	
Police Permits Due State	11,000.00	
Unclaimed Checks	22,878.17	
Police Donations	2,000.00	
Town Hall Improvements	6,691.50	
Kitchen Repair Donation	9,456.45	
COA Gifts	15.00	
COA Donations	452.00	
Recreation - Basketball	145.46	
Library Gifts	3,144.28	59,948.77
Tailings		
Town Revitalization	1,750.00	1,750.00
GRANTS		
Elections - State	2,244.00	
Heritage Days-Rec	40.00	
Hist Commission Donation	1,129.34	
St. Aid to Libraries	3,054.05	
MA Cultural Council	5,570.37	
Sarah Gillett COA Grant	240.00	
BOH Mini-grant Program	853.66	
Community Policing	5.06	
Ice Storm Dec 2008	10,550.33	
Irene Storm	46,221.17	
Dept of Energy Grant	471.25	
Emergency Mngt. Grant	1,524.75	71,903.98
REVOLVING		
Police Outside Detail	2,459.50	
Conservation Comm Revolv	2,099.69	
BOH Revolving	60.00	
ZBA Fees	135.00	

Insurance Claim	5,679.95	
Transfer Station Revolving	19,537.08	
Electrical Inspector Revolving	160.00	30,131.22
RCPTS RESV FOR APPROP		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	4,425.00	
Refunded Dog Tax	408.09	4,833.09
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1997	3,780.00	
Overlay F2000	492.26	
Overlay F2003	2,329.71	
Overlay F2004	2,504.57	
Overlay F2005	4,419.49	
Overlay F2007	358.54	
Overlay F2008	9,436.28	
Overlay F2009	1,588.06	
Overlay F2010	11,260.61	
Overlay F2011	5,829.13	
Overlay F2012	9,038.71	
Overlay F2013	4,396.84	
Overlay F2014	10,208.43	65,642.63
REV RESERVED UNTIL COL		
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	114,311.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev	10,353.70	124,665.29
SURPLUS REVENUE		
Surplus Revenue	399,969.19	399,969.19
APPROP BALANCES		
Town Audit	10,000.00	
Assessor's Tax Map Update	1,000.00	
Assessor's Revaluation	630.00	
Treasurer's Expense	10.00	
Payroll Support	51.30	
Highway Chapter 291D	24,000.36	
Machinery Expense	2,701.36	
Generator Installation Expense	4,381.08	
Highway Truck warrantee	6,000.00	
Bell Cemetery Tree removal	550.00	
Police Dept Expenses	142.34	
Fire Chief/Forest Wrdr Salary	500.00	
Fire Dept Dispatch Srv	14,063.32	
Fire Dept Stabilization	1,000.00	
Public Safety Facilities	5,000.00	
Capping Old Dump	31,095.40	
Transfer Station Building	14,091.79	
Maint Public Buildings	227.36	115,444.31
	1,124,126.37	1,124,126.37

Expense Report 2014

10011.11 Moderator		
Joseph Kearns	100.00	
10111.00 Town Counsel		10,392.33
Kopelman & Paige P.C.	10,392.33	
10122.01 Selectmen's Expenses		1,546.86
Staples Cred Plan	8.29	
Turley Publications	112.32	
US Postal Service	49.00	
Duane Pease	21.42	
HCSA	120.00	
ATFC	81.00	
MMA	458.00	
Stephen Harris	579.97	
Howard Knickerbocker	64.96	
W.B. Mason Co.	51.90	
10122.03 Copier Expense		1,036.90
Macfarlane Office Prod	757.00	
W.B. Mason Co.	279.90	
10122.07 Administrative Assistant		6,432.00
Duane Pease	5,202.00	
Suzanne Lemieux	1,230.00	
10122.11 Selectmen Salaries		4,500.00
Alan Vint	1,500.00	
David Dinicola	250.00	
Howard Knickerbocker	1,500.00	
Mitchell Feldmesser	1,250.00	
10135.00 Accountant Salary		9,100.00
Beverly Cooper	9,100.00	
10135.01 Accountant Expenses		651.35
Stephen Harris	579.97	
W.B. Mason Co.	71.38	
10141.01 Assistant Assessor		5,400.00
Laura Lafreniere	5,400.00	
10141.02 Assessors Expenses		1,460.34
Laura Lafreniere	46.55	
Turley Publications	62.36	
Community Software Consortium	50.00	
MAAO	150.00	
Gita Jozsef	1,008.13	
University Conf Services	113.30	
HHCAA	30.00	
10141.11 Assessor Salaries		8,500.00
Ann Marie Visconti	500.00	
Gita Jozsef	3,000.00	

