

TOWN OF
MIDDLEFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS
2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Middlefield will long remember the Ice Storm of 2008 for its major tree damage and debris, and the 4-7 days without power

In Memoriam 2008

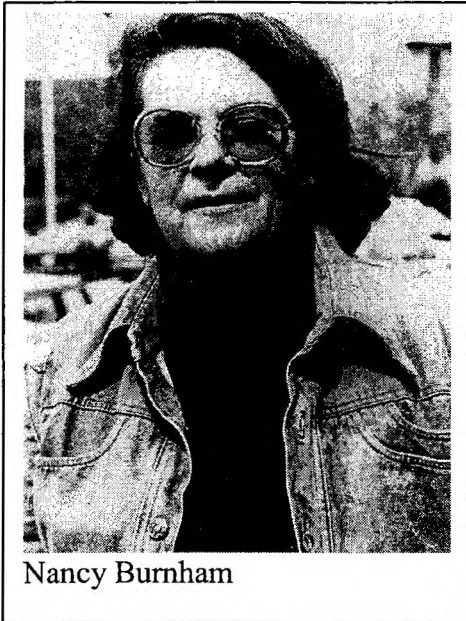
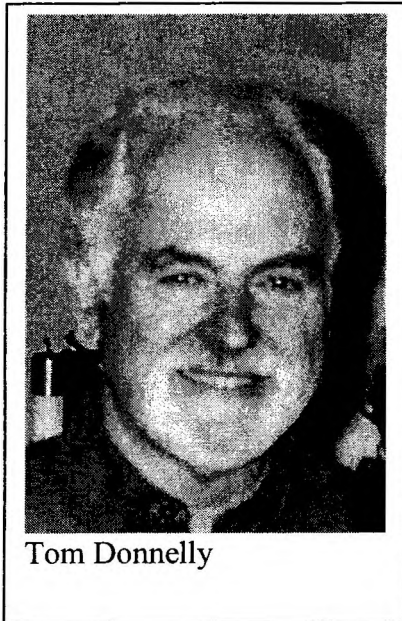


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Annual reports by regional agencies which include Middlefield are also available at Town Hall:
* Hampshire Council of Governments * Hilltown CDC * PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)

Town Offices & Departments

(See Town website for all this information & more) www.MiddlefieldMa.us

Town Of Middlefield

- Board of Assessors → Assessors Office hours 6-8pm Wednesdays, 9-11am Saturdays
413 623-8966 ... fax 413 623-6108 ...
Email: Assessors@MiddlefieldMa.us
- Board of Health → Selectmen/Board of Health Office hours 7:30-9pm Mondays
413 623-2079 ... Email: Selectboard@MiddlefieldMa.us
- Building Inspector → Building Inspector ... Paul Tacy
413 296-0127 ... <http://hampshirecog.org/buildinginspections.html>
- Fire Department → Fire Dept ... Larry Pease, Chief. Ron Radwich, Deputy Chief
413 623-5060 ... Emergency-911
- Library → Library hours Mon 4-8pm, Wed 4-7pm, Sat 12-3pm
413 623-6421 ... Cyndy Oigny, Librarian
Email: Librarian@MiddlefieldMa.us
- Police → Police Department ... Thomas Austin -Chief
Police 413 623-0005 ... Emergency 911
- Selectmen → Selectmen/Board of Health Office hours 7:30-9pm Mondays
413 623-2079 ... Email: Selectboard@MiddlefieldMa.us
- Senior Center → Senior Center (for Wednesday lunch advance RSVP 623-6080)
413 623-9990 ... Fax 413 623-5317 ... Susan Baker-Donnelly
- Tax Collector → Tax Collector Office hours Noon-7pm Wednesday
413 623-5182 ... Fax 413 623-6108 ... Richard Wade
Email: TaxCollector@MiddlefieldMa.us mail: POB 114
- Town Clerk → Town Clerk Office hours 7:30-9pm Monday, Saturday 9-12noon.
413 623-2079 ... Marjorie Batorski
Email: TownClerk@MiddlefieldMa.us
- Town Garage → Town Garage ... Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent
413 623-5532
- Treasurer → Treasurer hours Saturday 10am-3pm
413 623-2079 ... Jane Thielen
Email: Treasurer@MiddlefieldMa.us

Accountant ... Terry Walker ... 623-2079 (home 258-4802) Hours by appointment

All offices are located at the Middlefield Town Hall 188 Skyline Trail, Middlefield MA 01243, except for the Town Garage at 4 Bell Road, and the Senior Center at 171 Skyline Trail, POB183.

Elected Officials (May 2008)

Board of Selectmen	Expires	Library Trustees	Expires
Larry Pease, Chairman	2009	Susan Donnelly	2009
Mary Courtney	2010	Chris Bresnahan	2010
Robert Gazda	2011	Susan Baker-Donnelly	2011
Board of Assessors		Moderator	
Gustel Progulske	2009	Joseph Kearns	2008
Gita Jozsef Harris	2011		
Laura Lafreniere	2010		
Constables		Planning Board	
Ed Vivier	2009	Michael Hale	2009
Charles H. Hunter	2008	Terrence Crean	2009
		Maureen Sullivan	2010
		Jay Wagg Swift	2009
		Alan Vint	2011
Cemetery Commission		School Committee	
Timothy Pease	2009	Tim Parker	2009
Larry Pease	2011	Sam Sico	2009
Charlie Hunter	2010		
County Commissioner		Town Clerk	
Joseph Kearns	2009	Marge Batorski	2009
Finance Committee		Zoning Board of Appeals	
Joseph Kearns	2009	Maurice Pease	2010
Gita Jozsef Harris	2009	Peter Oigny	2009
Scott Artioli	2010	Stephen Cummings	2011
Tamarin Laurel-Paine	2011		
Ed Vivier	2010		

Appointed Officials with 3 year, staggered terms

Conservation Commission		Agricultural Commission	
Stephen Cummings, Chair	2010	Cheryl Harper	2010
Alan Vint	2010	Maureen Sullivan	2011
Kim Baker	2011	Mitch Feldmesser	2011
Mitch Feldmesser	2011	Cindy Herman	2011
Wayne Main	2011	Glennis Austin	2009
			20
			20
		(alternate)	
		(alternate)	

Annually Appointed Town Officials (May 2008)

Bonded Appointees:

Tax Collector ~ Richard Wade

Treasurer ~ Jane Theilen

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Town Attorney ~ Kopelman & Paige

The Board of Selectmen also serve as:

Board of Health

Field Drivers

Recreation Committee

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Annual Appointees:

Accountant ~ Terry L. Walker

Animal Inspector ~ Mary Cuccinello

Building Inspector ~ Paul Tacy

Board of Health Agent ~ Charlie Hunter

Civil Defense Warden ~ Larry Pease
Thomas Austin (Asst. Warden)

Disposal Area ~ Kathy O'Brien

Dog Officer ~ David Krassler
Marcia Krassler (Asst. Officer)

Fire & Forest Warden ~ Larry Pease
Ronald Radwich

Lumber Surveyor ~ Brian Miller

Pest Control/ Elm ~ Brian Miller (2009)

Recycling Coordinator ~ Joseph Kearns

Selectboard's Secretary ~ Terry Walker

Smoke Alarm/ Oil Burner Insp. ~ Larry Pease

Street Superintendent ~ Skip Savery

Wood/ Bark Measurer ~ Edward James

Veteran's Agent ~ Ray Gero

Westfield River Advisory ~ Carl Lafreniere,
John Richardson (alternate)

Wild & Scenic Advisory ~ Carl Lafreniere

Wiring Inspector ~ Eric Main,
John Savery (alternate)

Appointed Committees:

Communications Committee

Bob Gazda

Noreen Suriner

Cultural Council

Andrea Tosi

Cyndy Oligny

Jack Cobb

Pat Robie

Sarah Foley

Historical Commission

Jack Cobb, Chair 2010

Roy Haapala, Sec. 2009

Lois Bell, Treas. 2011

Marjorie Batorski 2011

Rita Doktor 2011

Recreation Sub-Committee

Daniel Suriner

Char Gero

Bea Basak

Eric Main

Laurie Sico

Registrar of Voters

Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk

Anita Myers

Cyndy Oligny

Tamarin Laurel-Paine

Police Department

Thomas Austin, Chief

Curt Robie

Michael Pensivey

Matt Radwich

Report of the Board of Selectmen 2008

Selectmen's Report 2008 - 2009

Greetings:

As everyone knows, it was a hard winter with many cold days and nights. We can be thankful for surviving another one of New England's harsh winters. As always, we feel it's important to remember those who have passed on in the past year: Tom Donnelly, William Heintz, Eva Mary Grincavich, Robert Jaret, and Nancy Burnham. Each one of them had a place in our hearts so we dedicate this year's town report to all of them.

Our goals are many as we face challenges throughout the year. Some issues become more of a priority than others, and we try to address them all. We do our best to hear all matters that come before us and address them as best we can. Sometimes issues can take a while to resolve, so we try to do that with fairness and consistency.

The Selectboard would like to thank all those who serve on different departments and committees who give of their time and energy to keep our town moving forward. Sometimes the only way to know what it takes to keep the town running is to get involved by joining a committee and seek positive creative ideas so we all may benefit, now and in the future. If anyone is interested in helping, please stop by the town hall and talk to someone in the offices. Our door is and always has been open.

As some of you may know, this year saw the creation of our town web site, which is up and running, with many thanks to Bob Gazda and Noreen Suriner. The creation of a town web site was essential to expanding access to the citizens of Middlefield to town government, events and history. This project took a lot of time and energy to create and then make it all come together. It still takes maintenance time to remain current through updates and suggestions provided by the many "customers" who have registered on the site, and slowly but surely, more information is being shared for those who may not be able to attend meetings or may live out of town. This sharing of information is an intricate step in the overall goal of the Selectboard to provide greater access and transparency to all citizens so they may keep apprised as to how our town is doing. One can do this by going to: www.middlefieldma.us Finally, official town email addresses have been created to better serve those in the community. Thank you Bob and Noreen.

A genuine "Thank you" is extended to our town hall roof committee, Curt Robie, Jay Swift, Skip Savery, Joe Kearns, Peter Oligny and John Savery for volunteering endless hours researching specifications, attending site visits and negotiating with contractors to replace our roof on the town hall, which was completed in February 2009 ahead of schedule and under budget. Further appreciation is due to these gentlemen for helping with what seemed like endless details, proposed changes, and general due diligence along the way. In addition, new heating controls are in place, with the hope that we may soon see savings in our fuel consumption. It will probably take another full heating season to know to what extent any savings will be realized. We do know that being able to control the heat already has been more comfortable for those in attendance during meetings and working on the town's behalf. From here on out, we will work to fine tune the system.

