



***ANNUAL REPORTS  
AND WARRANT***

*of the Town of*

***Middlefield***

*Massachusetts*

**1992**

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of the  
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**MIDDLEFIELD**  
Massachusetts



**Fiscal Year 1992**

**OFFICES HOURS AND MEETINGS**

<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	7:30pm	Mondays
<b>TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	7:30 - 9:30pm 9am - Noon	Mondays Saturdays
<b>TREASURER:</b>	7:30pm 9am - Noon	Mondays Saturdays
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>	7:30 - 9:30pm 9am - Noon	Mondays Saturdays
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	7:30 - 9:30pm 9am - Noon	Mondays Saturdays

**TOWN OFFICE PHONE 623-8966**

MIDDLEFIELD TOWN WARRANT  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
May 1, 1993

Hampshire , SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Elementary School in said Middlefield on Saturday, the First of May next, at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose on one ballot:

A town Clerk, Moderator, Tree Warden, Auditor, and Assessor for a term of one year.

A County Commissioner, a Planning Board Member and a School Committee member for a term of two years.

An Assessor, Selectman, Cemetery Commissioner, Trustee of Public Library, Finance Committee Member, Zoning Board of Appeals Member, School Committee Member for a term of three years.

Two Planning Board Members for a term of three years.

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

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, and School Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Elected Town Officials and determine the amount of salary for each Elected Official:

Moderator	\$ 60.00	Selectman, Chairman	600.00
Town Clerk	800.00	Selectman, 2nd	300.00
Treasurer	1,200.00	Selectman, 3rd	300.00
Tax Collector	1,200.00	Auditor	45.00
Assessor, Chairman	450.00	Constable, 1st	90.00
Assessor, 2nd	450.00	Constable, 2nd	90.00
Assessor, 3rd	450.00		

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994, or take any other action relating thereto:

HIGHWAY AND RELATED EXPENSES:

Snow Removal	\$35,000.00
Highway Maintenance	34,000.00
Machinery Expense	15,000.00
Holiday and Vacation Pay	2,500.00
Health Insurance, Employees	7,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Dutch Elm Disease Control	\$150.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00

## GOVERNMENT

COBRA (Medicare)	300.00
Elections & Registrations	700.00
Hampshire County Retirement	5,963.00
Health & Sanitation	100.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	6,000.00
Printing	1,500.00
Town Counsel	150.00
Social Security	500.00

## OFFICE EXPENSES

Selectmen's Secretary	2,000.00
Selectmen's Travel & Exp.	500.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Assessors' Assistant	5,000.00
Assessors Expense	300.00
Assessors Registry Fees	100.00
Assessors Tax Map Update	660.00
Tax Collectors Expense	1,000.00

## MISCELLANEOUS

Cemetery Expense	3,000.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Council on Aging	400.00
Disposal Area	18,000.00
Dog Officer & Expenses	600.00
Inspections	2,000.00
Lee Visiting Nurse	350.00
Library Expense	500.00
Maintenance Public Buildings	7,000.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Com.	59.00
Planning Board	10.00
Street Lights	500.00
Veterans Agent	
War Memorials & Playgrounds	1,200.00

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenditures of the Middlefield Police Department for the fiscal year 1994, or take any other action relating thereto:

Police Chief Salary	300.00
Police Expenses	2,600.00
Upgrade Radio Communications	3,000.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money to defray the expenditures of the Middlefield Fire Department for the fiscal year 1993, or take any other action pertaining thereto:

Fire Chief:Forest Warden	325.00
Fire Department Expense	4,500.00
Firehouse Note payment	1,750.00
Firehouse Note interest	612.50
Fire Engine Payment	17,000.00
Fire Engine Interest	4,926.00
Hepatitis B (HIB) Vaccine shots as required by OSHA for all public safety officials and volunteers	\$2000.00

ARTICLE 7. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to carry over the balance in the Recreation Expense account to Fiscal 1994.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$25,000.00 to cover all Town Insurance or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the funds in the revolving account for the Conservation Commission with a limited expenditure of \$2,000.00 to FY 1994 or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,200 for the Hinsdale Ambulance Fund and \$198.00 for the Huntington Lions Club Ambulance Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,309.00 for Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to be used for materials for unpaved roads or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will to accept Chapter 33 funds, agreement #35243 in the amount of \$/5,932.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230,773.75 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994, or take any other action thereto, or accept a net assessment a sum which is less than \$230,773.75 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,771.00 for Middlefield's Vocational Transportation and Tuition for the period of July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994 or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for fiscal year 1993 in the amount of \$285,577.00 under the provisions of G.L. Ch. 70A s 5 as inserted by Ch. 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to change the Gateway Regional Agreement Section VII Amendments, (B) Procedure, by deleting the last sentence and adding the following: Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by five of the seven member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to add to the Gateway Regional Agreement, Section IV, F. Interest Charges of Late Payments to read the following: In the event that a member town fails to pay its assessment to the Gateway Regional School District within 15 calendar days of the due date, as listed in Section IV (E) of this agreement (August 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1:, said town shall be charged interest at the rate of 12% per annum on any outstanding assessment.

Interest will be calculated by the School District at the above-mentioned rate from the 15th day after the actual due date to the date when the payment is made.

The School District will forward to the town terasurer an invoice for said interest payment which shall be due and payable on or before the due date of the next assessment payment.

An assessment payment will be considered paid as of the postmark date of the envelope in which the assessment is mailed.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the uniform numbering system for buildings and properties to be added to the Town By-Laws as explained below.

SECTION 1: Uniform number system

A uniform system of numbering buildings and properties as shown on maps on file in the Assessors office at the town hall are hereby accepted by the Town of Middlefield

SECTION 2: ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERS:

A. All properties and parcels of land within the boundaries of Middlefield shall hereafter be identified by reference number to the number system and shall b e completed by July 1993

B. A separate number shall be assigned for each 200 feet of frontage including buildings and properties built prior to bylaws requiring 200 feet of frontage.

C. Each building shall show the number assigned to it on which the front entrance is located and facing the road. In case a building is occupied by more than one business or family, each separate front entrance of such building shall show a spearate number/letter combination. Example: 125 - 125A.

D. Official assigned numbers for each building or front entrance to each building shall be placed directly above, or, or at the side of the main entrance of each building so that the number can be seen plainly from the road. Whenever any building is situated more than Fifty (50) feet from the road or is not visible from the road, the number shall be placed at the end of the driveway or common entrance to such building or upon a gate post, fence, tree or other appropriate place so as to be clearly visible from the road and located not more that fifteen (15) feet from the edge of the road. Mail boxes are not an acceptable location. Such numbers shall be in numerical form, not written form, said numbers shall not be less than three and one half inches in height and made of a durable and clearly visible material.

E. All residents living on rural routes shall display their numbers on the front of the building. This will enable all emergency personnel to find the proper location. Businesses in those areas shall do the same.

E2. All numbers displayed should be contrasting in color example; black on white; white on dark brown, etc....with the building color, and be no less than three and one half inches high. Written numbers are not acceptable due to visibility at night and weather conditions.

E3. All buildings set back from the road more than 100 feet and/or not visible from the road shall display their assigned number on the building as well as a post, fence, tree or other appropriate place not more than fifteen (15) feet from the road to enable emergency response personnel to more easily find the proper location.

#### SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION

A. The assessors and Fire Department shall be responsible for maintaining the numbering system. In the performance of this responsibility they shall be guided by the provisions of these by-laws.

B. The Town Assessors and Fire Department shall keep a record of all numbers assigned under this policy and the Town building inspector shall enforce the provisions of this policy.

C. The Town Assessors and Fire Department shall assign numbers for any new building constructed in the Town.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to defray anticipated expenses in the refurbishing and restoring of the Middlefield Museum located in the Old Town Hall.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town of Middlefield will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY '94 state budget to guarantee that cities and towns receive the full \$47 million growth in lottery revenues.