Janine Savoy	2,000.00	
Laura Lafreniere	3,000.00	
10141.77 CAMA Software Supp		1,650.00
Community Software Consort	1,650.00	
10142.00 Assessors' Revaluation		5,670.00
Mayflower Valuation	5,670.00	
10145.00 Treasurer Salary		9,000.00
Jane Thielen	9,000.00	
10145.01 Treasurer Expenses		1,447.12
Hampshire/Franklin Cta	10.00	
Hampshire County Group Ins	21.18	
Us Postal Service	374.00	
Travelers Ci Remittance Cent	320.00	
MCTA	45.00	
Stephen Harris	569.97	
Jane Thielen	3.71	
United Bank	10.00	
W.B. Mason Co.	93.26	
10145.04 Tax Title Treasurer		13,311.11
Hamp Cnty Reg Of Deeds	225.00	
Comm Of Mass	665.00	
Berenson & Bloom	12,421.11	
10145.05 Treas/Acct Software Supp		4,914.94
Softright	4,914.94	
10145.11 Payroll Support		1,070.30
ADP	1,070.30	
10146.00 Tax Collector Salary		10,200.00
Maryann Pease	10,200.00	
10146.01 Tax Collector Expenses		2,555.69
Hampshire/Franklin Cta	10.00	
Arthur P. Jones Associates	74.00	
US Postal Service	1,004.00	
Community Software Consort	1,050.00	
MCTA	45.00	
W.B. Mason Co.	372.69	
10161.01 Town Clerk Expenses		485.51
Marjorie Batorski	157.79	
Northeast Doc Conservation Ct	30.00	
US Postal Service	150.00	
W Ma City & Town Clerks Assn	10.00	
Beverly Cooper	27.72	
Mass Town Clerks' Assoc	110.00	
10161.11 Town Clerk Salary		4,200.00
Marjorie Batorski	4,200.00	
10161.12 Asst Town Clerk Sal		600.00

Eleanor Doyle	600.00	
10162.00 Election & Registration		
Cecile Robert	130.00	595.00
Edward Vivier	75.00	
David Mccusker	130.00	
Judith Artioli	75.00	
Margaret Pierre	55.00	
Samuel Sico	75.00	
Kathy O'brien	55.00	
10176.00 Zoning Board Expenses		404.95
Turley Publications	43.00	
Mitch Feldmesser	149.46	
Terrence T. Crean	212.49	
10176.08 Communication Comm		212.26
WiredWest	102.92	
Stephen Harris	77.70	
Howard Knickerbocker	31.64	
10177.08 Conserv Comm Exp		137.69
MACC	79.00	
Us Postal Service	44.00	
Alan Vint	14.69	
20109.10 Chapter 90		66,180.88
All States Asphalt	8,675.03	
Arrow Concrete Products	1,414.50	
Ken & Lana Hall	1,200.00	
R.I.Baker Co.	76.55	
Tonlino & Sons Llc	9,534.86	
E.J. Prescott Inc	12,179.85	
Deere Credit Inc	27,542.29	
Underground Supply Inc	5,557.80	
20420.00 Highway Department Wages		123,070.34
Matthew Radwich	38,964.25	
Rodney Savery	45,027.84	
Ronald Radwich	39,078.25	
20420.02 Town Highway Maintenance		29,798.98
Berk Cnty Highway Supt Assoc	100.00	
Bristol Uniform	1,608.00	
Mark Couch	1,080.00	
Dicksons Auto Parts	60.40	
Donovan Brothers	566.15	
Ken & Lana Hall	4,000.00	
Hampshire Council Of Gov	159.52	
Johns Building Supply	260.75	
The Lane Construction Corp	7,686.45	
L.P.Adams Co	1,348.78	
Mass Highway Assoc	80.00	
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	1,020.00	
Rainbow Distributors	213.15	