Our Town Highway Department has had their hands full with winter challenges. Temperatures were often in the single or below zero digits. Some days didn't reach above 15 - 20. Along with that, snow fell at various amounts and on weekends. Sleet and freezing rain, then snow and cold temps seem to keep the challenges coming and challenging the committed highway department staff. We thank our highway department staff for once again keeping the roads open, while most of us were safe and warm at home. Their diligence in doing their job made it possible for the rest of us to get to ours and back home again. Thank you for doing a great job along with many unnamed tasks, done but not known or seen by some.

Projects addressed during the past year:

- Verizon settlement and enforcement meetings
- Personnel Policy Drafting completed and ready for review by town counsel
- Emergency response during the Ice Storm of 2008 – MEMA and FEMA
- Purchase of the new Grader and facilitation of all contract documentation
- DEP – Center of Town properties, on-going cooperative effort between DEP and Town of Middlefield
- ADE from the Grange, future CPR classes for town employees, appointees and elected officials
- Internal communications – official email address for all town offices, holding of finance department meetings as recommended by auditor, joint meetings of Selectboard and various finance departments as issues arise with goal toward cooperative teambuilding
- Supported funding of finance trainings for departments
- Hiring of new Tax Collector
- Completion of Exit audit for Tax Collector
- Updated software for Treasure
- Hiring of new janitor – welcome Jack
- On recommendation of state, second request for DOR technical report – pending per DOR for 2009
- Recall provision submitted, failed to be acted on by the General Court, and resubmission for the Town's vote at this Annual Town Meeting.
- COOP grant obtained

Future projects – 2009-2010

- Updating the Town By-Laws
- Updating the Town Zoning By-Laws – Planning Board
- 2008 Audit
- Finalization of Town Employee Personnel Policy
- Town policies and procedures i.e. use of town hall building
- Continued upgrading of internal lines of communication within all departments
- Continued efforts to develop the cooperative team effort necessary to fully perform the “towns people work”

We have spent considerable time working to develop a cooperative working relationship with different boards, again this is not without growing pains, but as time goes on we will all work toward improving our commitment to continue to move forward for the good of the town.

We thank those of you who have supported us along the way. If you feel someone has done something good, please take a moment and tell them. Little things go a long way and mean so much.

Sincerely,
Larry Pease Mary Courtney Bob Gazda

Vital Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS – TOWN REPORT 2008

DEATHS

Thomas E. Donnelly, age 66, January 4th 2008

Eva Mary Grincavitch, age 88, May 30th 2008

William P. Heintz, age 58, July 6th 2008

MARRIAGES

Dave Earl Maye & Chevail Yvette Parker, July 19, 2008

Stephen Allen Monson & Felicia Kathryn Armenian Melinka McNeil, August 17, 2008

Raymond Edward Gorham & Elaine Denise McNealy, October 11, 2008

BIRTHS

Jack Damon Rahilly, son of Darren Damon Rahilly & Jeanne Elizabeth (Henichon) Rahilly,
Born March 8, 2008

Emersyn Jane Bray, daughter of Scott Hutchison Bray & Katherine (Lingg) Bray,
Born May 22, 2008

Jordan Adrienne Bell, daughter of Adam Hugh Bell & Aimee Theresa (Bouchard) Bell,
Born November 18, 2008

Dog Licenses

ISSUED FOR THE YEAR 2008

Male Dogs--- 8 @ \$3.00

Neutered Male Dogs--- 13 @ \$3.00

Female Dogs--- 4 @ \$6.00

Spayed Female Dogs--- 12 @ \$3.00

Kennel License: 8 for 4 dogs or less @ \$10.00

Kennel License: 1 for 4 dogs or more @ \$25.00

Gross Amount was \$228.00

Fees Deducted @ .75 per license = \$109.50

Net return = \$118.50

I am sure that we have more than 46 dogs in town and it is really important that the owners license their dogs. It makes it much easier to locate an animal that is either lost or been picked up, if it has been licensed.



Lois Bell w/ granddaughter Jordan Bell

Agriculture Commission

Middlefield Agriculture Commission March 2009

Presently there are four members. We meet monthly at the Town Hall. This past year the agriculture commission took on a project to improve the growth and quality of the trees along the driveway of the Town Hall by their soil improvement and caterpillar removal. The maintenance will continue this year. We also began a bulletin board at the Town Hall where you can read agricultural information and find dates and information on upcoming events.

Maureen Sullivan and Glennis Austin attended the Massachusetts 2009 Agriculture Commission conference. They attended workshops on Agriculture Zoning laws, planning for transferring farmlands and understanding wetland laws and working with your conservation commission.

During the 2009 fall Heritage Days the commission is planning tours to a few of the farms in Middlefield. The dates any information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennis Austin, Chair

Assessors Report

Board of Assessors Annual Report for FY 2009

April 7, 2009

To the Citizens of the Town of Middlefield

The Board of Assessors has achieved a number of milestones in fiscal year 2009 to better serve the Middlefield community.

Our continuing work with Mayflower Valuation, Ltd. included the Interim Valuation Analysis for FY 2009.

Following the analysis, the Board processed and submitted the Tax Rate Recap to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for approval. The tax rate was then set according to schedule, enabling the tax bills to be mailed by December 1.

The Board contracted John Richardson to update Town's tax maps. To this end he is collecting and assembling deeds and other pertinent data, keying each subdivision plan to the correct map and lot, and working closely with Cartographic Associates. The updated maps will be soon available online.

The Board set up the Assessors' page on the Town's web site, posting a number of informative links and minutes of Assessors' meetings.

The Board arranged with the DOR technical support to provide Middlefield residents with online access to their property record cards.

The Board of Assessors welcomes input from townspeople as to their various concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Gita Jozsef, Chair
Laura Lafreniere, Secretary
Gustel Progulsk, Assessor



ELIZABETH D SCHEIBEL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

ONE GLEASON PLAZA
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01060-3032
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FAX (413) 584-3635

March 24, 2009

Middlefield Select Board
Larry Pease, Chair Town Offices
188 Skyline Trail
Middlefield, MA 01243

Dear Mr. Pease:

The Northwestern District Attorney is writing to apprise you, as Chair of the Select Board, that it has completed its investigation into a complaint brought against the Middlefield Board of Assessors., Specifically, it had been alleged that the Board had falsified rate cards, a violation of G. L. c. 268, § 6A (Making False Written Reports by Public Officers or Employees); had committed tax evasion, a violation of G. L. c. 59, § 90 (Evasion of Taxation by Concealment or Change of Residence); and Tax Evasion under G. L. c. 61A.

A thorough investigation into the citizens' allegations ensued. During the course of the investigation, the undersigned and two Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office spoke with three complainants, three past or present assessors, a member of the Select Board, five representatives of the Department of Revenue (DOR), independent appraiser Roy Bishop, two representatives of independent appraiser Mayflower, Inc. and numerous property owners in the Town of Middlefield. The State Police detective and the undersigned have also reviewed numerous rate cards; the Board's master list of property held in Chapters 61, 61A and 61B; documentation from DOR; the investigative file for the Ethics Commission that also conducted an investigation of the Board; documentation from the Attorney General's Office; and documents filed in connection with the federal suit of *Baker v. Progulsk*e, et al. in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts.

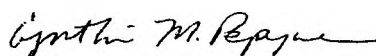
This Office has concluded that, based upon the available record, the conduct of the Board does not warrant criminal charges. Since the DOR mandated a full field review of all Middlefield properties and the Town hired the firm of Mayflower Associates, the Board has continued to work with DOR to remedy any possible deficits in record keeping and assessment. Two of the Assessors, Laura Lafreniere and Gita Jozsef, are currently enrolled in the DOR assessors' course. In addition, the Board has established a user-friendly website that includes minutes of its meetings, information on the assessment process, and information on abatement, thus helping to guarantee that the Board remains accessible to the public and that its actions be transparent. To continue to make improvements in this area, a Technical Assessment Review (TAR) by the Department of Revenue would be helpful. The Select Board requested such a review on November 17, 2008.

CONCLUSION

As no probable cause was found to support criminal complaints, the investigation by the Northwestern District Attorney's Office is now closed.

cc:
Jeff Reynolds, DOR
Complainants
Board of Assessors

Sincerely yours,



Cynthia M. Pepyne
Assistant District Attorney

Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

for Fiscal Year 2008

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 2007	\$ 590,117.89
Add: Total Receipts for FY 2008	\$ 1,481,737.48
Less: Total Expenditures FY 2008	\$ (1,697,663.58)

Balance in Treasury, June 30, 2008

Cash on Hand	\$ 21,973.80	
Checking Account	\$ (34,515.12)	
Due to Cemetery Fund	\$ (2,531.51)	
Due to Stabilization Fund	\$ 11,192.41	
Money Market Accounts	\$ 378,072.21	\$ 374,191.79

**TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER**

STABILIZATION FUND:

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2007	\$ 62,927.83	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '08	\$ 2,151.85	
Add: Due to Stabilization Fund		
Appropriation	\$ 158,000.00	
Less: Voted transfers at town meetings	\$ (94,682.26)	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2008		\$ 128,397.42

CEMETERY CARE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2007	\$ 24,347.36	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '08	\$ 645.81	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2008		\$ 24,993.17

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2007	\$ 23,614.04	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '08	\$ 718.15	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2008		\$ 24,332.19

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane R. Thielen, Treasurer

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

For those of you who have not met me, I am Richard Wade. I am the Collector for the Town of Russell and previous to that I was in the Town of Lanesborough. I have also done contractual work for the Town of Richmond and the Town of Becket. I am currently retired from the military with 25 years service. I was hired by the Town of Middlefield in August to replace the retiring Kris Monson and have an appointment that expires on June 30th. I was certified by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association in 1999 as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector.

I will not bore you with a lot of numbers of collections or outstanding balances but simply give you some thoughts and my progress to date. The Town of Middlefield has a lot of uncollected Motor Vehicle, Personal Property and Real Estate on its books as of June 30, 2008. These

numbers will be reflected in other parts of this town report. I have moved many delinquent motor vehicle bills to the collection agency that the town already has in place. This has resulted in an upswing of motor vehicle collections. I will also be using the same agency to resolve past due personal property matters also. I am still doing research into many of the very old real estate bills to see if they are legitimate or not. I have dealt with a substantial amount of old real estate through the collection process and through the tax title process. I have submitted paperwork to the state Department of Revenue to abate real estate that has been sold or otherwise disposed of. The abatement process is the last option that the Town wants to pursue but the expense of some of these collections in the court system does not warrant the financial benefit gained.