ARTICLE 25. To transact any other business that may legally 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 Elementary School, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and ninety three.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas Rock  
Ann Jewett  
Maitland Dowsey

Middlefield Elected Town Officials

<u>Office</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Town Clerk	Marjorie Batorski	1993
Moderator	Peter Oligny	1993
Treasurer	Nancy Pease	1993
Selectmen and Commissioners of Public Welfare	Ronald Radwich	1995
	Ann Jewett	1993
	Thomas Rock	1994
Assessors	Susan Donnelly	1995
	O Kristin Monson	1993
	John E Rice *	1994
Board of Health and Fence Viewers	Board of Selectmen	
School Committee	Diane McQuaid	1993
Tax Collector	Neil G Nickerson	1994
Constables	Donald A Savery	1995
	William L Paschal	1995
Auditor	Martin A Main	1993
Tree Warden	Brian Miller	1993
Trustees of Public Library	Priscilla Suriner	1995
	Elizabeth Oligny	1993
	Susan Donnelly	1994
Planning Board	John Hobart	1995
	Michael Hale	1993
	Thomas Duby	1994
	Barbara Chalsma, appt	1993
	Maitland Dowsey	1993
Zoning Board of Appeals	Maurice H. Pease	1995
	Joan Hobart	1993
	Peter Oligny	1994
Finance Committee	Edward Cook	1995
	Cameron McQuaid	1995
	John Hobart	1995
	Martha Lee	1993
	Joseph Kearns	1994
Cemetery Commission	Neil G. Nickerson	1995
	Larry F. Pease	1993
	Nancy Burnham	1994
County Commissioner	Joseph Kearns	1993

\* - Resigned 5/1/93

## Middlefield Appointed Town Officials

<u>Office</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Animal Inspector	Donald A Savery	1993
Arts Council	Cynthia Oigny	1993
	Marjorie Batorski	1993
	Elizabeth Oigny	1994
	Chris Bresnahan	1994
	Laurie Lafreniere	1994
Building Inspector	Walter Smith	1993
Civil Defense Warden	Howard F Pease	1993
Conservation Commission	Diane McQuaid	1994
	O Kristin Monson	1994
	Edward James	1994
Council On Aging	Joan Almorì	No Expiration Date
	Martha Lee	
	Priscilla Suriner	
	Cynthia Oigny	
	James Hale	
	Elizabeth Oigny	
	Ellen Miller	
	Wayne Suriner	
	Gordon Guild	
	Joyce Slater	
Lydia Sanders		
Disposal Area	Martin A Main	1993
	Henry Roberts	1993
Dog Officer	Donald A Savery	1993
Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control	Robert P Miller	1993
Field Drivers	Board of Selectmen	
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	Larry F Pease	1993
Deputy Fire Chief	Ronald Radwich	1993
Historical Commission	Timothy Pease *	
	Brian Miller	
	Lydia Sanders	
	Albert Sanders	
	Geroge Bell	
	Jack Cobb	
	Nancy Burnham	

\* - resigned

Middlefield Appointed Town Officials

<u>Office</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Lumber Surveyor	Brian Miller	1993
Wood/Bark Measurer	Edward James	1993
Police Chief	Thomas Austin	1993
Officer	Curt Robie	1993
	Jimmy Jasmin	1993
	Victor Fastiggi	1993
Plumbing Inspector	William Zeitler	1993
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen	
Registrars of Voters	Anita Myers	1993
	Mary Jane Donnelly	1993
	Susan Fastiggi	1993
	Marjorie Batorski	1993
Street Supt	Robert Miller	1993
Wiring Inspector	John Savery	1993
	Eric Main	1993

## Vital Statistics

### Births Recorded in 1992

January 19 Tyler James Main, Son of Joanne and Eric Main  
January 30 Logan Richmond Judge, Son of Katherine and John Judge  
March 3 Kelly Frances McCarthy, Daughter of Nancy and Francis McCarthy  
May 23 Elizabeth Helen Rock, Daughter of Mary Christine Bresnahan  
and Thomas Rock  
November 19 Charlotte E Wehman, Daughter of Laurie and Bruce Wehman  
December 17 Jonathan Robert Bandoski, Son of Linda and Stanley Bandoski

### Deaths Recorded in 1992

January 23 Isabella Catherine Jordan 78 years  
July 9 Ethel M Pease 90 years

### Marriages Recorded in 1992

April 1 Joseph Frank Pease to Donna M Dygon  
April 4 Donald E Sawyer Jr to Michelle M Main

## Special Town Meetings

January 13, 1992 The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Peter Oligny, Moderator. It was called to order at 8 P.M. and there were 19 people present.

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Gateway Regional School Account the sum of \$5805.00 to the Town Highway Account.

A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. There was a great deal of discussion, both pro and con concerning this Article. Ronald Radwich tried to explain that State money for highways cannot be used to clear up any road debts; that it was illegal. There was a voice vote but it was decided to have a hand vote because the voice vote was too confusing. Article 1 was defeated; Yes-8 No-10

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of \$7000.00 to the Town Snow Account.

A motion was made and seconded that Article 2 be accepted as read. There was an explanation made of the Article. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of \$250.00 to the Social Security Expense Account.

The Article was read and a motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted. It was explained that this is a new account and that the Federal Government wants this. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of \$600.00 to the Office Expense Account.

June 15, 1992 The warrant for the Special Town Meeting was read by the Moderator, Peter Oligny.

ARTICLE 1 It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer to amend the Zoning By-Laws by replacing the existing Flood Plain District By-Law with a Flood Plain and Westfield River Protection By-Law. Thomas DUBY of the Planning Board explained what the Flood Plain was and that we can use some of the Flood Plain maps. The Flood Plain encompasses the West, Middle and Glendale sections of the river. The towns include Worthington, Cummington, Chesterfield, and Chester as well as Middlefield. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2 A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$2000.00 from the Health Insurance Account to Interest on Short Terms Loan Account. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer a sum of \$631.50 from the Fire House Furnace Account to Interest on Short Term Account. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4 A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Town Hall Design Account to Interest on Short Term Loans Account. Ronald Radwich, Selectman, explained that the money was left from the Town Hall Design Account two years ago. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5 A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$7400.00 from the Insurance Account to the Town Snow Account. It was explained that this was necessary as there was a deficit of \$9000.00 in the Snow Account. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6 A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1900.00 from the Health Insurance Account to the Town Snow Account. There was no discussion. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7 Being no other business to come under this Article, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. It was an unanimous vote.

#### Results of Adjourned Town Meeting

June 15, 1992 The adjourned Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Peter Oligny at 8:00P.M. There were 35 people and 3 Selectmen present. The Moderator read the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1 A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. It was an unanimous vote. The Article was to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,616.40 for Middlefield's share of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993 or take any other action thereto, or accept a net assessment a sum which is less than \$242,616.40 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District. Diane McQuaid, our School Committee woman, explained some of the reductions of the school budget from \$251,752.38 to \$242,616.40. After the discussion, there was a hand vote taken. The results are as follows: Yes-24 No-12. The School Budget was passed.

ARTICLE 2 Ronald Radwich, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, gave us new numbers of our Town Budget of \$432,156.00 down from \$1,286.46. This is the overall Town Budget. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the adjourned Town Meeting. It was an unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. It was explained that due to the expense of postage and related matters in the mailing of quarterly tax bills that this was the reason for the transfer of money. The State had promised to help us out in this matter but bailed out at the last moment. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of \$400.00 to the Police Expense Account.

A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. It was explained that the County had two pagers for the Police Department that could be leased to our Police through a lease program. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Thomas Rock, a Selectman, spoke to the audience and he tried to explain things. He said that he was also upset by the Tax Rate, how we got into financial trouble, due to overspending. He mentioned that Joe Budreau from the Bureau of Accounts helped us get straightened out and we bit the bullet, by opting to pay the deficit in one year. We also bought a lot of new equipment. He said that the Selectmen are doing their best and that they would welcome any constructive suggestions. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

March 16, 1992 The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Peter Oligny, Moderator with 64 people present at 8:15 P.M.

ARTICLE 1 The Article was read and a motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. The Selectmen were asked to give an explanation of the Article and Tom Rock gave a very good one. A motion was made and seconded that the Article be voted on by a written vote. By a show of hands, it was defeated. There were 14 YES votes and 33 NO votes that the passage of the Article be taken by paper. The Selectmen explained that there was enough money now for 5 weeks of maintenance on the highways, and that the road crew would take their vacations. Many people wanted to know what the impact would be if we didn't have the money. It was explained that the men would only work in the mornings, the equipment would have to be put away and then the men would have to be laid off until July. Mr. McQuaid gave great praise to the road crew and the Selectboard. Article 1 passed on a voice vote; Yes-42 No-10.

ARTICLE 2 A motion was made and seconded that Article 2 be accepted as read; to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of \$1000.00 to the Town Highway Account. It was an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 A motion was made and seconded that the Article be accepted as read. It was an unanimous vote. Mr Radwich explained that the Article was to authorize Nancy Pease, the Treasurer, to borrow money. He also spoke telling those assembled that the portion of Skyline Trail under construction will be oiled and stone laid; also the same for Root Road. Also the portion of Town Hill Road by Starbridge is being reconstructed.

Tom Rock also spoke and thanked all the people for their patience in view of the budget crunch. Ann Jewett also spoke of attending a meeting in Peru where some of the hill-towns were meeting in an effort to get the State to pay their taxes on land owned by them. The meeting is to be held on March 18, 1992. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. It was an unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

"The weather outside is frightful,  
But the fire's so delightful  
That if you've no place to go  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow."  
(Dumb song once popular)

## REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The winter of 1992/93 brought out the worst in nature and, of course, the very best in people. Thank you to the road crew and all those volunteers who worked around the clock during the December and March blizzards to keep the roads open, the equipment working, the school bus routes clear, and the townspeople feeling secure. Also, our thanks to those townspeople who exercised common sense and patience and stayed off the roads until travel was safe.

The length and harshness of this past winter have driven painfully home the increased costs of road maintenance. Two factors have helped contribute to this situation. New homes built throughout town have increased year-round maintained road mileage. Adding to that a social change, from a rural self sufficient farm community to a bedroom community, more reliant on commuter travel has demanded a higher level of service.