R.I.Baker Co.	906.22	
Staples Credit Plan	562.52	
Tm County Hwy Supts Assn	25.00	
Tighe & Bond	673.80	
University Of Mass	20.00	
BCHA	210.00	
E.J. Prescott Inc	62.58	
Rodney Savery	17.15	
Jeff's Tree Service Inc	1,400.00	
C&H Distributors Llc	595.70	
Cintas Corp	567.26	
U S Postmaster	58.00	
East Coast Sign & Supply	1,383.00	
Home Depot Credit Serv	482.87	
Rodney G. Savery Sr	1,610.00	
Carr Hardware	35.42	
Underground Supply Inc	1,150.00	
Verizon Wireless	1,091.26	
Clemente Pane Concrete	765.00	
20421.01 Machinery Expenses		21,961.15
Atco International	866.60	
California Contr Supplies	139.98	
City Tire Co.	25.00	
Dicksons Auto Parts	2,172.80	
Fastenal Company	618.41	
G H Berlin Oil Co	1,563.16	
Lawson Products	679.30	
L.P.Adams Co	40.71	
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	155.72	
Pro-Tech Supply	432.73	
R.I.Baker Co	2,824.57	
Safety-Kleen	983.53	
Rodney Savery	185.11	
Schmidt Equipment	481.40	
Signsmith	300.00	
Skyline Services	800.78	
Superior Spring & Mfg Co	108.32	
Toce Brothers	1,814.88	
Tyler Equipment Corp	487.87	
Interstate Batteries	299.90	
John Deere Credit Inc	8.40	
Delurey Sales & Service	297.98	
Marchese Ford & Mercury	410.91	
Bacher Corp Of Conn	481.88	
Freadman Steel	445.00	
Home Depot Credit Serv	108.29	
H.D. Reynolds Inc	124.46	
Airgas Ussa Llc	2,078.64	

Howard P. Fairfield	756.00	
Dennis K. Burke	863.26	
J.M.S. Industrial Supply	287.56	
Pete's Tire Barns	1,118.00	
20421.44 Holidays		2,987.50
Matthew Radwich	950.00	
Rodney Savery	1,087.50	
Ronald Radwich	950.00	
20421.55 Vacations		1,692.00
Matthew Radwich	456.00	
Rodney Savery	609.00	
Ronald Radwich	627.00	
20422.00 Fuels		34,000.00
Chester Municipal Elect	1,530.52	
Hampshire Co Purchasing	177.21	
Ronald Radwich	38.42	
Dennis K. Burke	32,228.20	
Miller's Petroleum Systems	25.65	
20422.01 Unpaved Roads Material		14,542.31
Mark Couch	1,520.00	
John S Lane & Son	1,237.54	
Tonlino & Sons	9,614.77	
Ray Robert Excav & Truck	2,170.00	
20422.03 Town Garage Improvements		778.13
L.P. Adams	13.98	
Savery Electric	764.15	
20422.04 Town Garage Testing		4,160.59
Dept Of Environ Prot	980.00	
Tighe & Bond	3,180.59	
20423.00 Snow Removal		54,548.46
Matthew Radwich	6,227.25	
Rodney Savery	7,487.45	
Ronald Radwich	5,301.00	
Mark Couch	2,720.00	
Donovan Brothers	4,928.64	
International Salt Co	19,301.26	
John S Lane & Son	4,071.64	
R.I.Baker Co	4,298.00	
Howard P. Fairfield	213.22	
20424.00 Street Lights		443.18
Wmeco	443.18	
30000.01 Gateway Reg Assmnt		410,037.00
Gateway Regional School Dist	410,037.00	
30000.02 Gateway Reg Transp.		126,229.00
Gateway Regional School Dist	126,229.00	
30000.04 Vocational Education		99,273.01
Town Of Chester	548.01	
Smith Voc & Ag High School	32,400.00	