Because of other work commitments, I only have office hours on Wednesdays from noon to 7:00 PM but I will return all calls and set up appropriate times to meet with taxpayers at our mutual convenience. I will entertain most types of payment plans for outstanding payments and will work, whenever possible, with any resident to clear up an outstanding balance. Please contact me with any issues that remain unresolved and we will work on them together.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Annual Report for FY 2009

To the Citizens of the Middlefield:

Once again our Town is faced with challenges. The world financial crisis will certainly impact the town's economy. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has reduced its fiscal commitment to cities and towns. The Federal "Fiscal Stimulus Package" promises to boost funds for local infrastructure and schools, but we do not yet know how it will impact our locality.

Most of the town's expenses are non-discretionary. Examples include schooling, maintenance of roads and buildings, insurance, and trash disposal.

The Gateway School District has struggled to present a budget that meets the needs of our students without bankrupting its member towns. Students in Massachusetts come out first among the 50 states on many measures, and when not first they are usually in the top five. Our students also compare favorably with those in other advanced countries. The challenge is to maintain high standards given our current fiscal constraints.

Major improvements made to the town hall over the past year should reduce future fuel expenses. The new generator worked well through the December ice storm. More remains to be done to the town hall to bring into the 21st Century.

This past December Western and Central Massachusetts experienced a "once in a lifetime" ice storm. Mother nature does not announce, she simply presents. Even with the State suggesting a 75% subsidy for storm-related expenses, there will be a huge local expense. Some neighboring towns are anticipating \$300,000 - \$500,000 in added costs.

Considerations for the future of Middlefield:

1. Completing the capping of the old landfill.
2. Additional improvements to the Town Hall.
3. Investigate using Hampshire County Emergency Dispatch that currently is no cost to user town.
4. Investigate the use of alternative energy to lower utility costs to the town.

The Finance Committee welcomes input from townspeople as to their various concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Kearns, Chairman Ed Vivier, Secretary
 Scott Artioli Gita Jozsef Harris Tamarin Laurel Paine

Library

Middlefield Library continues to have Wi-fi access, and has a computer with internet access available for use by Library patrons.

With Inter-Library loan and periodic Bookmobile visits, we have easy access to many other area libraries' collections. Please ask for anything you need but don't see, and you may be surprised at the quick response and extent of materials available.

Our collection of book-on-CD and movie DVD's are growing and are more popular than ever.

We would like to thank the volunteers that have put in many hours manning the desk, covering books and adding items to our database catalogue.

We hope you visit your library soon and often. The hours are as follows:

- Monday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday evening 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday afternoon from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Cyndy Oligny, Librarian

Council on Aging

2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT MIDDLEFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

P.O.Box 183 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA 01243-0183
 Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair

Hours: Wednesday 9:30 AM to 3:00PM
 Congregate Meal - Phone: 413-623-9990 Wednesday Only
 Phone: 413-623-6080 Monday prior for Wednesday Luncheon Reservations

COA Activities

Highland Valley Elder Services

Luncheons are served to participating seniors on Wednesdays throughout the year. Reservations/cancellations are requested by the end of the business day on the Monday prior to the lunch by calling COA Chair Susan Baker-Donnelly at 623-6080. All those age 60+ are welcome. Guests of members, of any age, are also welcome, A small donation to help defray the cost of the lunch is suggested. Come and get to know your Middlefield neighbors!

This year I am blessed to have Cathy Roth's very able and caring help with our Wednesday luncheons and other programs which benefit not only seniors but the town at large. I'm particularly grateful for her help with rides for seniors, underwritten by the Franklin Valley Transit Authority. We just would not have been able to meet the needs of our seniors without her help. We also have had help from members Rev. Connie Morrison, Jack Cobb, Marge Batorski, Doris Lines and Gustel Progulske. Mythanks for their assistance.

New Members

Ralph Bell, Ralph Bell Jr., Olga Bell, Pat & Bill Paschal, David Tarbell

We held a **Mini-Health Fair** at the Center on September 17, 2008. Priority was given to seniors but it was open to all Middlefield residents and those from surrounding hill towns as time and room permitted. Middlefield and Chester neighbors participated. The first eight seniors to call received foot screenings and pedicures. Screenings were conducted for blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol. A **Flu Clinic** was held on October 29, 2008. Both were well attended. Our thanks to Foot Nurse, Joan Angelo RN, the Lee VNA, state grants -MASSPRO -MDPH Immunization Program and the CDC.

We are also an information resource for seniors with regard to health insurance, home care, Medicare, and prescription coverage for seniors in Massachusetts. Wheelchairs and walkers are available on temporary loan to Middlefield elders in need of them.

Our facilities are also being used by various town committees including the Fair Committee and the newly forming Heritage Society.

On December 18, 2008 we were finally able to hold our Christmas party at the Pioneer Grill, 30 Main Street in Chester. The weather this winter not only caused us to postpone the party but cancellation of several Wednesday luncheons.

Exercise - New Program

This year we are happy to be able to provide exercise equipment for the use of our seniors others in town. Included is a treadmill, two bikes and a stair-stepper. The Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM for those who wish to use the equipment. Call Susan Baker-Donnelly for scheduling.

Brown Bag Program

Groceries are provided to qualifying seniors and those on Social Security Disability the once per month. They are bagged and picked up in Chester by a volunteer. Those eligible are called to arrange pick up or delivery. My special thanks to Ellen Miller for her help.

Staffing

Middlefield's COA is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair & Transportation Coordinator- average hours per week: 15
Additional Volunteers: Cathy Roth, Vicki Reed, Maurice Pease, Jack Cobb, Ellen Miller.

Budget Appropriations

State Grant #5040 \$1,750 Balance of \$1,550 is due this month; FRTA -\$500; Town Grant #90541 Local Middlefield Appropriation to COA \$1,500.

Expenditures include \$750.00 to support our Consortium/Regional Coordinator Elethea Goodkin; Dues to MCOA \$110.00. Volunteers are reimbursed \$15.00 per trip (26 miles round trip to Huntington) to pick-up Wednesday's meals. The brown bags are now picked up in Chester. Reimbursement is \$10.00. Cleaning the center- average 4 hours a month @ 10.00/hour.

Volunteers serve the meal and clean-up as well as tally the donations. Volunteers coordinate any repair and maintenance work with the town. Thanks to Skip and his crew for all their help. Because the water at the center is undrinkable, we continue to purchase water from Rainbow Distributing. Utilities -propane heat, electricity and phone are our biggest expenses.

Franklin County Transit Authority (FRTA - \$1000) - Rides for Seniors

Cathy Roth and I are pleased to be able to offer rides for seniors for doctor's appointments and grocery shopping on a first come, first serve basis. Seniors should make their needs known as far in advance as possible by calling Susan Baker-Donnelly. There is a small fee for the service of this subsidized program. Providers of this service are Cory checked.

Old Business (Not covered by last year's report):

Service Provided May 2008 through June 2008

<u>Month</u>	<u>Trips</u>
May 2008	2
June 2008	10

Service Provided July 2008 to Present March 31, 2008

<u>Month</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Trips</u>
July 2008	10	January 2009	2
August 2008	12	February 2009	0
September 2008	12	March 2009	12
October 2008	12		
November 2008	18		
December 2008	6		

Please remember we are here for you if the need arises.

Volunteers are urgently needed for both the Senior Luncheon and Rides Programs. Those wishing to volunteer should call Susan Baker-Donnelly 413-623-6080.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair, Middlefield Council on Aging

Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Middlefield during the fiscal year 7/01/2007 -6/30/2008:

<u>HOME VISITS</u>	<u>VISITS</u>		
Skilled Nursing	103	Occupational Therapy	12
Physical Therapy	101	Speech Therapy	0
		Medical Social Work	7

Maternal Child Health 0
 Nutrition Services 0
 Home Health Aide 0

NON-BILLABLE HOME VISITS 0

<u>CLINICS</u>	<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Flu/Pneumonia	1	11

Respectfully submitted,
 Catherine Guarducci, RN, Executive Director

Cemetery Commission

2008 – 2009

It's a good feeling to know our cemeteries have endured another season with no damages. A harsh winter can do many things and again we have stood the test of time. Many stones are very old and not as secured as newer ones nowadays, and for the most part seem to stay where they belong even if they have a little tilt to them. As has been in the past, our cemeteries have been well taken care of and proud to look at. Thank you, Don, for being a big part of just that. Every year new flags are placed at the stones for Memorial Day in remembrance of those who served in various wars throughout the years, as well as flowers. Thank you, Ray and Charlene Gero, for taking on this task, and also those who helped. Those who lie still are there in body, yet their spirit lives with all of us.

Sincerely, Larry Pease Charles Hunter Tim Pease

Volunteer Fire Department

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Sincerely,
 Larry Pease Ronald Radwich

Building Inspector

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and thirty-six building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2008. Of these, 13 permits were for new homes. The severe economic downturn in the second half of 2008 put a definite halt to construction of new homes, yet more permits were issued this year than last, mostly due to small renovation projects, repairs and wood stove installations.



The breakdown of permit activity for the five member towns is as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total permits</u>	<u>New homes</u>	<u>Total permit fees collected</u>
Chesterfield	78	3	\$ 8,496.17
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While permit activity has increased somewhat compared to last year, and I have been at least as busy as in previous years, most towns have seen a decrease in fees collected. This is due to the small minimum fee collected for smaller projects.

This year saw the ushering in of a new State Building Code, the seventh edition. Many changes appear in the new code, and I have had to attend many training sessions to keep current. The code is a living document, and even since its introduction many amendments have been made. This is certain to prove confusing to contractors. It certainly is a challenge for building officials.

An unprecedented number of permits have been issued for wood and pellet stove installations in the past few months. Please keep in mind that the installation of wood stoves, coal stoves, pellet stoves and outdoor wood boilers requires a building permit. These are inherently dangerous appliances, and must be installed correctly in order to be safe. The permit fee is only \$30.00, and the required inspection only takes minutes. Many homes are lost or severely damaged every year due to unsafe wood stoves. Play it safe! It's easy to get the permit, it's cheap, and it's the law! If you've already installed a stove, and weren't aware of the permit requirement, please call. An inspection can be arranged quickly.

Tara Ussailis has been on the job as my administrative assistant for almost eight years now, and again I thank her for her contributions. Despite our subsistence budget and lack of normal office amenities, she manages to keep everything in order, keep me on schedule, and keep smiling. I'd be lost without her. She's in the office rain or shine Monday through Wednesday 8:45 – 12:30.