In recent years the selectboard has found itself scrambling to shift funds from accounts with an excess into highway accounts at special town meetings. This years warrant shows an effort to shift these funds around to more properly reflect true costs, adding funds to the road accounts, without increasing the tax rate.

The selectboard feels that these accounts remain underfunded, but feel the still difficult economic climate demands that we all act responsibly in an effort to keep the tax rate down, while still meeting the basic needs of town residents.

This past year a major of the reconstruction program on Town Hill Road was initiated. Trees were cut, the road widened, and culverts installed. The project will be completed this summer. Additional work scheduled for the year throughout the town includes scraping of shoulders, brushcutting, painting and minor repairs on bridges, and possible widening and re-sealing of portions of River Road.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Robert Miller for his many years of dedicated and caring service to the Town, first as a driver and then as Superintendent of Streets. Thank you, Bobby. Also, a special grateful acknowledgement goes to Donald J. Savery, 'young Don' for taking charge during a difficult transition period. Thank you, Donny. And to our newly appointed Superintendent, Tim Pease - welcome, good-luck,

and heaven and all of us help you.

Middlefield is fortunate to have state legislators who are sensitive to our problems. Both Senator Jane Swift and Representative Jay Healy lobbied hard to restore payment in lieu of taxes on state-owned land. Last year we received something over \$7000.00, an amount to be matched this year. We'll continue to bring pressure to raise this amount to a more realistic level. In addition, Sen. Swift's office tracked down and got released \$33,000 of Chap. 131 road monies owed Middlefield for projects completed nearly two years ago.

The Selectboard now meets every Monday at 7:15 until 8:00 to address the warrant and go through the mail. From 8:00 on we meet with other town boards, various state agencies, and townspeople. Citizen participation in our town government is invaluable. And on that note, we take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Selectboard and all the people of Middlefield our deep appreciation to John Rice who has given so many years of his life and so many days of his years in good service to the town. Thank you, John. You set a wonderful example for us all.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of Julia Andersen, Jack Guyette, Lillian Jacobson, Grace Olds, Amerigo Baruzzi, and James Hale. Our numbers are diminished, but the spirit lives on.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Rock  
Ann Jewett  
Maitland Dowsey

P.S. Remember to have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies. And look out for low-flying raccoons.

## Report of the Town Clerk

### Licenses

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Amount</u>
61 Males	\$ 3.00	\$ 183.00
27 Neutered Males	3.00	81.00
8 Females	6.00	48.00
30 Spayed Females	3.00	90.00
3 Kennel	10.00	<u>30.00</u>

Total of 126 dogs \$ 432.00  
 Clerks fees at \$0.75 comes to \$94.50.

### Sporting Licenses

17 Resident Fishing	12.50	\$ 212.50
6 Resident Fishing Minor	6.50	39.00
1 Resident Minor Trapping	8.50	8.50
3 Duplicate Fishing	2.00	<u>6.00</u>
11 Resident Hunting	12.50	125.00
1 Resident Alien Hunting	19.50	19.50
1 Non-Resident Cit/Alien Hunting	48.50	48.50
20 Resident Citizen Sporting	19.50	390.00
1 Resident Cit Sporting (age 65-69)	9.75	9.75
4 Resident Cit/Sporting over 70 yrs	Free	Free
14 Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	5.10	71.40
58 Wildlands Conser Stamp-Res	5.00	290.00
2 Wildlands Conser Stmp-Non Res	5.00	<u>10.00</u>

Clerks Fees @ .50 = \$29.00  
 Clerks Fees @ .10 = 1.40  
 Total Fees 30.40

## Report of the County Commissioner

During this past year Hampshire County has fought to deal with financial issues. There are two services that have a regular, positive and immediate impact on the citizens fo Middlefield. There is the County Purchasing Department. This program guarantees a good price, availability (a big issue here) and conformity with public bid laws. What follows is a report from the Hampshire County Human Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J Kearns

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
FY '92 MIDDLEFIELD specifics  
for possible Inclusion in your town's annual report**

The purpose of the Hampshire County Human Services Department is to promote integrated social service delivery to the residents of Hampshire County, including Middlefield, by taking a leadership role in planning, coordination, and capacity building.

The Department serves as a resource, communications, and technical assistance center. We facilitate community-based planning for local human services and advocate for the local share of state and federal funding. We also attempt to obtain private funding for services; we work to identify and fill gaps in service and promote community leadership for service planning and development by convening or joining task forces, networks, and coalitions.

The Department works on many issues affecting the lives of Middlefield citizens including the effectiveness and functioning level of the State Department of Social Services and its foster care programs, welfare reform, homelessness, basic survival services, the emergence of managed care, and the closing of state institutions like Northampton State Hospital and Belchertown State School.

**County funding to human service agencies**

On behalf of the County, the Department contracted with 32 human services agencies in amount totaling \$147,457. About half of that portion of the budget leveraged or enhanced an additional \$180,000 for services. The county funding reached approximately 80,000 persons (this count has unavoidable duplication).

As a part of this, the lives of 101 Middlefield people were touched by County funding to human service agencies during FY '92. The services provided by the 9 agencies were: information and referral, child care resource and referral, elder care, services for battered women, food for the hungry, transportation, and legal services for elders.

**Substance Abuse Prevention grant**

Last year the Department was tagged to be the Hampshire County sub-contractor for a five year tri-county grant from the federal Office of Substance Abuse Prevention. The Hampshire program is called HADAPP or Hampshire Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Partnership, and has helped create and support citizen organizations addressing alcohol/drug abuse prevention. Under the auspices of HADAPP, the Hilltown Organizational Team (HOT) was formed with youth and adults working to make things better for the lives of young people with healthy activities available for everyone. They received some money from the grant to help work on this effort. Middlefield is part of HOT.

HADAPP worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, HOT, and the Westfield Boys/Girls Club to apply for CDBG money for a satellite club. However, the CDBG grant was not funded. HADAPP works with Cooperative Extension and the Gateway schools on prevention related work in Huntington.

**Hampshire Youth 2000 Coalition**

Begun in 1988 with a successful bid for a state/federal grant with a 1/4th match from the County, this Coalition mobilizes young people, schools, human services, government, business and the community-at-large to work together to promote services and opportunities for youth in the County. The Coalition is now independent, but is housed and supported by the County. The Coalition has ongoing communication with the Gateway School system and Gateway teachers and students have been a part of Youth 2000 activities.

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BAL. AVAILABLE		\$35,479.12
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$1198.63	
Donald Savery, Eq. OP.	1106.75	
Warren Ritter, Labor	597.36	
R.C. Filkins, Calcium	265.00	
Donovan Bros., Gravel	31095.14	
N.E. Concrete Pipe	1202.00	
L.P. Adams, Mortar Mix	<u>13.64</u>	
Total Spent	35479.12	<u>\$35479.12</u>
Balance		-0-

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$24,000.00	
Trans from Gateway Reg.	5,800.00	
Trans from Insurance	1,000.00	
Trans from Reserve	22.62	
Total Available	<u>30,822.62</u>	\$30,822.62
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$9936.13	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	9072.51	
Warren Ritter, Labor	5287.51	
Martin Main, Mowing	706.50	
Donald A. Savery, Mowing	1002.00	
Edward James, Mowing	972.00	
Brewster Pease, Drott	1320.00	
L. P. Adams	28.20	
Donovan Bros, Gravel	389.18	
Lane Construction, Hot Mix	<u>2108.59</u>	
Total Spent	30822.62	<u>\$30,822.62</u>
Balance		-0-

TOWN SNOW

Appropriation	\$23,000.00	
Trans from Insurance	7,000.00	
Trans from Health Insurance	1,900.00	
Trans from Insurance	<u>7,400.00</u>	
Total Available	39,000.00	\$39,000.00
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$8379.57	
Donald J. Savery, Eq. Op.	6602.51	
Warren Ritter, Labor	4033.90	
Donovan Bros, Sand	14411.21	
AKZO Salt Inc., Salt	<u>5850.80</u>	
Total Spent	39338.00	<u>\$39,338.07</u>
Balance		- \$338.07

TOWN HIGHWAYS - MATERIALS UNPAVED ROADS

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Donovan Bros, Gravel	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
Total Spent	\$10,000.00	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Balance		<u>-0-</u>

STRAP GRANT

Balance Available		\$11,709.13
Robert Miller, Supt.	\$ 720.25	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	560.50	
Warren Ritter, Labor	360.00	
Donovan Bros, Gravel	<u>10068.38</u>	
Total Spent	11709.13	<u>11,709.13</u>
Balance		<u>-0-</u>

ASSESSORS REGISTRY FEES

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Trans. Reserve Fund	<u>62.00</u>	
Total Available	<u>162.00</u>	162.00
Registrar of Deeds, Transfers	<u>162.00</u>	<u>          </u>
Total Spent	162.00	162.00
Balance		<u>-0-</u>

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

AVAILABLE	250.00	250.00
Laura LaFreniere	75.00	
Ruth LaPrise	75.00	
Blandford Fair	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Spent	250.00	<u>250.00</u>
Balance		<u>-0-</u>