City Of Westfield	37,284.50	
City Of Pittsfield	1,195.60	
Lecrenski Bros	27,844.90	
30610.00 Library Expenses		1,539.99
Audio Editions	138.44	
Demco Inc	283.37	
Staples Credit Plan	39.99	
US Postal Service	58.00	
Mary Ann Walsh	167.18	
MPLC	106.78	
Gecrb/Amazon	161.98	
Jana Laiz	110.25	
Junior Library Guild	474.00	
30610.11 Librarian Salary		5,200.00
Maryann Walsh	5,200.00	
40543.04 War Memorials/Playground		4,000.00
Charles H. Winn Jr	2,100.00	
Alan Vint	1,900.00	
50491.00 Cemetery Expense		1,542.16
Carrot-Top Industries	102.16	
Riley Meehan	504.00	
Donald J. Savery	936.00	
60210.00 Police Chiefs Salary		1,000.00
Tom Austin	1,000.00	
60210.01 Police Dept Expenses		9,062.11
Adamson Industries Corp	1,562.70	
Chester Municipal Electric	1,322.03	
Jurek Brothers	254.45	
Sentry Uniform & Equipment	2,397.85	
Tmde Calibration Lab	130.00	
West Mass Chiefs Of Police Assoc	100.00	
Us Postal Service	58.00	
Rocky Mountain Comm Systems Inc	201.74	
Mass Chiefs Of Police Assoc Inc	846.00	
Verizon Wireless	2,189.34	
60210.08 Police Officers' Comp		7,530.00
Curt Robie	195.00	
Jennifer Austin	180.00	
Matthew Radwich	240.00	
Robert Hoynoski	390.00	
Thomas Austin	6,525.00	
60210.09 Officer's Training		3,936.85
Jurek Brothers	1,474.95	
Sentry Uniform & Equipment	958.90	
TMDE Calibration Lab	1,503.00	
60210.10 Police Cruiser		43,651.00
Liberty Chevrolet	43,651.00	
60210.78 Hamp Sheriff's Dept.		505.00

Hampshire Sheriff's Office	505.00	
60210.80 Ems Service		776.38
Moore Medical	614.43	
Edward Vivier	161.95	
60210.81 Ems Education		1,633.50
Moore Medical	159.50	
Pittsfield Comm Systems	609.00	
Edward Vivier	145.00	
Commonwealth Of Mass	150.00	
Ems Training Of The Berk	300.00	
David P. Edwards Jr	270.00	
60220.00 Fire Chief/Forest Wrk Sal		500.00
Ronald Radwich	500.00	
60220.01 Fire Dept Expenses		7,146.34
L P Adams	253.80	
Chester Municipal Elect	66.74	
Dicksons Auto Parts	40.99	
Dufour Inc	162.00	
Gleason Fire Equipment	1,577.40	
L.P.Adams Co Inc	172.45	
Pittsfield Comm Systems	938.10	
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co	253.60	
Ronald Radwich	184.94	
Heiman Fire Equipment	1,952.88	
Larochelle Auto Restoration	295.00	
The Chimney Scrubber	1,130.00	
Lake City Fire Equipment	58.23	
Airgas Ussa Llc	60.21	
60220.15 Fire Dep Turnout Gear		25,000.00
Mes	17,684.43	
Heiman Fire Equipment	2,085.60	
Mes-New York	2,066.80	
Lake City Fire Equipment	3,163.17	
60241.00 Building Inspector		7,170.00
Gerald Garner	7,170.00	
60292.00 Dog Officer's Salary		400.00
Terry Donovan	200.00	
Janice Hines	200.00	
60292.01 Dog Expense		158.85
Janice Hines	158.85	
60292.10 Animal Inspector Exp.		30.00
Janice Hines	30.00	
70231.00 Ambulance		1,500.00
Hinsdale Fireman's Assn	1,500.00	
70431.00 Disposal Area		20,313.12
Ken & Lana Hall	2,600.00	
HRMC	17,512.43	
L.P.Adams	24.65	