Our office is located at the Davenport School Building, 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to serve residents of all member towns. Office hours are also held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Huntington Town Offices. Residents may phone anytime at (413) 296-0127. Permit applications are available at our Chesterfield office, Williamsburg Town Clerk's office, Huntington town offices, and Goshen town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Tacy, Building Commissioner

Phone: (413) 296-0127 Fax: (413) 296-014

CHESTERFIELD GOSHEN HUNTINGTON MIDDLEFIELD WILLIAMSBURG
HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 175 - 422 MAIN ROAD CHESTERFIELD, MA 01012

Middlefield 2008

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE	FEE R
2/11/2008	20 West Hill Rd	405	28	Edward	Vivier	1508	Shed 10x16	\$2,864.75	\$60.00	6/17/
2/28/2008	113 Skyline Trail			John	LaFayette	M08-8	Wood Stove Inspectio	\$0.00	\$25.00	2/28/
3/24/2008	56 Alderman Rd			Mark	Lipton	M08-13	Wood Stove Inspectio	\$0.00	\$25.00	3/20/
4/14/2008	191 River Rd	411	25	David	Edwards	4608	Replacement Window	\$30,775.00	\$90.00	5/5/
4/23/2008	56 Alderman Rd	405	44	Mark	Lipton	5908	Screened Porch (on e	\$20,000.00	\$60.00	5/5/
4/28/2008	16 Bell Rd	406	22.1	Adair	Laurel	6208	Warehouse/Distrib. Fa	\$56,000.00	\$15,445.00	5/5/
5/19/2008	20 West Hill Rd	405	28	Edward	Vivier	9608	Outbuilding 10x16	\$2,715.00	\$30.00	6/17/
6/2/2008	20 Alderman Rd	406	54	Gary	Herman	11708	Replacement Window	\$35,000.00	\$60.00	6/2/
7/1/2008	129 Arthur Pease	406	35	Eleanor	Doyle	13508	Reroof	\$0.00	\$30.00	7/1/
8/6/2008	3 Johnnycake Hill	405	41	Scott	Smith	16808	Addition/Carport	\$20,000.00	\$134.40	8/12/
8/11/2008	45 River Rd	409	20-1	Katherine	Bray	17508	Deck/Reroof	\$6,500.00	\$60.00	
8/25/2008	1 Skyline Trail	401	401	Colleen	Budness	19008	Install Pellet Stove	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	8/25/
9/8/2008	99 Arthur Pease	407	34	Cynthia	Artioli	20208	Install Wood Stove	\$3,300.00	\$30.00	9/22/
9/10/2008	2 Arthur Pease R	406	47-11	Sally	Connors	20408	Reroof/Replacement	\$12,950.00	\$64.75	9/22/
9/16/2008	148 Skyline Trail	407	15	Christopher	Dadek	20908	Install Wood Stove	\$2,800.00	\$30.00	9/29/
9/29/2008	140 Skyline Trail	407	14	Victor	Artioli	22508	Reroof/Siding/Door/D	\$18,000.00	\$60.00	10/6/
9/29/2008	165 River Rd	410	11	Alex	Kamaroff	23008	Reroof/Ridge Vent	\$3,800.00	\$30.00	10/7/
10/6/2008	188 Skyline Trail			Town of Mid		23508	Chimney Repair	\$2,600.00		
10/14/2008	188 Skyline Trail	406	85	Town of	Middlefield	25608	Roof Renovations	\$29,303.00	\$0.00	
10/28/2008	15 Alderman Rd	406	59	Steven	Savoy	27408	Install Wood/Coal Sto	\$0.00	\$30.00	10/28/2
11/3/2008	140 Skyline Trail	407	14	Judy	Artioli	27808	Garage 20x34	\$21,000.00	\$67.33	11/17/2
11/24/2008	143 Skyline Trail			Warren	Cook	M08-50	Wood Stove Inspectio	\$0.00	\$25.00	12/1/2
11/24/2008	99 Arthur Pease	407	34	Scott	Artioli	29608	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	12/2/2
12/9/2008	60 Chester Rd	405	48-6	Ted	Wheeler	32808	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	12/22/2

2008 TOTAL HOURS BY TOWN

	BUILDING	ZONING	TOTAL
CHESTERFIELD	316.68	102.32	419.00
GOSHEN	272.18	83.32	355.50
HUNTINGTON	314.18	110.32	424.50
MIDDLEFIELD	258.93	59.82	318.75
(RESERVED)			
WILLIAMSBURG	371.93	124.57	496.50
TOTAL	1533.90	480.35	2014.25

Admin & Travel totals (included in above)

ADMINISTRATIVE	861.40	215.35	1076.75
INSPECTION TRAVEL	195.75		195.75

TOTAL HOURS 2014.25

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TOTALS FOR 2007

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	64	5	13,391.50	153.80
Goshen	50	8	11,729.00	122.05
Huntington	60	7	12,147.06	135.95
Middlefield	21	3	5409.38	108.80
Williamsburg	106	19	24,497.72	196.80

TOTALS FOR 2006

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	59	6	\$12,159.92	369.90
Goshen	57	4	8,016.16	362.40
Huntington	70	7	17,086.71	402.90
Middlefield	21	4	5,394.16	288.55
Williamsburg	123	13	38,698.86	514.15

TOTALS FOR 2005

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	95	6	\$12,311.95	348.88
Goshen	56	6	9,740.39	317.63
Huntington	94	16	25,243.00	353.13
Middlefield	17	2	5,149.75	254.13
Plainfield	35	3	5,458.30	239.63
Williamsburg	119	11	19,120.66	410.38

Planning Board

Annual Report of the Planning Board

This year the Planning Board began looking at the town's zoning bylaws with the goal of bringing to the town for its consideration a revised and updated version of that document. The board has divided this undertaking into three stages. Stage One is the review of the zoning bylaw to correct typographical and numbering errors. Stage Two entails the identification of areas of the bylaw which could be written in language that is more clear and easier to understand, but in most cases the intent of the bylaw would not be altered. Stage Three will address more significant proposed changes and additions to the bylaw . Each of these stages requires that public hearings be held and any proposed bylaw revisions must be passed by a two- thirds vote at a Special Town Meeting. The Planning Board purchased a laptop computer to facilitate the writing of these changes.

The Board held a public hearing in April to hear comments on its draft Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, which would enable the addition of an attached apartment unit to any single family home which is in compliance with all zoning bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Crean
Michael Hale, Secretary
Maureen Sullivan, Co-chair
Jay Swift, Co-chair
Alan Vint

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Sincerely,

Larry Pease Ronald Radwich

Town Meeting Minutes

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2008

THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY JOSEPH KEARNS, MODERATOR. HE LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEFIANCE, THEN READ THE WARRANT. THERE WERE ABOUT 55 PEOPLE PRESENT.

ARTICLE 1. A motion was made seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$27,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to reduce the Tax Levy for fiscal year 2008. There was much discussion surrounding this Article and a lot of questions were asked. "Why take the money out of Stabilization? Why not reduce the budget?" How much money is in the Stabilization Fund? Answer: \$110,000.00. Question was also asked "If we don't transfer this money, what will happen?" Answer: We won't be able to set the tax rate and we can't have a budget. We have to pass this Article as it is absolutely necessary. The Article was voted on by a show of hands. In favor---39 opposed---9
The Article passed by a 2/3 vote which was required.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to an Outside Appraisal Account. This Article also generated much discussion. Will the appraisal be for just the outside, or will it include the inside as well? The price will differ for the different types of appraisal such as inside and outside versus just the outside. There were two appraisal companies mentioned; Roy Bishop was one and the other one was Mayflower. The Assessors are to make the decision as to which one will be hired. It was also mentioned that we have a full appraisal so that everything will be complete and correct. Also, could the DOR bear some of the burden of cost, as they require the appraisal? Will there be notification for the appraisers to get in the homes to do a full appraisal? Finally the question was called and seconded. A voice vote was taken; yea----21 No----6
The Article was passed.

Article 3. Under this article, there was a straw poll taken to have a full evaluation by an outside firm. 39 in favor 2 opposed. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve this meeting. It was an unanimous vote and the meeting was dissolved at 9:50 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk
January 28, 2008 =====

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 3, 2008
FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD, MA

ARTICLE 1 To choose on one ballot for the term of three years:
Selectman: Robert Gazda
Assessor: Gita Jozsef Harris
Library Trustee: Susan Baker Donnelly
Zoning Board of Appeals: Stephen Cummings

Finance Committee: Tamarin Laurel-Paine
Cemetery Commission: Larry Pease
Planning Board: Alan Vint

For the term of two years:
Assessor: Laura Lafreniere

For the term of one year:
Moderator: Joseph Kearns
Constable: Edward Vivier
Town Clerk: Marjorie Batorski
School Committee: Timothy Parker

Ballot Question: Shall the Town of Middlefield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 21/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to replace the roof on the Town Hall, replace the Heating controls, and install a heat recovery ventilation system?

Yes: 48 No:18 Blank: 8

Article 1 was passed and every one was elected to office.

At the opening of the meeting, Joseph Kearns led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, then he read the warrant with article to be discussed and voted upon. He also asked that no one make a visual or voice recording as the Town Clerk was recording and that anyone could have a copy if requested from the town Clerk. There were approximately 50-60- people in attendance.

Article 2 Under this article to hear the reports of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, and the School Committee. Various officers gave their reports from the floor. The Chair of the Selectboard, Larry Pease, gave thanks to all who helped to get the hall in shape for the meeting; such as Skip Savery and Matt Radwich who cleaned the floor, and also to Joe Kearns and Skip for replacing some missing and unsightly ceiling tiles.

Also, Larry spoke of the missing members by death from our Town, such Jeremy Bouffard of the military who was killed in action, Don Savery, much loved and respected member of the community, Mary Sternagle, a teacher here in Middlefield, and Bill Cook, who was the last remaining member of the great "Cannon firing". Also, Bill was the oldest citizen of Middlefield.

Kris Monson, Tax Collector, said that this is her last year as Collector, and that she wouldn't be accepting another appointment. From the School Committee, Sam Sico, spoke and said the School Budget had gone down.

Article 3 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town for Fiscal 2009, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 541 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto:

Moderator-----100.00
 Town Clerk-----4,000.00
 Assessor, chair-----3,000.00
 Assessor,2nd-----3,000.00
 Assessor, 3rd-----3,000.00

Selectman, chair----1,500.00
 Selectman,1st-----1,500.00
 Selectman,2nd-----1,500.00
 Constable,1st-----90.00
 Constable,2nd-----90.00

The vote was taken and the article passed with one nay vote.

Article 4 It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriated the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY2000.

Treasurer-----7,000.00
 Tax Collector-----10,000.00

Selectboard's Secretary-----7,500.00
 Town Accountant-----11,000.00
 Assistant Assessor-----5,400.00

It was an unanimous vote and the article passed.

Article 5 it was moved and seconded 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:

Elected Town Officers-----17,780.00
 Town Counsel----- 5,000.00
 Election & Registrations-----1,000.00
 Maintenance of Public Buildings-----55,000.00
 Insurance and Bonds-----40,000.00
 Soc Sec/Medicare Town Share -----6,000.00

Being no discussion, the Article passed by a majority vote with 2 nays.