ASSESSORS ASSISTANT

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Trans from Reserve	<u>68.00</u>	
Total Available	<u>4,568.00</u>	4,568.00
Susan Donnelly, Clerk	\$4568.00	4,568.00
Total Spent	4568.00	<u>4,568.00</u>
Balance		<u>-0-</u>

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Appropriation	\$1,700.00		\$1,700.00
Hinsdale Ambulance		1,200.00	
Huntington Lions Club Ambulance		<u>500.00</u>	
Total Spent		1,700.00	<u>1,700.00</u>
Balance			<u>-0-</u>

CEMETERY EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$2,000.00		
Transfer from Reserve	<u>134.00</u>		
Total Available	2,134.00		2,134.00
Warren Ritter, Mowing		1262.00	
Frederick Rogers, Mowing		1144.00	
Eagle Flags, flags		<u>30.00</u>	
Total Spent		2134.00	<u>2,134.00</u>
Balance			<u>-0-</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	10.00		10.00
Balance			10.00

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,600.00		1,600.00
NCR	751.14		
AT&T	<u>782.74</u>		
Total Spent	1533.88		<u>1,533.88</u>
Balance			<u>66.12</u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSE

Appropriation	150.00		150.00
Postmaster, Box Rent		11.25	
Eagle Printing		<u>41.50</u>	
Total Spent		52.75	<u>52.75</u>
Balance			<u>97.25</u>

DISPOSAL AREA

Appropriation	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.		428.14	
Martin Main, Attendant		2340.00	
Middlefield General Store, trash bags		74.99	
Robert Connor, Contractor		907.50	
Dave Wickles, Trucking		4080.00	
City of Northampton, Dumping fees		7586.70	
Henry Robert, Plowing		15.00	
L.P. Adams, supplies		320.62	
Bannish Lumber, Lumber		608.15	
Hilltown Resource Comm.		<u>1000.00</u>	
Total Spent		17361.10	<u>\$17,361.10</u>
Balance			<u>638.90</u>

COUNCIL ON AGING

Bal. available including Appropriation of \$400.00		\$5644.03
Joan Almorì, Supplies	174.49	
Country Journal, Newsletters	240.00	
Alfax Furniture, Tables	153.00	
Robert Connor, Remodelling	900.00	
Transportation	103.76	
Betty Uligny, Supplies	37.14	
Martha Lee, Supplies	156.39	
Ellen Miller, Brown Bag Dist. & Supplies	65.85	
Gordon Guild, Brown Bag Dist.	5.00	
John Savery, Electric	209.40	
Eurbin Propane, gas heater & propane	609.00	
Priscilla Suriner, Supplies	29.50	
Total Spent	<u>3284.13</u>	3284.13
Balance to be carried over to FY 93		<u>\$2359.90</u>

INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$40,000.00	
Trans to Snow	14,400.00	
" " Town Highways	1,000.00	
" " Social Security	250.00	
" " Office Expense	600.00	
" " Police Expense	400.00	
Total Available		\$24,350.00
MIIA, Town insurance	20144.00	
Hastings Tapley	804.00	
Stevenson & Co.	396.00	
Hampshire County Group Trust Fund	1864.84	
Total Spent	<u>23,208.84</u>	23,208.84
Balance		<u>1,141.16</u>

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$400.00	400.00
Donald Savery, Salary	300.00	
Donald Savery, supplies	70.80	
Total Spent	<u>370.80</u>	370.80
Balance		<u>29.20</u>

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Appropriation	\$6,035.00	\$6,035.00
Peter Oligny, Moderator	60.00	
Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk	800.00	
Neil Nickerson, Tax Collector	1,200.00	
Nancy Pease, Treasurer	1,200.00	
John Rice, Assessor	450.00	
Kris Monson, Assessor	450.00	
Martin Main, Assessor	450.00	
Ronald Radwich, Selectman, Chairman	600.00	
Thomas Rock	300.00	

ELECTED OFFICIALS con't.

Ann Jewett	300.00	
Martin Main, Auditor	45.00	
Donald Savery, Constable	90.00	
William Paschal, Constable	90.00	
Total Spent	<u>6,035.00</u>	<u>6,035.00</u>
Balance		-0-

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$ 700.00	
State Reimb.	32.00	
Total Available	<u>732.00</u>	732.00

Maurice Pease, Teller	36.00	
Shirley Savery, Teller	36.00	
Nancy Pease, Teller	22.50	
Gail Beare, Teller	31.50	
Ellen Miller, Teller	38.25	
Ellen Russo, Teller	31.50	
Lois Leonardo Bell, Teller	31.50	
Patricia Paschall, Teller	38.25	
Susan Donnelly, Teller	15.75	
Cynthia Oligny, Teller	38.25	
Mary Sternagle, Teller	31.50	
Betty Oligny, Teller	36.00	
Priscilla Suriner, Teller	22.50	
Janet Vreeland, Teller	15.75	
Country Journal, Ballots	146.00	
Total Spent	<u>571.25</u>	<u>571.25</u>
Balance		<u>160.75</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	3,000.00
Gateway Auto Parts, parts	515.98	
Hinsdale Servicenter, gas	49.65	
Larry Pease, Stickers	91.00	
Com Tech, Beepers	608.05	
Raynors Bearings, parts	16.61	
Hampshire County Dues	64.50	
Motorola Inc., radio parts	402.95	
Gleason Fire Equipment, parts	996.00	
Maurice Pease, gas	115.60	
Miriam-Graves, oxygen	12.45	
McLaughlin, anti-freeze	25.00	
H/S Auto Parts	16.54	
Total Spent	<u>2,913.33</u>	<u>2913.33</u>
Balance		<u>86.67</u>

COBRA

Appropriation	300.00	300.00
COBRA	238.37	<u>238.37</u>
Balance		<u>61.63</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOVERY

Appropriation	\$1500.00	\$1,500.00
Gleason Fire Equipment	\$1,500.00	<u>1,500.00</u>
Balance		-0-

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation	325.00	325.00
Larry Pease, Chief	325.00	<u>325.00</u>
Balance		-0-

FIREHOUSE NOTE

Appropriation	1750.00	1,750.00
Farmers Home Administration	1,750.00	<u>1,750.00</u>
Balance		-0-

FIREHOUSE INTEREST

Appropriation	792.00	792.00
Farmers Home Administration	787.50	<u>787.50</u>
Balance		4.50

NEW FIRE TRUCK ACCOUNT

Balance left from loan	2,017.00	2,017.00
Delivery Sales & Service	88.06	
Motorola	941.50	
Zwack Sales, Hose & Oil	376.37	
Total Spent	<u>1405.94</u>	<u>1,405.94</u>
Balance		611.06

FIREHOUSE FURNACE

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Trans to Interest Available	631.50	1868.50
Wheeler Oil, furnace	1868.50	<u>1868.50</u>
Balance		-0-

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Appropriation	223,667.00	
"    Vocational	56,701.00	
Trans to Town Hwys	5,800.00	
Total Available	<u>274,568.00</u>	274,568.00
Gateway Regional School District	274,562.71	<u>274,562.71</u>
Balance		5.29

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Appropriation	7744.00	\$7,744.00
Hampshire County Retirement	7003.50	<u>7,703.50</u>
Balance		740.50

HEALTH INSURANCE

Appropriation	8750.00	
Trans to Town Snow	1900.00	
Trans to Interest	<u>2000.00</u>	
Total Available	4850.00	4,850.00
Hampshire County Ins., BC/BS	4289.74	<u>4,289.74</u>
Balance		560.26

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Appropriation	200.00	200.00
Balance		200.00

HOLIDAY AND VACATION PAY

Appropriation	4000.00	
Trans from Reserve	<u>504.00</u>	
Total Available	4504.00	4,504.00
Robert Miller, Supt.	2236.00	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	1368.00	
Warren Ritter, Labor	<u>900.00</u>	
Total Spent	4504.00	4,504.00

INTEREST - SHORT TERM LOANS

Appropriation	5000.00	
Trans from Firehse Furnace	631.50	
" " Health Ins.	2000.00	
" " T.Hall Design	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Available		8,031.50
First Agricultural Bank	7229.97	
Bureau of Accounts	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Spent	7329.97	<u>1,329.97</u>
Balance		701.53

INSPECTIONS

Appropriations	2000.00	2000.00
Trans. from Reserve	<u>17.50</u>	
Total Available	2017.50	2017.50
Larry Pease, Smoke alarms	200.00	
Eric Main, Elec. Insp.	180.00	
William Zeitler, Plumbing Insp.	287.50	
Howard Pease, Burner Insp.	50.00	
Walter Smith, Building Insp.	1000.00	
Savery Electric, Elec. Insp.	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Spent	2017.50	<u>2017.50</u>
Balance		-0-

LIBRARY EXPENSE

Balance	4908.74	
Dog Fund	119.45	
Appropriation	300.00	
Total Available	5328.19	5,328.19
Quality Paper Books	184.14	
Literary Guild, Books	148.50	
Cynthia Oligny, Salary (Librarian)	500.00	
Publishers Clearing House	16.97	
Total Spent	899.61	899.61
Balance		4,428.58