Scott Artioli	176.04	
70431.04 Hilltown Resource Mngmt		1,605.01
HRMC	1,605.01	
70519.00 Bd Of Health/Insp Salary		1,350.00
Jackie Duda	1,350.00	
70519.01 Board Of Health Exp		119.82
Hobbs & Warren	92.00	
Jackie Duda	27.82	
70522.00 Lee Visiting Nurse		1,102.50
Porchlight	1,102.50	
80751.00 Building Project Loan		16,797.95
United Bank	16,797.95	
80751.01 Highway Truck Loan		25,012.50
United Bank	25,012.50	
90192.01 Insurances		36,784.88
MIA Prop & Cas Grp Inc	23,844.35	
Travelers Ci Remitt Cent	454.00	
Robert Tingley	200.53	
Chubb & Son	12,286.00	
90192.02 Maint Public Buildings		48,087.35
Crocker Communications	639.00	
L.P. Adams	1,127.25	
Pitts Fire & Safety Co	109.00	
Savery Electric	1,129.19	
Staples Credit Plan	279.97	
Us Postal Service	58.00	
Verizon	4,914.67	
Whiting Energy Fuels	12,341.81	
Lee Audio & Security	869.40	
Kurt Zinnack	1,025.00	
Alan Vint	200.00	
Richco Products Inc	577.90	
Osterman Propane	5,633.71	
Comm Of Mass	100.00	
Blue Ribbon Welding	200.00	
Dale P. Hoag	1,690.00	
City Supply Corp.	178.75	
George Propane	7,289.91	
Richo Products Inc	280.14	
Stephen Harris	1,782.64	
Wmeco	7,196.36	
Robert Miller	350.00	
Howard Knickerbocker	114.65	
90192.11 Town Hall Custodian		2,877.50
Kathy O'brien	2,877.50	
90192.99 Website/Technology		1,931.24
CAI Technologies	1,800.00	
Stephen Harris	131.24	

90195.00 Printing		664.00
Paradise Copies	664.00	
90541.00 Council On Aging		923.56
Laura Lafreniere	189.94	
Suzanne Lemieux	343.60	
US Postal Service	44.00	
Howard Knickerbocker	184.68	
Kristen M. Horning	161.34	
90630.00 Recreation Expense		738.46
Mary Christine Bresnahan	138.46	
Robert Brothers Lumber	600.00	
90691.00 Historical Commission		315.12
Marjorie Batorski	48.00	
Jack Cobb	17.12	
Digital Scanning Inc	250.00	
90911.00 County Retirement		32,526.00
Hampshire County Retirement Sys	32,526.00	
90912.00 Hampshire Council Of Gov		511.68
Hampshire Council Of Gov	511.68	
90916.00 Soc Sec/Town Share		6,999.27
IRS	6,999.27	
90919.00 Health Insurance		32,395.44
Hampshire County Group Ins	32,395.44	
90947.00 Pioneer Valley Planning		78.15
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	78.15	
	1,448,692.61	1,448,692.61

By-Laws Pertaining to the Annual Report

Chapter II: Town Meetings

SECTION 4. At least seven days before the day fixed in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be made available copies of the Annual Town Report. In case of a Special Town Meeting the regular legal notice shall be fourteen days.

Chapter III: Town Officers

I. Selectmen

SECTION 2. The Selectmen shall cause to be printed and distributed annual reports of the town officers, appointees and committees. This report shall contain a statement of the financial condition of the town, together with a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures incurred during the preceding year.

SECTION 6. The Selectmen shall in suitably bound ledgers keep a complete permanent record of all expenditures authorized by said board and such yearly expenditures shall be itemized and entered in the annual town report.

III. Treasurer

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall make an annual report which shall contain a statement of the monies received and paid out by him/her during the year.

IV. Finance Committee

SECTION 3. The Finance Committee shall consider matters relating to the appropriation, the borrowing and the expenditure of money by the Town, its indebtedness, the administration of its various offices and departments, and may make recommendations to the Town or to any board, officers or committee relative to municipal fiscal affairs. It shall be the duty of the Committee to make an annual report of its activities, with appropriate recommendations to the Selectmen

Chapter VIII: Records and Reports

SECTION 2. All officers, boards and committees of the Town having charge of the expenditure of Town money shall annually report thereon in writing in such manner as will give the citizens a fair and full understanding of the objects and methods of such expenditures. Such reports shall be submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion in the annual Town Report.