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; or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard/Printing-----3,500.00
 Assessors-----5,500.00
 Annual Interim Certification-----1,800.00
 Tax Map Update-----4,500.00
 CAMA Software Support-----1,550.00
 Treasurer-----1,500.00
 Tax Collector-----4,000.00
 Tax Title & legal Fees-----5,000.00
 Planning Board----- 500.00
 Town Accountant-----1,500.00
 Town Clerk-----800.00
 Zoning Board-----300.00
 Software Support-----1,500.00
 Electric Inspections-----500.00

Plumbing Inspections-----100.00
 Constable-----150.00
 Conservation Commission-----1,300.00
 Communication Commission-----300.00
 Board of Health-----250.00

There was some discussion on this article such as why so little for the Plumbing inspection? Answer was that that was a misprint and that the figure will be corrected in June when we have a Special Town Meeting.

Another question was asked. "What does a Constable do?" Answer: a Constable is similar to a Court Officer, and he post warrants etc. A motion was made and seconded to amend the figure of \$4,500.00 for the Tax Map to \$3,000.00. Being no further discussion, the Article passed as amended.

Article 7 It was moved and seconded 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:

Highway Department Wages-----	105,000.00
Holidays and Vacations-----	9,000.00
Unemployment Insurance-----	2,000.00
Hampshire County Retirement-----	22,397.00
Health Insurance-----	40,000.00
Fuel-----	20,000.00
Snow Removal-----	35,000.00
Town Highway Maintenance-----	35,000.00
Unpaved Roads Material-----	15,000.00
Machinery Maintenance-----	30,000.00
Street Lights-----	500.00

Being no discussion, the vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 8 It was moved and seconded 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:

Library Expenses-----	2,500.00
Veterans Agent Expenses-----	100.00
War Memorials/Playground-----	3,500.00
Cemetery Expenses-----	3,500.00

Susan Baker-Donnelly, Library Trustee, spoke of the book sale that the Library was having, and also of the survey that the Library is conducting to held better serve the public with their wants. Being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

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; or take any other action relating thereto;

Police Chief's Salary-----	1,000.00
Officers' Compensation-----	1,400.00
Police Dept. Operating Expenses-----	7,700.00

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden Salary-----	500.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses-----	4,500.00
Fire Dept. Inspections Salary-----	300.00
Fire Dept. Dispatch Service-----	6,180.00
Forest Fire-----	10.00
Civil Defense-----	10.00
Building Inspector Salary-----	14,145.00
Electrical Inspector Salary-----	300.00
Asst. Electrical Inspector-----	100.00
Plumbing Inspector Salary-----	300.00
Dog Officer's Salary-----	400.00
Dog Officer's Expenses-----	300.00
Insect pest Control Expenses-----	100.00

Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it was an unanimous vote. The article was passed.

Article 10 A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Health & Sanitation; or take any other action relating thereto:

Ambulance-----	1,200.00
Hilltown Resource Management-----	1,872.00
Disposal Area-----	30,000.00
Bd. Of health/Insp Agents-----	600.00
Health and Sanitation-----	10.00
Lee Visiting Nurse-----	1,050.00

Being no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 11 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; or take any other action relating thereto:

Interest on Short-Term Debt-----	5,000.00
Police Cruiser Loan-----	8,061.00

No discussion on this article and it was passed unanimously

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; or take any other action relating thereto:

Council on Aging-----	1,500.00
Historical Commission-----	500.00
Pioneer Valley Planning-----	85.00
Recreation Committee-----	1,000.00
Hampshire Council of Govt-----	682.00
Agricultural Commission-----	100.00
Reserve Fund-----	5,000.00

Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair of the Council on Aging spoke of the need for help, such as cleaning the center, picking up the meals for the lunch, and also picking up the brown bags. There is no salary but a small stipend. Being no further discussion, the vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 13 A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$337,402.00 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relating thereto:

Dr Hopson, Superintendent of Schools, and Stephanie Fisk, Business Manager, were here to answer any questions. How many children from Middlefield are enrolled at Gateway? Answer: 64 and we have 3 children going to Smith Vocational School. Do we get any assistance from the State? None coming and the RED Circuit Breaker is no longer a viable option. The Moderator said that this was really a bill presented to us by the state and it has to be paid. Being no more discussion, the vote was taken and it was an unanimous vote. The article passed.

Article 14 A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$143,763.00 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relating thereto:

There was some discussion concerning this article then a vote was taken. It passed with 1 nay vote.

Article 15 A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,070.00 for Middlefield's share of the transportation and Debt Service(non-foundation budget) and Construction for the Gateway Regional School District, or take any other action relating thereto:

Discussion on this article. The 20 year bond is being paid off, \$27,577.00 is for transportation, and \$42,128.00 is Capital Debt. After further discussion, the vote was taken and it passed by simple majority, with 1 nay.

Article 16 It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for vocational education; or take any other action relating thereto: There was some discussion concerning this article and it was said that that the \$65,000.00 pays for the three students from Middlefield that go to vocational school. Being no further discussion, the Article passed. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 17 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town approves the establishment of a stabilization fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.,c16G1/2 for the Gateway Regional School District, or take any other action relating thereto:

Dr Hopson spoke to this article, saying that it is like having money in a savings account, to be used for any expenses such as roof repair on the Middle School.(that roof is going to have to be replaced probably in the next 5 years) and instead of having to come to the towns in the district

and hit them with a great big expense request, it will be easier on everyone if there is money in a stabilization fund .Any huge expense comes from a special account. There was some discussion before the vote was taken. It was a majority vote with 2 nay votes.

Article 18 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 funds; or take any other action relating thereto: Being no discussion, there was a vote taken and it was unanimous.

Article 19 It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request special legislation as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any other action relating thereto

(See attachment)

There was a great deal of discussion concerning this article, both pro and con. The discussion lasted for an hour. The question was called and a standing vote was taken. Yes: 21 No:26 Article 19 failed.

ARTICLE 20. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to petition the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same to enact a bylaw to enable a holder of an elected office in the town of Middlefield to be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the town; or take any action relative thereto.

This Article evoked much discussion. Mary Courtney, Selectwoman, said that there was no statutory bylaw for recall in Massachusetts. She therefore composed the following and gave her version to the remaining Selectmen. Copies of this bylaw to be voted on were made available to the audience at the Town Meeting. Ms Courtney then walked thru the proposed bylaw with revisions.

Section 2: In this section, line 1,"Any fifteen (15)-----, there was discussion on the number. Several people thought the number was too small and suggested that the number to be 50 registered voters.

Amendments:

line 9 -----first 50 registered voters

line 11 -----recall,-----malfeasance, misfeasance, etc to be deleted

line 15 -----fifteen(15) percent-----changed to 25 percent of registered voters from 15 percent.

A question was asked "Can the same people that sign the recall affidavit be able to sign the recall petition?" Answer:"Yes" Question was called, then a standing vote was taken on the amendments to Section 1. In favor: 22 Not in favor: 20 The amendment was passed.

Section 3.5

Line 7-----of filing not less-----

Line 9-----to the public on written request to the Town Clerk

Section 7

Line 2-----delete "nor in the last 6 months of the term"

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as amended. A standing vote was taken. Yes:36 No:4 Article 20 was passed.

Article 21 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$307.93 to the Library Account; or take any other action relating thereto.

Being no discussion, the Article was voted on unanimously. The article passed.

Article 22 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging; or take any other action relating thereto:

Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous. The article passed.

Article 23 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,650.00 to complete the interior appraisal of buildings in the Town of Middlefield; or take any other action relating thereto:

Being no discussion on this, a vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 24 It was moved 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 FY2009. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station, for capital equipment, grounds improvement or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectmen may spend up to \$5,000.00 to cap the old dump on Skyline Trail; or take any other action relating thereto;

Being no discussion, the vote was taken article 24 was passed unanimously.

Article 25 it moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$5,000.00 to cap the old dump on Skyline trail; or take any other action relating thereto:

Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

Article 26 It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for town/s fiscal audit; or take any other action relating thereto;

Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

Article 27 It was moved 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 assistant assessor at the salary fixed and voted on by the town; or take any other action relating thereto. After discussion, a motion

was made and seconded to amend the article to read "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the board or some other person if the Board so desires, to serve as the assistant assessor at the salary fixed and voted on by the Town; or take any other action relating thereto". A vote was taken on the amended article and it was passed.

Article 28 It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to borrow 275,000.00 for up to ten years to replace the roof on the town hall, replace the heating controls, and install a heat recovery ventilation system and a fire alarm system, There was some discussion on this article and Jay Waag-Swift spoke at length. A vote was taken and 24 people were in favor and article 28 passed unanimously.

Article 29 It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to develop an improved web site for the town; or take any other action relating thereto. After discussion, this article was tabled to be brought up again at the special town meeting to be held on June 18, 2008.

Article 30 To transact any other business to come before said meeting. Being none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk

May 3, 2008 =====

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 18,2008

FY08 BUDGET

Joseph Kearns, Moderator opened the meeting by leading the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 25 people plus 5 Town Officials in attendance. The meeting started at 8:P.M.

Article 1. It was moved an seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$8,500.00 from Free Cash to the FY08 Maintenance Public Buildings account, or take any other action relating thereto. A question was asked if there were any investigations into other ways to save on fuel and money for fuel. Being no answers and no further discussion, the vote was taken. The Article passed with 1 nay vote.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$14,672.65 from Free Cash to the FY08 Snow Removal Account or take any other action relating thereto. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and the Article passed with 1 nay vote.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,200.00 form Free Cash to the FY08 Assessors' Expense Account to pay a prior year invoice for Kim Levitch or take any other action relative there to.

The Moderator then explained that it would take a 9/10 vote for the Article to pass as this was a bill from 2007. Questions were then asked as to why the bill wasn't paid in 2007, and why it took so long for it to be presented to the Accountant. A standing count vote was taken. Those in favor----18, Not in favor--6

The article **did not pass as it did not take the 9/10 vote.**

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,285.33 from Free Cash to the FY08 Town Counsel Account to pay additional legal fees or take any other action relating thereto. A question was asked as to why this expense and the Town Accountant explained that the bill was paid in May of this year as it was a bill regarding the questions for the Recall Petition, and also the appointment of the Assessor instead of the vote for assessor. (The Recall Petition and appointment of assessor came up at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2008.) A motion was made to call the question and the Article was passed with 3 nays.