MACHINERY EXPENSES

Appropriation	15,000.00	15,000.00
Kieras Oil, Diesel Fuel	3563.94	
Gateway Auto Parts, Parts	1529.27	
Charlies Garage, gas	540.00	
Springfield Mack, parts	653.76	
Huntington Hardware	12.02	
Ralphs	399.98	
Wholesale Distributors, Scarifier Tips	198.50	
Pittsfield Welding Supplies	130.42	
City Tire	269.50	
Dalton Tractor, parts	99.71	
Smiths Sled Shop	38.00	
Tyler Equipment	1125.25	
Zwack, Sander repair	347.00	
Foster & Co.	68.70	
Howe Bros, tie rods & bushings	766.90	
Orange Motors, Pump	739.48	
A. Medeiros, lettering	165.00	
Buds Chain Saw	180.00	
McLaughlin Supply	257.95	
Robert Miller, Stickers & Supt.	524.50	
Donald Savery, Eq. Op.	361.00	
Warren Ritter, Labor	225.00	
Smith Auto Electric	236.48	
Total Spent	12432.36	12,432.36
Bal		2,566.64

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Appropriation	7,000.00	7,000.00
WMECO	1839.31	
New England Telephone	1633.54	
O'Connell Oil	2237.40	
L.P. Adams, Roof Cement	44.59	
AT&T	216.30	
Total Spent	5986.13	5,986.13
Bal		1,013.87

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	2,600.00	
Trans from Insurance	<u>400.00</u>	3,000.00
Total Available	3,000.00	
Dues	300.00	
Postmaster, Boxes & Postage	612.75	
Moore Business Forms	934.85	
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	93.04	
Neil Nickerson Postage	41.98	
Maurice Pease, Postage/Supplies	221.36	
Berkshire Eagle	120.39	
Discount Data Supplies	284.85	
US Stamped Envelopes	160.00	
Hampshire Business Machine	132.50	
Impress Printing, Assessor Letter	60.40	
N E Documents	10.00	
Iron Mt Storage	10.00	
Country Journal	<u>102.00</u>	
Total Spent	3,084.12	3,084.12
Balance Over		( 84.12 )

PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Appropriation	57.75	57.75
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	57.75	<u>57.75</u>
Balance		-0-

POLICE DEPARTMENTMENT EXPENSE

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Trans from Insurance	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Available	2,400.00	2,400.00
Dues	230.00	
Commonwealth of MA	65.00	
Postmaster, Box Rent	7.25	
Hinsdale Servicenter-Gas	188.35	
Michaels of Oregon leather replacmt	235.90	
S & M Systems, Ammo	100.00	
Buckeye Sports, Ammo	106.73	
Sentry Uniforms	377.50	
Metro Mobile	66.26	
Message Center Beepers	446.72	
Rochester 100,Manual Protectors	23.51	
Canton Business Systems	28.80	
Law Enforcement Maint. Co	90.00	
Jurek Bros	149.09	
Gateway Auto	<u>76.45</u>	
Total Spent	2,191.56	2,191.56
Balance		<u>208.44</u>

POLICE CRUISER

Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
First Agricultural Bank	7,000.00	<u>7,000.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

POLICE CRUISER INTEREST

Appropriation		1,302.00
First Agricultural Bank	1,312.86	<u>1,312.86</u>
Balance		( 10.86 )

PRINTING

Appropriation		1,500.00
Trans to Elections & Registrations		<u>146.00</u>
Total Available		1,354.00
Country Journal, Ads & Town Report	627.52	
Berkshire Eagle, Ads	304.99	
Quality Printing Dump Stickers	125.00	
Susan Donnelly	120.00	
Total Spent	<u>1,171.51</u>	
Balance		<u>182.49</u>

RECREATION AREA - RENAMED RECREATION EXPENSE

Carry over (from 1985 Revenue Sharing)		4,420.00
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REGIONAL RESOURCE PLANNER

Appropriation		250.00
Balance		250.00

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Appropriation		1,309.00
Hilltown Resource Mgmt	654.50	<u>654.50</u>
Balance		654.50

SELECMENS EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Hampshire County Selectmens Assn, Dues	30.00	
Mass Municipal Assoc, Dues	330.00	
Hampshire Business Machines, repairs	107.50	
Huntington Hardware, Locks & Keys	17.95	
Total Spent	<u>488.45</u>	
Balance		<u>11.55</u>

SELECTMEN SECRETARY

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Betty Oligny, Salary	2,000.00	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation		500.00
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STREETS LIGHTS

Appropriation		500.00
WMECO	463.67	<u>463.67</u>
Balance		36.33

TAX MAPS

Appropriation		700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund Cartographic Assoc	700.00	<u>700.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

TOWN HALL BUILDING

Carry over		2,500.00
Trans \$400 to Short Term Interest		<u>400.00</u>
Total Available		2,100.00
Barry Architects	1,500.00	<u>1,500.00</u>
Balance		600.00

TOWN COUNCIL

Appropriation		150.00
Francis Collins, Atty	150.00	<u>150.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation		150.00
Robert Miller, Supt	86.00	
Warren Ritter, Labor	<u>64.00</u>	
Total Spent		<u>150.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Donald Savery, Eq Op	99.88	<u>99.88</u>
Balance		.12

FOREST FIRE PROIECTION

Appropriation		10.00
Balance		10.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		100.00
Balance		100.00

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriation		100.00
Unempl. Comp	57.27	<u>57.27</u>
Balance		42.73

VETERANS AGENT

Appropriation		10.00
Balance		10.00

VISITING NURSE

Appropriation		350.00
Lee VNA	350.00	<u>350.00</u>
Balance		- 0 -

WAR MEMORIALS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation		1,000.00
Donald A Savery, Mowing	1,170.00	
Brenda Small, Mowing	84.00	
Gateway Auto, Snaps for flag	<u>14.36</u>	
total Spent		<u>1,268.36</u>
Balance		( 258.36)

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 1992

Receipts

Taxes			418,940.50
Commonwealth of Mass			85,813.00
Arts Council Income			4,000.00
Cemetary Perpetual Care			666.00
Cemetary - Sale of Lots			334.00
Conservation Commission			137.50
Council on Aging	\$ 1,660.00	State Aid	
	25.00	Donation	1,685.00
Election and Registration			32.00
Historical Commission - Donation			5.00
Inspections, Permits & Licences			
	\$ 1,020.00	Building	
	7,164.00	Dump	
	430.00	Electrical	
	333.00	Licences	
	122.00	Permits	
	335.00	Plumbing	
	110.00	Smoke Detectors	9,519.00
Interest on Checking Acct			1,764.64
Library Income - Dog Fund			119.45
Miscellaneous Income			112.87
Treasurer's Warrant (Agency Accts)			
	\$ 596.54	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	
	1,715.00	Division of Fishies & Wildlife	
	259.50	Dog Fees	
	238.26	Medicare	
	6,484.00	Federal Income Tax	
	3,556.57	Hampshire County Retirement	
	296.05	Social Security	13,145.92
			<u>539,587.43</u>

Liabilities

Fire Engine Notes

Owed	85,000.00
Payment	(17,000.00)
Balance	<u>68,000.00</u>

Interest Paid 8,164.70

Fire House Loan

Owed	15,750.00
Payment	(1,750.00)
Balance	<u>14,000.00</u>

Interest Paid 787.50

Police Cruiser Notes

Owed	14,000.00
Payment	(7,000.00)
Balance	<u>7,000.00</u>

Interest Paid 1,312.86

Trusts and Funds

Arts Council Fund	
Balance FY 91	293.62
Deposit	4,000.00
Interest	72.87
	<u>4,366.49</u>
Withdrawal	(250.00)
Balance FY 92	<u>4,116.49</u>

Cemetery Perpetual Care - MM	
Balance FY 91	635.78
Deposit	731.00
Interest	40.23
Balance FY 92	<u>1,406.01</u>

Cemetery Perpetual Care - CD	
Balance FY 91	14,000.00
Interest	806.58
Balance FY 92	<u>14,806.58</u>

Sally Dickson School Fund - CD	
Balance FY 91	5,862.22
Interest	392.56
Balance FY 92	<u>6,254.78</u>

Sally Dickson School Fund - CD	
Balance FY 91	10,422.72
Interest	531.33
Balance FY 92	<u>10,954.05</u>

Escrow (Low Value Land)	
Balance FY 91	12,311.37
Withdrawal	(11,292.25)
	<u>1,019.12</u>
Interest	481.89
Balance FY 92	<u>1,501.01</u>

Historical Commission Fund	
Balance FY 91	1,109.07
Interest	46.63
Balance FY 92	<u>1,155.70</u>

Stabilization Fund	
Balance FY 91	31,866.96
Deposit	500.00
Interest	1,376.67
Balance FY 92	<u>33,743.63</u>