Annual Appointments

Position	Appointee
Accountant	Beverly Cooper
Administrative Assistant	Duane Pease
Alarm/Oil Burner Inspector	Larry Pease
Alarm/Oil Burner Inspector	Ron Radwich
Animal Control Officer	Terry Andrews
Animal Control Officer	Jan Hines
Animal Inspector	Terry Andrews
Animal Inspector	Jan Hines
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor Doyle
Auditor	
BOH Agent	Jackie Duda
Building Commissioner	William Girard
Building Comm. - Alt	Gary Danko
Building Handyman	Donald Munger
Civil Defense Warden	Larry Pease
Civil Def Warden - Asst.	Tomas Austin
Counsel	Kopelman & Paige
Custodian	Kathy O'Brien
Electrician	John Savery
Electrical Inspector	Eric Main
Elect. Inspector (Asst.)	Albert Sirard
Emergency Preparedness	Robert Hoynoski
EMS	Ed Vivier
Fire Chief - Deputy	Larry Pease
Fire Chief & For. Warden	Ron Radwich
Gas Fitting Inspector	William Zeitler
Highway Employee	Ron Radwich
Highway Employee	Matt Radwich
Highway Supervisor	Skip Savery

Hilltown CDC	
HPHPC Representative	
HRMC Representative	Joeseeph Kearns
Lumber Surveyor	
Meal Coordinator (COA)	Suzanne Lemieux
Minutes Secretary	Suzanne Lemieux
Pest Control - Elm	
Pioneer Valley Planning	Michael Hale
Pioneer Valley PC - Alt	Alan Vint
Plumbing - Alternate	
Plumbing Inspector	William Zeitler
Police Chief	Thomas Austin
Police Officer	Jenny Austin Dion
Police Officer	Bob Hoynoski
Police Officer	Matt Radwich
Police Officer	Curt Robie
Recycling Attendant	Kathy O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator	Joeseeph Kearns
Tax Collector	Mary Ann Pease
Treasurer	Jane Thielen
Veteran's Agent	Northampton Vets
Web Site Administrator	Steve Harris
Westfield River	Carol Waag
Westfield River - Alternate	Terry Crean
Westfield River - Alternate	Donald Munger
Wired West - Delegate	Joseph Kearns
Wired West - Alternate	
Wood Bark Measurer	Edward James
ZBA - Alternate	Cindy Artioli
ZBA - Alternate	Jay Swift

Appointed Boards

Agricultural	Glennis Austin	2015
Commission	Cheryl Harper	2016
	(unfilled)	2016
	Maureen Sullivan	2017
	Mitchell Feldmesser	2017
Communications	Joe Kearns	2015
Committee	Steve Harris - Chair	2016
	Howard Knickerbocker	2017
Conservation	Carol Waag	2015
Commission	Alan Vint - Chair	2016
	Mitch Feldmesser	2016
	Kim Baker	2017
	Wayne Main	2017
Council on Aging	Judy Hoag - Chair	2015
	Howard Knickerbocker	2015
	Priscilla Suriner	2015
	Kim Baker	2016
	Marjorie Batorski	2016
	Ed Vivier	2016
	Judy Artioli	2017
	Laura Lafreniere	2017
Cultural Council	Charlene Gero	2015
	Terry Gero	2016
	Maryann Walsh - Co Chair	2016
	Judy Hoag	2017
	Ruth Feldberg - Co Chair	2017

Historical	Jack Cobb - Chair	2015
Commission	Maryann Walsh	2015
	Tim Pease	2016
	Rita Docktor - alt.	2016
	Marjorie Batorski	2017
	Howard Knickerbocker	2017
	John Savery	2017
Historical	Marjorie Batorski	2015
Document	Michael Feldberg - Chair	2015
Committee (1 yr.)	Steve Harris	2015
	Howard Knickerbocker	2015
	Sherri Venditti	2015
Registrars of	Marjorie Batorski	2015
Voters (1 yr.)	Anita Myers	2015
	Cyndy Oligny	2015
	Tamarin Laurel-Paine	2015
Town Center	Judy Artioli	2015
Committee (1 yr.)	Scott Artioli	2015
	Mitch Feldmesser	2015
	Judy Hoag	2015
	Dale Hoag	2015
	Maureen Sullivan	2015
	Jay Swift - Chair	2015
	Alan Vint	2015
Zoning Board	Terrence Crean	2015
of Appeals	Mitchell Feldmesser	2016
	Judith Hoag	2017

Middlefield's Three Centers - 1870



Erin Judge's recent presentation on the early woolen mills at Factory Village reminded of the 1924 printing plates used to publish the Smith History. These plates are in the Historical Museum's Collection. This is a map of the town's 1870 business centers showing detail and clarity not seen in the original book.