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,085.00 from Free Cash to the FY08 Vocational Educational Account or take any other action relating thereto. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

FY09 BUDGET

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and vote to transfer the amount of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Town Building Account, or take any other action relating thereto. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$75,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Stabilization Account or take any other action relating thereto. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to carry forward the sum of \$781.67 from FY08-Fyo9 for the Conservation Commission. Being no discussion, the Article passed. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the receiving of inspection fees to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties; or take any other action relating thereto.

1. Electrical Inspector \$5,000.00

There was some discussion on this Article by way of explaining the Article. After the discussion, the vote was taken and the Article passed by an unanimous vote.

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Fuel Account, or take any other relating thereto. Being no discussion, the Article passed with an unanimous vote.

Article 6. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Website Account; these funds are to develop an improved website for the Town, or take any other action relating thereto. Patricia Baker read a letter from Mary Cuccinello concerning a gentleman she had been in touch with concerning the website. (The Accountant has a copy of said letter) There was much more discussion concerning the website. A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount of \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The amendment passed with 1 nay vote. The Article was read again to read as "To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Website Account; these funds are to

develop an improved website for the town; or take any other action relative thereto."A vote was taken and the amended Article passed.

Article 7. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to transfer \$2,700.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Software Support/Payroll Account, Treasurer's contracted payroll services plus Tax Title and GASb-34 yearly support, or take any other action relating thereto. The Town Accountant explained this Article and it was passed by an unanimous vote.

Article 8. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize Grant Writing, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to seek and accept any grants; or take any other action relating thereto. There was some discussion concerning this Article, but it passed with an unanimous vote.

Article 9. Under this Article, to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, it was brought to the attention of the audience, that the War Memorials should be brought up to date. It was suggested that people could work with Ray Gero and his wife as they have a list of all the veterans. Curt Robie said that he would work with the Geros and any one else can volunteer. Also the bill for Kim Levitch came up again and the Moderator said that it would have to be dealt with at another Special Town Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. Dissolved at 9:20 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski, Town Clerk

June 18, 2008 =====

Town Accountant Reports

Town of Middlefield ~ Treasury Receipts Summary Report ~ From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

<u>TR Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	
<u>Amount</u>	<u>TR Code</u>	
<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>
1100.06	Personal Prop Taxes F2006	41.49
1100.07	Personal Prop Taxes F2007	65.65
1100.08	Personal Prop Taxes F2008	21,931.28
1200.02	Real Estate Taxes F2002	546.69
1200.03	Real Estate Taxes F2003	1,770.91
1200.04	Real Estate Taxes F2004	4,279.39
1200.05	Real Estate Taxes F2005	8,504.55
1200.06	Real Estate Taxes F2006	3,898.28
1200.07	Real Estate Taxes F2007	21,256.56
1200.08	Real Estate Taxes F2008	702,635.59
1200.99	Real Estate Taxes F1999	233.17
1300.04	Motor Vehicle Ex 2004	253.65
1300.05	Motor Vehicle Ex 2005	718.33
1300.06	Motor Vehicle Ex 2006	3,162.61
1300.07	Motor Vehicle Ex 2007	19,339.24
1300.08	Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	41,496.58
1562.00	Tax Titles	14,858.14
1605.05	St Aid Hwys Chapter 291 D	33,466.00
1607.08	CHAPTER 90	
REIMBURSEMENT		196,704.35
1800.00.4171	Interest on Property Tax	13,285.14
1800.00.4172	Interest on Excise Taxes	1,386.28
1800.00.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	3,324.41

1800.00.4180 In Lieu of Taxes	24.37
1800.00.4320 Motor Vehicle Flagging Fe	360.00
1800.00.4372 Rental Income	6,000.00
1800.00.4418 Board of Health Permits	1,605.00
1800.00.4420 Building Inspection Permi	20,652.08
1800.00.4421 Dog Licenses	81.75
1800.00.4422 Conservation Fees	38.33
1800.00.4423 Driveway Permits	100.00
1800.00.4426 Electrical Permits	765.00
1800.00.4428 Fire Dept. Permits	230.00
1800.00.4430 Gas Inspection Permits	125.00
1800.00.4432 Planning Board Permits	70.00
1800.00.4434 Plumbing Permits	225.00
1800.00.4436 Police Department Permits	1,125.00
1800.00.4439 Other Licenses & Permits	155.00
1800.00.4483 Copier Receipts	20.15
1800.00.4611 State Owned Land	120,631.00
1800.00.4613 Ab. to Veterans	1,500.00
1800.00.4614 Ab to Surviving Spouses	500.00
1800.00.4671 Lottery	65,776.00
1800.00.4695 Court Fines	25.00
1800.00.4811 Highway Dept. Scrap Metal	403.20
1800.00.4820 Interest on Savings	17,480.92
1800.00.4840 Misc. Revenues	961.04
1800.00.4950 Refunds	1,208.85
1852.00 Due frm Stabilization Fnd	94,682.26
20420.02 Town Highway Maintenance	0.00
20421.01 Machinery Expenses	0.00
3052.00 Tax Collector Fees-Monson	2,919.00
3053.01 Deputy Collector Fees	1,520.00
3054.00 Town Clerk Agency	1,286.00
3055.01 Health Ins Deduct	3,183.46
3055.02 Retirement Deduct	6,236.91

3065.00 Inspection reimbursements	530.00
3069.00 Police Permits Due State	3,675.00
3072.00 Unclaimed Checks	1,878.17
3099.00 library Gifts	99.00
5002.00 Elections - State	135.00
5006.00 St. Aid to Libraries	2,487.65
5036.00 MA Cultural Council	4,000.00
5040.00 Council on Aging - State	3,500.00
5049.08 Community Policing Grant	11,299.00
5057.00 MEMA Flood Money	2,808.09
5102.09 Emergency Prepar Grant (B	750.00
5520.00 Police Outside Detail	548.00
5577.00 Transfer Station Revolvin	6,405.00
60210.01 Police Dept. Expenses	93.79
7012.00 Sale of Cemetery Lots	225.00
7014.00 Refunded Dog Tax	266.96
Report Total	1,481,749.27

Town of Middlefield FY2008 Expense Report From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

Account and Recipient

Expended

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Expended

10011.00 Elected Town Officers	
CHARLES HUNTER	90.00
GITA JOZSEF	1,750.00
GITA JOZSEF-HARRIS	250.00
GUSTEL PROGULSKE	2,000.00
JOE KEARNS	100.00
LARRY PEASE	1,000.00
LAURA LEFRENIERE	500.00
MARGE BATORSKI	666.61
MARGE HEINTZ	250.00
MARJORIE BATORSKI	2,000.03
MARJORIE HEINTZ	1,250.00
MARY COURTNEY	1,000.00
ROBERT GAZDA	1,000.00
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	1,208.26
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	1,208.34
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	1,208.34
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	958.34
KOPELMAN & PAIGE, P.C.	0.00
	16,439.92
10111.00 Town Counsel	
KOPELMAN & PAIGE, P.C.	6,285.33
	6,285.33
10122.01 Selectmens Expenses	
MARY F. COURTNEY	31.33
GAZDA ROBERT F	20.00
HOBBS & WARREN	57.50
IMPRESS PRINTING	1,168.00
KOPELMAN & PAIGE, P.C.	143.60
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	12.00
POSTMASTER	138.00
10122.01 Selectmens Expenses	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	556.27
S.T.A.R.	25.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	172.00

TERRY WALKER	6.79
ATFC	77.00
STAM	25.00
MMA	435.00
WHEELWRIGHT CONSULTANTS	165.00
	3,032.49

10122.02 Selectmen's Secretary Sal

SUZANNE LEMIEUX	60.00
TERRY WALKER	4,673.17
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP01 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-08 - Invoice Payment	288.47
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	288.47
	7,040.93

10135.00 Town Accountant Salary

TERRY WALKER	6,923.04
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP01 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-08 - Invoice Payment	384.62
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	384.62
	10,000.00

10135.01 Town Account Expenses

MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	12.00
POSTMASTER	42.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	687.38
TERRY WALKER	7.44
BERKSHIRE COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOC	27.00

MMA&AA, INC	40.00
	815.82
10135.08 GASB 34-Assets Inventory	
SOFTRIGHT/SUMARIA	600.00
	600.00
10141.01 Assistant Assessor	
LAURA LAFRENIERE	1,975.00
LAURA LEFRENIERE	306.25
LAURIE LEFRENIERE	200.00
MARY WHITE	1,125.01
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	231.25
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	300.00
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	225.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	203.13
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	518.75
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	456.25
	5,540.64
10141.02 Assessors Expenses	
L P ADAMS	35.87
FRCOG/COMM SOFTWARE CONSORT	1,800.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REG OF DEEDS	8.00
MARJORIE HEINTZ	157.99
HOBBS & WARREN	282.00
LAURIE LAFRENIERE	8.85
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	53.84
POSTMASTER	52.00
GUSTEL PROGULSKE	180.00
10141.02 Assessors Expenses	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,247.42
RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	103.76
GITA JOZSEF	571.54
FREADMAN STEEL, INC	50.00
KIM LEVITCH ASSOCIATES	3,200.00
	7,751.27
10141.08 Assessor's Appraisal Contract	

MAYFLOWER VALUATION, LTD	9,200.00
	9,200.00
10141.14 Assessors Tax Map Update	
CARTOGRAPHICS ASSOCIATES, INC	2,995.00
	2,995.00
10142.00 Assessors' Revaluation	
BISHOP & ASSOCIATES	2,000.00
GITA JOZSEF	47.70
MAYFLOWER VALUATION, LTD	4,800.00
	6,847.70
10145.00 Treasurer Salary	
JANE THIELEN	4,000.00
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	500.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	500.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	500.00
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	500.00
	6,000.00
10145.01 Treasurer Expenses	
BEVERLY BOWMAN	185.84
HAMPSHIRE/FRANKLIN CTA	10.00
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	12.00
MASS DEPT OF REVENUE	13.55
POSTMASTER	41.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	449.86
10145.01 Treasurer Expenses	
TD BANKNORTH	86.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	42.00
U S POSTMASTER	246.00
MCTA	45.00
UNITED STATES TREASURY	90.65
DELUXE BUSINESS CHECKS & SOLUTIONS	70.40
JANE THIELEN	44.37
United Bank	15.00
	1,351.67
10145.08 Treasurer Tax Title Software	