SIRAP Grant	
Balance FY 91	11,709.13
Expended	11,709.13
Balance FY 92	<u>0.00</u>

Cash Reconciliation FY 92

Cash Balance FY 91	14,672.62
Cash Receipts FY 92	539,570.93
Total Cash FY 92	<u>554,243.55</u>
Plus Transfers	232,355.88
Total Adjusted Cash	<u>786,599.43</u>
Less Warrants	(774,963.42)
	<u>11,636.01</u>

Less Service Charges and Printed Checks	<u>(3,638.69)</u>
	<u>7,997.32</u>

Plus Checks Not Cashd	1,715.39
Cash Balance FY 92	<u>9,712.71</u>
Less Error on Warrant	.11
Adjusted Cash Balance FY 92	<u>9,712.60</u>

Report of the Treasurer

Account	Appropriation	Transfers	Total Available	Reserve Fund	Expenditures	Balance Forward	Balance Out
Ambulance	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,700.00		1,700.00		
Arts Council Expense		(1) 250.00	250.00		250.00		
Assessors' Assistant	4,500.00		4,500.00	69.00	4,569.00		
Assessors' Registry Feeds	100.00		100.00	62.00	162.00		
Cemetery Expense	2,000.00		2,000.00	336.00	2,336.00		
Chapter 33		(2) 75,932.00	75,932.00		4,481.52	71,450.48	
Chapter 121		(3) 35,479.12	35,479.12		35,479.12		
Civil Defence	10.00		10.00				10.00
Cobra(medicare)	300.00		300.00		238.37		61.63
Computer Maintenance	1,600.00		1,600.00		1,533.28		66.72
Conservation Commission	150.00		150.00		52.75		97.25
Council On Aging	400.00	(4) 3,559.03					
State Aid		1,660.00					
Donation		25.00	5,644.03		3,284.13	2,359.90	
Disposal Area	18,000.00		18,000.00		17,361.10		638.90
Dog Officer's Salary & Expense	400.00		400.00		370.80		29.20
East River Rd Bridge					10,916.61		
Elected Town Officers	6,035.00		6,035.00		6,035.00		
Election & Registration	700.00	(5) 146.00					
State Aid		32.00	878.00		571.25		306.25
Escrow		(6) 11,292.25	11,292.25		11,292.25		
Fire Chief-Fire Warden	325.00		325.00		325.00		
Fire Department Expense	3,000.00		3,000.00		2,913.33		86.67
Fire Department Recovery	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00		
Fire Engine		(7) 42,250.00	72,750.00		72,138.94		611.06
Fire Engine Note	17,000.00		17,000.00		17,000.00		
Fire Engine Note Interest	8,075.00		8,075.00	29.70	8,164.70		
Firehouse Furnace Replacement	2,500.00	(8) 631.50	1,868.50		1,868.50		
Firehouse Note	1,750.00		1,750.00		1,750.00		
Firehouse Note Interest	792.00		792.00		787.50		4.50
Forest Fire Protection	10.00		10.00				10.00
Gateway Regional School District	280,368.00	(9) (5,800.00)	274,568.00		274,563.71		4.29
Hampshire County Retirement	7,744.00		7,744.00		7,003.50		740.50
Health Insurance	8,750.00	(10) (2,000.00)					
		(10) (1,900.00)	4,850.00		4,688.78		161.22
Health and Sanitation	10.00		10.00				10.00
Hilltown Resource Management	1,309.00		1,309.00		654.50		654.50
Holidays and Vacation	4,000.00		4,000.00	266.00	4,266.00		
Inspections, Licenses & Permits	2,000.00		2,000.00	17.50	2,017.50		
Insurance	40,000.00	(11) (7,000.00)					
		(11) (7,400.00)					
		(11) (1,000.00)					

Account	Appropriation	Transfers
Insurance (continued)		(11)( 600.00)
		(11)( 400.00)
		(11)( 250.00)
Interest Short Term Loans	5,000.00	(10) 2,000.00
		(8) 631.50
		(15) 400.00
Library	300.00	
1991 balance carried forward		4,908.74
Dog Fees Refund		119.45
Machinery Expense	15,000.00	
Maintenance Public Buildings	7,000.00	
Office Supplies Expense	2,600.00	600.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	57.75	
Planning Board	10.00	
Police Chief Salary	300.00	
Police Department Expense	2,000.00	(11) 400.00
Police Department Cruiser Note	7,000.00	
Police Department Cruiser Note Int.	1,302.00	
Printing	1,500.00	( 5) (146.00)
Recreation	100.00	
Recreation Area		(13) 4,4420.00
Regional Resource Planner	250.00	
Selectmen's Expense	500.00	
Selectmen's Secretary's Salary	2,000.00	
Social Security (employer's share)		(11) 250.00
Strap Grant		(14) 11,709.13
Street Lights	500.00	
Tax Maps Update	600.00	
Town Council	150.00	
Town Hall Design		(15) 2,500.00
		(15) (400.00)
Town Highways	24,000.00	(9) 5,800.00
		(11) 1,000.00
Town Snow	23,000.00	(11) 1,000.00
		(11) 1,400.00
		(10) 1,900.00
Treasurers Warrant		
Hampshire County Tax		
Agency Accounts		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield (employees' Share)		
Dog Fees		
Federal Income Tax		

Total Available	Reserve Fund	Expenditures	Balance Forward	Balance Out
23,350.00		23,208.84		1,141.61
8,031.50		7,329.97		701.53
5,328.19	(12) 599.16	899.61	4,428.58	
15,000.00		12,432.36		2,567.64
7,000.00		5,986.13		1,013.87
3,200.00		3,084.12		115.88
57.75	1.05	58.80		
10.00				10.00
300.00		300.00		
2,400.00		2,191.56		202.44
7,000.00		7,000.00		
1,302.00	10.86	1,312.96		
1,354.00		1,177.51		176.49
100.00		-		100.00
4,420.00		-	4,420.00	
250.00		-		250.00
500.00		488.45		11.55
2,000.00		2,000.00		
250.00	46.05	296.05		
11,709.13		11,709.13		
500.00		463.67		36.33
600.00	100.00	700.00		
150.00		150.00		
2,100.00		1,500.00		600.00
30,800.00	22.62	30,822.62		
39,300.00	38.07	39,338.07		
		2,396.83		
		1,217.00		
		518.03		
		259.50		
		6,468.00		

Account	Appropriation	Transfers
Treasurer's Warrent Continued		
Agency Accounts		
Social Security (employees')		
State Income Tax		
Town Clerk's Fees		
Div of Fisheries & Wildlife		
Tree Accounts		
Dutch Elm Disease	150.00	
Insect Pest Control	100.00	
Tree Warden	100.00	
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	
Unpaved Roads	10,000.00	
Veteran's Agent	10.00	
Visiting Nurse	350.00	
War Memorials & Playgrounds	1,000.00	
Western Mass Coalation	100.00	
Short Term Loan Payments		

Total Available	Reserve Fund	Expenditures	Balance Forward	Balance Out
		296.05		
		3,131.95		
		175.60		
		1,715.00		
150.00		150.00		
100.00		99.88		.12
100.00				100.00
100.00		57.27		42.73
10,000.00		10,000.00		
10.00				10.00
350.00		350.00		
1,000.00	268.33	1,268.33		
100.00				100.00
		90,986.42		

## Footnotes

- (1) Withdrew from Arts Council bank account to pay bill
- (2) Amount of grant for Chapter 33
- (3) Left from grant for Chapter 121
- (4) Monies spent exceeding appropriation and taken from accumulated Council on Aging Funds.
- (5) Transferred from printing to election and registration
- (6) \$10,000.00 was deposited with Town as security and was returned plus interest to the depositor
- (7) This amount of money was spent in FY 91, leaving \$72,750.00 from original appropriation
- (8) Transferred from firehouse Furance Account to Interest Short Term Loans
- (9) Transferred from Gateway Regional to Town Highways.
- (10) Transferred from Health Insurance to Interest Short Term Loans
- (11) Transferred from Insurance to Town Snow, Town Highways, Office Expense, Police Department Expense and Social Security
- (12) Monies spent exceeding the appropriation are taken from accumulated Library Funds.
- (13) 1991 Balance Carried Forward
- (14) Remaining funds from Strap Grant
- (15) 1991 Balance carried forward and \$400.00 transferred to Interest Short Loans.

## ASSESSORS REPORT

The Board of Assessors completed a revaluation of all real property in Town for fiscal year 1993 as required by State regulations. The new valuations will remain in effect for fiscal years 1994 and 1995. All property owners received written notification of their new valuations. Contrary to general expectations, valuations generally increased based upon statistical analysis of sales during the previous year. One reason for this may be the fact that valuations of comparable properties in neighboring towns are higher than in Middlefield, making acquisition of real estate here attractive. The 1993 revaluation was accomplished using our in-house computer system at no extra expense to the Town.