SOFTRIGHT/SUMARIA	4,200.00
	4,200.00
10146.00 Tax Collector Salary	
KRIS MONSON	1,875.00
KRISTIN MONSON	3,125.00
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	625.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	625.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	625.00
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	625.00
	7,500.00
10146.01 Tax Collector Expenses	
FRCOG/COMM SOFTWARE CONSORT	1,000.00
HAMPSHIRE/FRANKLIN CTA	10.00
MARJORIE HEINTZ	17.61
ARTHUR P. JONES ASSOCIATES	306.00
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	12.00
MASS COLLECTORS & TREASURERS	45.00
KRISTIN MONSON	1,585.57
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	234.07
	3,210.25
10146.04 Tax Title Expenses	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REG OF DEEDS	300.00
KRISTIN MONSON	19.78
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	150.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	95.62
	565.40
10161.01 Town Clerk Expenses	
MARJORIE BATORSKI	270.44
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	12.00
NE ASSN OF CITY & TOWN CLERK	25.00
NORTHEAST DOCUMENT CONSERVATION CT	15.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOC	27.00
	349.44
10162.00 Election & Registration	

SUSAN BAKER-DONNELLY	40.00
ELLEN MILLER	126.00
KRISTIN MONSON	40.00
CECILE ROBERT	126.00
MAUREEN SULLIVAN	40.00
JUDITH WHITE	78.00
EDWARD VIVIER	100.00
ELEANOR DOYLE	40.00
STEPHEN HARRIS	40.00
LOIS LEONARD-BELL	32.00
STACY AUSTIN	32.00
GLENNIS AUSTIN	32.00
MARIE LAFAYETTE	32.00
WILMA GUYETTE	38.00
ANN BARUZZI	40.00
SAMUEL SICO	28.00
	864.00

10175.00 Planning Board

MACC	71.50
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	24.57
MAUREEN SULLIVAN	44.10
	140.17

10176.08 Communication Committee

NOREEN SURINER	195.19
	195.19

10177.08 Conservation Commission Exp

BERKSHIRE EAGLE	38.33
MACC	180.00
	218.33

20123.08 Highway Chapter 291D

ALL AMERICAN INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC	33,466.00
ALL STATES ASPHALT	6,505.05
DONOVAN BROTHERS	23,629.76
KEN & LANA HALL	3,200.00
JOHN'S BUILDING SUPPLY	515.82

THE LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	151,799.06
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	105.33
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	456.86
USI	5,799.30
C.N.WOOD CO INC	4,500.00
SCOTT D. GRANT	650.00
	230,627.18
20420.00 Highway Department Wages	
ANDREW SULIKOWSKI	3,528.75
ANDY SULIKOSKI	1,260.00
ANDY SULIKOWSKI	16,736.25
MATT RADWICH	20,636.00
MATTHEW RADWICH	1,424.00
20420.00 Highway Department Wages	
RODNEY SAVERY	28,525.00
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	3,536.25
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	3,412.28
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	3,968.25
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	4,194.75
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	4,080.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	4,000.00
Warrant WP08-08 - Invoice Payment	4,080.00
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	5,219.25
BRIAN MILLER	160.00
	104,760.78
20420.02 Town Highway Maintenance	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	180.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPT ASSOC	85.00
BRISTOL UNIFORM	1,664.00
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLES	143.04
MARK COUCH	4,300.00
CTL TRUCKING INC	3,422.00
DONOVAN BROTHERS	1,384.61
KEN & LANA HALL	5,625.00

JONES TRACTOR SERVICE	1,210.40
THE LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	598.25
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	77.91
MERRIAM-GRAVES CORP	82.51
POSTMASTER	52.00
RAINBOW DISTRIBUTORS	399.00
RIBCO SUPPLY CO	579.70
RICE COMPANIES	1,916.26
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	113.42
TOWN OF PERU	500.00
WESTFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE	4,364.50

20420.02 Town Highway Maintenance

BARTLETT CONSOLIDATED LLC	600.00
EAST COAST SIGN & SUPPLY INC	356.00
COUNTY-WIDE RENTALS	253.00
SAVERY WELDING	0.00
DOUGLAS SAVERY	120.00
NEW PIG CORP	487.30
H.D. REYNOLDS INC	719.98
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	800.00
WHITE WOLF TRUCKING & EXCAVATION	126.00
SOUTHERN SOURCE INDUSTRIES INC	139.92
JAMIESON DISTRIBUTORS INC	3,596.00
	33,895.80

20421.00 Holidays & Vacations

ANDREW SULIKOWSKI	360.00
ANDY SULIKOSKI	120.00
ANDY SULIKOWSKI	270.00
MATT RADWICH	1,856.00
RODNEY SAVERY	1,560.00
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	888.00
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	5,347.80
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	150.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	80.00
	10,631.80

20421.01 Machinery Expenses	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	653.00
BOB'S AUTO RADIATOR	85.00
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLES	379.62
CHASE AUTO ELECTRIC	165.00
CASEY & DUPUIS EQUIPMENT CORP	88.64
COLUMBIA TRACTOR, INC	30.77
COUNTYWIDE SNOWPLOWS SALES & SER	189.00
CRONATRON WELDING SYSTEMS, INC	756.77

20421.01 Machinery Expenses	
DALTON TRACTOR	579.88
DICKSONS AUTO PARTS	1,742.55
DUFOUR INC	87.00
ERC WIPING PRODUCTS, INC	92.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	227.08
GENALCO INC	754.92
GENALCO INC	335.50
G H BERLIN OIL CO	873.46
JOHN'S BUILDING SUPPLY	330.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	1,013.17
LEE POWER EQUIPMENT, INC	53.00
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	198.02
MERRIAM-GRAVES CORP	287.33
PITTSFIELD LAWN & TRACTOR	114.32
PRO-TECH SUPPLY	544.34
RIBCO SUPPLY CO	47.10
RICHIES GENERAL SERVICE	487.15
SAFETY-KLEEN	572.19
SARAT FORD	161.65
SAVERY RODNEY JR	520.00
RODNEY SAVERY	46.81
SKYLINE SERVICES	694.49
SPRINGFIELD MACK INC	491.99
SUPERIOR SPRING & MFG CO INC	3,592.66
TOCE BROTHERS, INC	1,885.32

TYLER EQUIPMENT CORP	1,149.08
ZWACK, INC	863.76
ATLANTIC BROOM	550.00
COUNTY-WIDE RENTALS	253.00

20421.01 Machinery Expenses

SMITH SLED SHOP, INC	42.95
BACHER CORP OF CONN	637.00
INNOVATIVE PRECISION MACHINING	134.00
FREADMAN STEEL, INC	310.00
SKYLINE TOWING	172.00
SAVERY WELDING	0.00
SOUTHERN SOURCE INDUSTRIES INC	399.75
DOUGLAS SAVERY	225.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	188.97
	23,005.24

20422.00 Fuels

CHARLIES GARAGE	266.35
CHESTER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC	50.40
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL PURCHASING DEPT	144.99
HINSDALE MOBIL	204.32
RICE COMPANIES	19,287.94
RODNEY SAVERY	46.00
	20,000.00

20422.01 Unpaved Roads Material

MARK COUCH	630.00
JONES TRACTOR SERVICE	6,151.20
TONLINO & SONS, LLC	3,256.85
WHITE WOLF TRUCKING & EXCAVATION	562.50
	10,600.55

20422.03 Town Garage Improvements

L.P.ADAMS CO INC	539.87
RODNEY SAVERY	256.92
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	373.24
	1,170.03

20423.00 Snow Removal	
ANDREW SULIKOWSKI	1,136.25
ANDY SULIKOWSKI	3,228.75
MATT RADWICH	5,004.00
RODNEY SAVERY	5,700.00
CARGILL INC	12,931.78
MARK COUCH	980.00
DONOVAN BROTHERS	14,577.70
JOHN S LANE & SON INC	3,770.27
TOCE BROTHERS, INC	543.90
ZWACK, INC	1,800.00
	49,672.65
30000.01 Gateway Reg Schl Assmnt	
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL	529,436.00
	529,436.00
30000.02 Gateway Reg Schl Transp.	
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL	80,598.00
	80,598.00
30000.04 Vocational Education	
DUFOUR INC	1,890.00
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON	39,195.00
LECRENSKI BROS INC	23,000.00
	64,085.00
30610.00 Library Expenses	
CYNTHIA OLIGNY 1	,000.00
AUDIO EDITIONS	534.67
BAKER & TAYLOR	395.31
BRODART	240.19
CYNTHIA OLIGNY	144.23
POSTMASTER	52.00
QUALITY PAPERBACK BK CLB	134.85
	2,501.25
40543.00 Veterans Agent Salary	
RAY GERO	100.00
	100.00

40543.04 War Memorials/Playground	
CHARLES WINN	1,600.00
Warrant WP01 - Invoice Payment	400.00
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	200.00
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	600.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	400.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	200.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	31.78
	3,431.78
50491.00 Cemetery Expense	
DONALD SAVERY	1,224.00
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	336.00
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	378.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	378.00
Warrant WP08-08 - Invoice Payment	322.00
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC	166.86
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	46.38
	2,851.24
60210.00 Police Chiefs Salary	
THOMAS AUSTIN	500.00
TOM AUSTIN	500.00
	1,000.00
60210.01 Police Dept Expenses	
THOMAS AUSTIN	104.97
BERKSHIRE NET	80.73
CHESTER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC	544.17
GALL'S	257.93
JUREK BROTHERS, INC	482.00
POSTMASTER	100.00
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	552.55
60210.01 Police Dept Expenses	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	75.91
TMDE CALIBRATION LAB, INC	63.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	227.56
VERIZON	0.00

EDWARD VIVIER	150.00
WESTERN MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	100.00
WESTERN MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	180.00
SMITH SLED SHOP, INC	305.16
HAMPSHIRE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	505.00
PERFECTA CAMERA CORP.	275.00
WESTERN MASS POLICE ACADEMY	90.00
MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC INC	720.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	724.56
	5,538.54
60210.08 Police Officers' Compensation	
MAT RADWICH	300.00
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	1,050.00
	1,350.00
60210.88 Constable Expenses	
CHARLES HUNTER	65.00
DONALD A SAVERY	25.20
	90.20
60220.00 Fire Chief/Forest Wrd Sal	
LARRY PEASE	500.00
	500.00
60220.01 Fire Dept Expenses	
DUFOUR INC	58.00
GALL'S, INC.	94.98
GLEASON FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,287.60
L.P.ADAMS CO INC 2	5.97
MERRIAM-GRAVES CORP	219.02
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	149.50
60220.01 Fire Dept Expenses	
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO	226.65
SOUTH STREET SERVICENTER	129.65
SPECIALIZED RADIO SYSTEMS	874.33
GATEWAY FARM PET	147.98
DEILING RADIO SERVICE	70.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY RED CROSS	54.00