Our present computer was purchased in 1988. Manufacture of this machine and new replacement parts has been discontinued by the manufacturer. As a result, breakdowns are frequent, and repairs require considerable time and effort. Our computer maintenance contract has recently been increased by the vendor to \$1800 per year. The Board of Assessors has asked the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to approve the purchase of a new, more reliable computer. The cost will be less than the annual maintenance fee for our present obsolete computer. A Special Town Meeting will be held in March to obtain Town approval for this purchase.

The FY 1993 tax rate of \$13.75 per \$1000 of valuation is about one dollar lower than last year. This was made possible only through severe fiscal restraint on the part of all Town Officials and the School Committee. Unless the Governor and State Legislature can be convinced that small towns in particular require additional State financial support, there is little likelihood that this lower tax rate can be sustained in the upcoming fiscal year.

Our current tax rate is calculated as follows:

Town Meeting Appropriations				\$539493.49
State and County Charges				6446.00
Overlay Reserve				8458.56
Total Amount to be Raised				\$554398.05
Receipts From State				74184.00
Estimated Local Receipts				43100.00
Other Available Funds				20381.50
Total Receipts				\$137665.50
Net Amount To Be Raised				\$416732.55
Tax Rate:	$\frac{416732.55}{30307822}$	X	1000	= \$13.75

Kristin Monson  
Susan Donnelly  
John Rice

Tax Collector's Report for FY 1992

Fiscal Year	Tax	Balance	Warrants	Refunds	Totals	Taxes Collected	Abated	Adj + or -	Balance
1992	RE		\$428,290.92	\$7,469.58	\$435,760.50	\$341,243.52	\$ 5,177.98	\$ 879.67	\$ 90,218.67
	PP		5,110.55	5.54	5,116.09	3,624.01	1,341.39	5.54	145.15
	MVE		16,601.68	33.75	16,635.43	12,108.54	103.75	33.75	4,389.39
	Totals		450,003.15	7,508.87	457,512.02	356,976.07	6,623.12	918.96	94,753.21
1991	RE	\$ 66,025.11		20.74	66,045.85	32,396.64	20.74	20.74	33,607.73
	PP	146.41			146.41	-0-			146.41
	MVE	10,790.22			10,790.22	7,663.94	507.22	271.77	2,890.83
	Totals	76,961.74		20.74	76,982.48	40,060.58	527.96	292.51	36,644.97
1990	RE	19,522.37			19,522.37	3,283.99		268.10	15,961.28
	PP	19.43			19.43	-0-			19.43
	MVE	2,097.51	1,248.34		4,155.85	2,020.84			2,135.01
	Totals	21,639.31	1,248.34		23,697.65	5,318.83		268.10	18,115.72
1989	RE	4,137.07			4,137.07	1,150.83			2,986.24
	PP	58.73			58.73	-0-			58.73
	MVE	2,340.72			2,340.72	1,159.25	11.25	17.02	1,153.20
	Totals	6,536.52			6,536.52	2,310.08	11.25	17.02	4,199.17
1988	RE	1,095.90			1,095.90	1,032.69			63.21
	PP	12.17			12.17	-0-			12.17
	MVE	1,046.36			1,046.36	641.25			405.11
	Totals	2,154.43			2,154.43	1,673.94			480.49
1987	RE	12.46			12.46	-0-			12.46
	MVE	40.96			40.96	-0-			40.96
	Totals	53.42			53.42				53.42
1986	RE	6.48			6.48				6.48
	Totals	6.48			6.48				6.48
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$107,351.90</b>	<b>\$451,251.49</b>	<b>\$7,529.61</b>	<b>\$566,943.00</b>	<b>406,339.50</b>	<b>\$7,162.23</b>		<b>\$154,250.46</b>

Taxes Collected     \$406,339.50  
 Int                     "             3,213.27  
 Muni Leins             "             875.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil G Nickerson  
 Tax Collector

Middlefield Police Department  
Annual Report

The Middlefield Police Department would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Middlefield for their support and cooperation during the past year. The members of the Department during the year have continued to maintain the training requirements of the Commonwealth. The police cruiser that the town purchased three years ago continues to prove its importance in regard to the response time to police calls and the increasing number of police calls. Maintenance of the cruiser continues to be accomplished mainly by the members of the Department who continue to use their own finances at times to wash and maintain the vehicle. Because of the distance the state police have to travel to respond to a Middlefield emergency maintaining this vehicle is a priority of the members of the Department. This year the Department is requesting additional funding to provide additional maintenance to the cruiser such as alignments, chains, tires, etc.

The number of serious incidents in the Town increased again this past year as can be seen in the annual police activity log. The number of breaking and entering cases increased as well as the number of arrest warrants served and suspicious vehicle calls. The Department was successful in solving a sizeable number of the breaking and entering calls.

The Middlefield Police Department continues to be one of only a handful of police departments in the state that is entirely voluntary. All that the members of the department continue to ask is that they be provided with proper equipment to ensure their safety and the safety of those they serve. For this reason the Department will be asking the town for additional funds for radio equipment and training. The Department continues to be highly respected by both the Massachusetts State Police and area police departments.

In closing the Department again wants to thank the Town for their support and also wants to thank the Massachusetts State Police Russell Barracks and the Massachusetts Environmental Police for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

The following represents the police log for 1992:

Arrests	5	Motor Vehicle Accidents	9
Domestic Violence	3	Tresspassing	2
House alarms	15	Mutual aid	8
Medical calls	4	Motor Vehicle citations	4
Larceny	6	Breaking and Entering	20
Discharge - Firearm	12	Arrests Warrants Served	3
Court Orders Served	10	Assisted State Police	15
Vandalism	4	Hunting Complaints	12
Assisted Game Warden	8	Rec Veh Complaints	4
Assisted Fire Dept	2	Hunting License Checks	60
Suspicious Vehicles	12	Court Hours	4
Assault and Battery	2	Hit and Run	1
Assisted Electric Co	6	Suicide	1

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Austin, Chief  
Curt Robie, Sargent  
Victor Fastiggi, Training Officer  
Jimmy Jasmin, Officer

## Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department

Another year has passed and in that time we have accomplished many things. We wish to say thanks for the support from all the townspeople. Our needs continue to grow slowly, mostly for Medical assistance. More laws and codes are being introduced and enforced in the medical field to which all Vol/Call/Paid public safety personell must keep up with. Some laws are hard to keep up with due to lack of information and training. We will continue to do our best to receive and train our members to meet the standards of fire service so we may help those people when needed. We received CPR recertification in February as this is done once a year. Thanks to the volunteers who donated their time. We also held a rabies clinic in April for cats and dogs. Thanks to all who donated their time. We had one major project this year. The department received a 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drive from the Dept of Environmental Management. It has become our rescue truck. It is equipped with medical equipment, rescue equipment and extra supplies for firefighting. It has enabled us to use the truck to do many jobs. Tim Pease undertook the task of repainting it and attaching many pieces of equipment. We estimate approximately 450 man hours put into this vehicle. We wish to thank Tim and Howard Pease for their invaluable time put in the truck to make this available to the town. I want to say thanks to all the members for their support, interest and dedication to the Fire Dept. We responded to a total of 23 calls from February 1992 - February 1993.

1 - water problem	1 - false fire alarm
1 - car fire	1 - minor structure fire
1 mutual aid assist lost child	2 - chimney fires
1 - furnace problem	3 - car accidents
12- medical calls	

Again, thanks to all for your support.

Respectfully,

Larry Pease  
Fire Chief MVFD

## Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners met regularly throughout the year. Many people called to say how pleased they were with the cemetery maintainance this year. While we will continue to address all problems and complaints, we are grateful for the compliments. Special thanks go to Warren Ritter from all of us, and especially for his digging and clearing of headstone spaces on our Veterans graves to facilitate new plantings. Good work all around!

At this writing we are awaiting information on new regulations (from the State and the Insurance Company) regarding future hiring only of persons with his/her own liability insurance. If we are compelled to abide by these new rulings, cemetery maintainance appropriations will have to be increased significantly. Stay tuned.

Thanks again to the Middlefield Grange and 4-H Members for their continued placing of the flags on the Veterans graves. Their caring and their time is appreciated by all.

Nancy Burnham, Chairman      Larry Pease, Recorder      Neil Nickerson, Commissioner

## Disposal Attendant Report

In 1992, as the initial impact of recycling has produced measurable results, it's time we take stock of our efforts. After only two years of operation, it is gratifying to know that the Western Mass Recycling Program, of which we are a part, left:

1 million trees standing  
50 million gallons of oil unused  
steel enough to make 8000 cars  
330,000 cubic yards of landfill space not converted to refuse storage  
and \$5 million in avoided disposal costs.

Significantly, while these gains were accomplished with a minimum of effort, sizable tax savings were realized in a time of otherwise escalating town expenses.

Fine-tuning of attention to correct recycling procedures remains the key to increased future savings. Experience has shown that the following areas deserve more attention by all.

### General

1. All tins and plastic containers rinsed and crushed
2. All paper/cardboard clean of plastic and staples

### Plastics

1. Except windshield fluid, NO Automotive or other hazardous waste containers
2. All TOPS removed from plastic containers
3. No PLASTIC BAGS or WRAPS

### Paper

NO Paperboard (pizza, detergent, cereal,...)  
Phone Books  
Envelopes  
Paper plates/cups

### YES Magazines

Newspapers  
Catalogues  
Brown paper bags  
Computer/white letter paper  
Corrugated cardboard: Clean (no tape/staples) and flattened

### Other

Yard Wastes, Stove ash, and demolition materials are NOT accepted at this time.

In 1993, our cooperative (HRMC) will focus on such household hazardous wastes as tires, batteries, pesticides, oil based paints, solvents, waste oil and demolition materials in its continuing effort to find safe disposal solutions for serious toxic materials.

The townspeople of Middlefield are to be commended for demonstrating yet again that cooperation is the key to creating governmental solutions. Your suggestions for improving the Transfer Station are always sought and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Archie Main

## Planning Board

The Middlefield Planning Board has had several changes in membership in the past year. Present members are Barbara Chalsma, Thomas Duby, Michael Hale and John Hobart.

The main action in the past year was the passing of the Floodplain and Westfield River Protection by-law on December 16, 1992, which permitted Middlefield to join other towns that had already passed similar by-laws.

Also in the past year, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission reviewed the Middlefield Zoning By-Laws at the request of the Board of Selectmen. The PVPC has received a Community Development Block Grant that includes Middlefield for the purpose of a detailed review of the Zoning By-Law and possible changes to it. The review period should begin in April 1993 and must be completed by January 1994.

A committee of town representatives will be formed to work with the PVPC. This committee will comprise representatives from the town boards and some at-large members.

## Building Inspector

Building permits issued for 1992 were as follows:

6	Septic Systems
6	House Permits
7	Decks
1	Ramp
2	Additions
11	Perc Tests
2	Septic Repairs
4	Stove Permits
1	Bleachers

Submitted by Walter D Smith  
Building Inspector

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is available to inspect sites where construction or any other development is planned within 100 feet of running water or a wetlands area. We will answer questions or then make a determination if you need to file a Notice of Intent to comply with the Wetlands Protection Act.

Site Inspections	6
Notice of Intent	3

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane McQuaid  
Kristin Monson  
Ed James

## Council on Aging

The Middlefield Council on Aging continues to be a positive social and informational resource to the elders of this town. This year has been a busy one with the continuation of most services as well as the institution of new ones.

We continue to have monthly luncheons held in the newly renovated senior center when the weather permits and at the school during winter months. This year 300 meals were served in this manner.

Transportation to medical appointments or to the grocery store is provided by the Franklin Regional Transit Authority through a state formula grant. This year over 2000 miles were covered by volunteers.

The brown bag distribution continues on a monthly basis thanks to the volunteers who sort, pack and deliver these bags.

Our newsletter is a crucial connection to all seniors, in town or wintering elsewhere providing information and news of our activities to over 90 people. The printing and distribution is funded through a state formula grant but the hours spent compiling, interviewing and preparing copy for the printer are all volunteer.

The council has gone through a few changes this year. In January Joan Almori resigned as chairman due to her new full-time job. We accepted her resignation with regret and at this time wish to thank her for the many hours and exceptional guidance as our leader. Soon after Martha Lee took over as our chairman with a seemingly inexhaustible amount of enthusiasm. In October, however, Martha asked for our acceptance of her resignation as she moved to Dalton. We would like to thank Martha for the time she spent as our chairman. We wish it could have been longer but we learned a lot from her innovative approach and business skills.

There has been an increase of activity at the Senior Center itself this year. In addition to the normal luncheons we have also held several art and photography exhibitions. Showcasing Middlefield seniors' talent as well as that of neighboring townspeople. With partial funding from the Middlefield Cultural Council oil painting classes have been held here as well. When it got too cold we just picked up our brushes and moved to the school for the winter. In July we held a very successful open house at the center to show off its new look.

It is obvious from the preceding report that without the dedication and commitment of volunteers these needed services would not be available to the town of Middlefield and its senior population. They have logged over 2000 hours of actual service, but this does not measure the perceptiveness and willingness to perform whatever is required to fulfill a need they see. Thank You to all who volunteered.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Oligny, Chairman

## Cultural Council of Middlefield

Some of you will probably be looking for this report under the name Arts Lottery Council, but we have a new name. This reflects a change of attitude on the state level in appropriating funds for projects. It is a more apt title considering our function.

It is the responsibility of this committee to distribute funds locally that we receive from the state to support cultural events. Our goal is to support the projects which will benefit the most people as close to "home" as possible.

Beginning in the fiscal year 1993, there is one standard annual state wide deadline for local councils to accept applications. This date is determined annually by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is expected to be near October 1st.

Meetings that require us to vote on the distribution of funds are always posted in advance. Prior to the application deadline the council holds a community input meeting to assess the needs of our town thereby developing our funding priorities. All of our meetings are open to the public and we welcome input from townspeople at any juncture.

In the past year we have approved requests from: The Miniature Theatre of Chester, Middlefield seniors oil painting classes, Sevenars Concerts, Basket making classes and fabric painting classes in Middlefield.

In the present year we will distribute funds to: The Becket Arts Center, Middlefield seniors art classes, Blandford Fair art show, basket making classes in Middlefield and the New England Brass Quartet.

We will sponsor a special "old home day" picnic in July. The New England Brass Quartet will play for us and we will have on display at that time many examples of local artistic talent.

In the past two years we have distributed over \$4000. in funds. If we do not receive enough requests to cover our town's share, the money is reverted back to the state level to be redistributed in the next grant cycle.

So, please remember to send in your applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy L Oigny, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Middlefield Historical Commission initiated its reorganization this year with the addition and help of three newly appointed members, George Bell, Jr., Nancy Burnham, and Jack Cobb.

Our first major undertaking will be to refurbish and restore existing records, documents, and articles belonging to the Town Museum.

At this time, we wish to express our gratitude for the generous gift of \$500.00 to the Museum Account from the estate of the late Ethel Pease. Miss Pease was always a great source of information of town history; a friend to all, she and her wry sense of humor will be missed by all.

We are hoping to mount our first exhibit in the early summer. Date will be announced.

Respectfully,

Lydia Sanders, Chairman  
George Bell, Jr.  
Nancy Burnham  
Jack Cobb  
Brian Miller  
Albert Sanders

### MIDDLEFIELD LIBRARY

The Middlefield Public Library has undergone many changes in the past year and I am happy to report circulation is up 13% from last year.

I still feel that many townspeople do not realize the valuable resource that occupies a single room at the former elementary school. Although we are a small library, being connected to the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System gives us many of the same services as a larger library and we are unique in that the small size of the population we serve lets us tailor our library specifically to individual patrons.

This year we have added a new parenting section with up-to-date resources on this subject all in one place.

In memory of Ethel Pease a new research for homework section, we call "Hot Topics" is currently being added. The permanent materials for this section were funded from a bequest from her estate. Each month the section will be weeded and updated from periodicals and pamphlet materials as well as new books to keep it current.

Ethel Pease spent many long hours in the Middlefield Library performing whatever duty the job required. When I first came to work here as her assistant she helped me to understand the very special needs of a library this size in a town this size. Ethel Pease was head librarian, children's librarian, cataloger, reference librarian, manager, grant writer, fire tender, public relations manager and custodian among other things. I hope that the new research section will be a fitting tribute.

A child that reads and is read to has a better chance to succeed in school and beyond. For that reason we hold an annual summer reading program for children. This is sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Regional Public

Library and is always a worthwhile project.

The Bookmobile continues to provide us with current and entertaining materials that we cannot offer in our regular collection. It is unfortunate that due to budget cuts on the state level it only visits us once every nine weeks instead of the six week intervals we were used to in the past.

The Inter-Library-Loan system can provide a Middlefield patron with a book available anywhere in Western Massachusetts Libraries within 14 days. Many of our patrons continue to make use of this service.

The Telephone Reference Support System provides our library with a direct link to Springfield Library's Reference materials and staff providing answers to reference questions within minutes.

I wish to thank all the people who have donated books, materials and their time on behalf of Middlefield Public Library. The Library is here for your benefit. I hope you will make use of it and look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy L O'ligny, Librarian

#### Dog's Officer's Report

Since taking the position in August, I have received sixty-five calls or complaints. Eighteen families were listed as having unlicensed dogs. Six are still on the list.

All dogs must be licensed by the age of three months old. Any persons moving into town with a dog has thirty days to obtain a new license, or a transfer license. Unlicensed dog owners are subject to fines. All dogs must be restrained. Any owner walking a dog must have it leashed. There is a twenty dollar fine per dog each time it is picked up, plus additional fees.

Two dogs were adopted, and one was sent to the MSPCA. At least ten different dogs have had the pleasure of visiting the dog officer's house. Some more than once. From now on no dog shall be released until all fines and fees are paid. After ten days the dog will either be sold or go the the MSPCA.

I have collected ninety dollars in daily fees, and sixty dollars in fines. There is ninety-six dollars in uncollected fines and fees due to the town. My expenses have been twenty-four dollars for gas and mileage, and one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents, for food and other related expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Brien  
Dog Officer