AIRGAS EAST	48.60
	4,386.28
60220.02 Fire Dept Insp Salary	
LARRY PEASE	300.00
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	300.00
	600.00
60220.04 Fire Dept Dispatch Srv	
BERKSHIRE COUNTY SHERIFFS COMM. CTR	5,943.19
	5,943.19
60241.00 Building Inspector	
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	6,521.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	6,521.00
	13,042.00
60245.00 Electrical Inspector	
ERIC MAIN	300.00
	300.00
60246.00 Plumbing Insp Salary	
WILLIAM ZEITLER	300.00
	300.00
60292.00 Dog Officer's Salary	
DAVID KRASSLER	400.00
	400.00
70231.00 Ambulance	
HINSDALE FIREMAN'S ASSN.	1,200.00
	1,200.00
70431.00 Disposal Area	
KATHLEEN O'BRIEN	2,085.50
KATHY O'BRIEN	1,368.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	684.00
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	342.00
DAVE WICKLES TRUCKING	10,983.20
HILLTOWN APPLIANCE SERVICE	276.48
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CO	7,950.04
HRMC	2,212.96
LANCER LABEL	114.05

TREASURER-STATE OF NJ	-40.00
	25,976.23
70431.04 Hilltown Resource Mgmt	
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CO	1,872.00
	1,872.00
70519.00 Bd of Health/Insp Salary	
CHARLES HUNTER	600.00
	600.00
70522.00 Lee Visiting Nurse	
LEE REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOC	525.00
LEE REGIONAL VNA	262.50
LEE VNA	262.50
	1,050.00
80750.00 Police Cruiser Loan	
UNIBANK	8,426.02
	8,426.02
90192.01 Insurances	
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP INC	21,383.00
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GRP INC	3,643.00
USI INS SERVICES OF MA INC	7,395.00
MIIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION GR, INC	12.00
	32,433.00
90192.02 Maint Public Buildings	
PAUL RICHARDS	252.00
PAUL RICHARDSON	1,260.00
TERRY WALKER	62.50
Warrant W08-06 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-02 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-03 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-04 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-05 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-07 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-08 - Invoice Payment	84.00
Warrant WP08-09 - Invoice Payment	84.00
L P ADAMS	29.99

BRIGHAM CO C.T.	680.02
CROCKER COMMUNICATIONS	219.45
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL PURCHASING DEPT	145.00
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	48.18
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	184.36
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO	348.60
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	928.60
VERIZON	4,030.52
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	30,403.96
GERRY WHITE	935.90
NORTHEAST UTILITIES	10,385.11
PAUL RICHARDSON	50.00
PAUL E. POUDRIER	574.00
90192.02 Maint Public Buildings	
VERIZON WIRELESS	15.77
	51,225.96
90192.04 Software/Hardware	
SOFTRIGHT/SUMARIA	1,500.00
	1,500.00
90192.08 Software Support/Payroll	
BEVERLY BOWMAN	400.00
N.E.I.S., INC. HARTFORD	787.00
SOFTRIGHT/SUMARIA	142.00
	1,329.00
90192.77 Copier Expense	
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS	5,572.50
	5,572.50
90192.88 Town Hall Improvements	
CAOLO & BIENIEK ASSOCIATES INC	4,000.00
	4,000.00
90541.00 Council on Aging	
SUSAN BAKER-DONNELLY	67.68
MAURICE PEASE	8.29
POSTMASTER	36.00
LESLIE MAKINGS	120.00

	231.97
90630.00 Recreation Expense	
DANIEL SURINER	532.90
BEA BASAK	35.76
CRYSTAL JONES	50.00
CHAR GERO	11.88
	630.54
90691.08 Agricultural Commission	
MAUREEN SULLIVAN	28.80
	28.80
90911.00 County Retirement	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYS	16,937.00
	16,937.00
90912.00 Hampshire Council of Gvrn	
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	341.12
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	170.56
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOV'T	170.56
	682.24
90913.00 Unemployment Insurance	
MA DIV OF UNEMPLOYMENT	431.57
MASS DIVISION OF UNEMP ASSIST	202.00
	633.57
90916.00 Social Security/Twn Share	
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	2,927.18
TD BANKNORTH	3,241.86
	6,169.04
90919.00 Health Insurance	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS TRUST	5,767.84
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS	26,590.29
	32,358.13
90947.00 Pioneer Valley Planning	
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM	81.30
	81.30
90950.00 Due to Stabilization	
TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD	158,000.00

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Motor Vehicle Ex 1998	1,198.86	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1999	137.92	
TOTAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		26,263.24

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Titles	75,994.54	
TOTAL FOR TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		75,994.54

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	Assets	Liabilities
CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENT	33,922.86	
TOTAL FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		33,922.86

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	Assets	Liabilities
Due frm Stabilization Fnd	76,284.92	
TOTAL FOR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		76,284.92

AGENCY	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Collector Fees-Monson	111.00	
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		111.00

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

ASSETS

CASH	Assets	Liabilities
General Cash	285,832.21	
TOTAL FOR CASH		285,832.21

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Personal Prop Taxes F2000	43.78	
Personal Prop Taxes F2001	124.18	
Personal Prop Taxes F2002	237.52	
Personal Prop Taxes F2003	242.35	
Personal Prop Taxes F2004	331.90	
Personal Prop Taxes F2005	254.93	
Personal Prop Taxes F2006	5.17	
Personal Prop Taxes F2008	8,158.14	
Personal Prop Taxes F1993	27.77	
Personal Prop Taxes F1994	29.68	
Personal Prop Taxes F1995	28.48	
Personal Prop Taxes F1996	21.22	
Personal Prop Taxes F1997	281.65	
Personal Prop Taxes F1998	318.31	
Personal Prop Taxes F1999	957.39	
TOTAL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		11,062.47

REAL ESTATE TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
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Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

LIABILITIES

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Personal Prop Taxes F2007		74.31
TOTAL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		74.31

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Motor Vehicle Ex 2007		536.94
Motor Vehicle Ex 1992		15.30
TOTAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		552.24

AGENCY	Assets	Liabilities
Deputy Collector Fees		673.00
Town Clerk Agency		206.20
Health Ins Deduct		527.48
Inspection Reimbursements		530.00
Police Permits Due State		4,455.00
Unclaimed Checks		22,878.17
Town Hall Improvements		6,691.50
Kitchen Repair Donation		10,000.00
Recreation-Basketball Ct		145.46
library Gifts		1,499.20
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		47,606.01

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE	Assets	Liabilities
Overlay F2000		536.04
Overlay F2003		2,865.23
Overlay F2004		4,955.38
Overlay F2005		4,722.49
Overlay F2008		13,881.91
Overlay 1979-1988		3,656.89
Overlay F1989		296.42
Overlay F1991		1,543.11
Overlay F1992		3,233.91
Overlay F1993		2,147.58
Overlay F1994		982.20
Overlay F1995		1,933.29
Overlay F1996		2,418.01
Overlay F1997		6,654.09
Overlay F1998		392.88
TOTAL FOR OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		50,219.43

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue		75,994.54
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev		25,711.00
TOTAL FOR REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL		101,705.54

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES	Assets	Liabilities
Town Hall Improvements		21,000.00
Unemployment Insurance		42.00
TOTAL FOR APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		99,978.46
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	825,725.58

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

LONG TERM DEBT	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	15,390.00	
Police Cruiser		15,390.00
TOTAL FOR LONG TERM DEBT	15,390.00	15,390.00

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS
From 07/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

LONG TERM DEBT	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	15,390.00	
Police Cruiser		15,390.00
TOTAL FOR LONG TERM DEBT	15,390.00	15,390.00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Town of Middlefield
2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
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 Saturday the second day 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

For the term of three years:

Selectman	Zoning Board of Appeals
Assessor	Finance Committee (2)
Library Trustee	Cemetery Commissioner
Planning Board (2)	Constable
School Committee	

For the term of two years:

Planning Board	Councilor for Hampshire Council of Governments
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For the term of one year:

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

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for Fiscal 2010, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto:

Moderator	100	Selectman Chair	1,500
Town Clerk	4,000	Selectman 1 st	1,500
Assessor Chair	3,000	Selectman 2 nd	1,500
Assessor 2 nd	3,000	Constable 1 st	90
Assessor 3 rd	3,000	Constable 2 nd	90

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY 2010

Treasurer	7,000
Tax Collector	10,000
Selectboard's Secretary	7,500
Selectboard's Recording Secretary	3,200
Town Accountant	11,000
Assistant Assessor	5,400

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:

Elected Town Officers	17,780
Town Counsel	7,500
Election & Registration	1,000
Maintenance of Public Buildings	55,000
Insurances and Bonds	40,000
Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share	6,500

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:

Selectboard/Printing	3,500
Copier expense	1,000
Assessors	4,600
Annual Interim Certification	1,800
Commercial/Open Permit Appraisals	900
Tax Map Update	1,000
Assessors Software/Support	1,550
CAMA Data Transfer/Training	1,000
Treasurer	1,500
Tax collector	4,000
Tax Title & Legal Fees	6,000
Planning Board	500
Town Accountant	1,500
Town Clerk	800
Zoning Board	300
Payroll Software Support	1,500
Treasurer/Accountant Software Support	4,000

Electric Inspections	500
Plumbing Inspection	100
Constable	150
Conservation Commission	1,300
Communication Committee	300
Web Site Expenses	1,300
Technology Expenses	500
Board of Health	500

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:

Highway Department Wages	105,000
Holidays	3,000
Vacations	6,000
Unemployment Insurance	2,000

Hampshire County Retirement 26,931

Health Insurance	45,000
Fuel	30,000
Snow Removal	35,000
Town Highway Maintenance	35,000
Unpaved Roads Material	15,000
Machinery Maintenance	30,000
Street Lights	500

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:

Library Expenses	2,500
Veterans Agent Expenses	100
War Memorials/Playground	3,500
Cemetery Expenses	3,500

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:

Police Chief's Salary	1,000
Officers' Compensation	1,400
Police Dept. Operating Expenses	7,700
Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary	500
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	4,500
Fire Dept. Inspections Salary	300
Fire Dept. Dispatch Service	6,400
Forest Fire	10
Civil Defense	10

Building Inspector Salary	14,801
Electrical Inspector Salary	300
Asst. Electrical Inspectors Salary	100
Plumbing Inspector Salary	300
Dog Officer's Salary	400
Dog Officer's Expenses	300
Insect Pest Control Expenses	100

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:

Ambulance	1,200
Hilltown Resource Management	1,780
Disposal Area	30,000
Bd of Health/ Insp Agents	600
Health & Sanitation	10
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,050

ARTICLE 11. 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:

Interest on Short-term Debt	5,000
Building Project Loan	25,500

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:

Council on Aging	1,500
Historical Commission	500
Pioneer Valley Planning	85
Recreation Committee	500
Hampshire Council of Govt	682
Reserve Fund	5,000
Agricultural Commission	100

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,352 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$118,865 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,030 for Middlefield's share of the Transportation and Debt Service (non-foundation budget) and Construction for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for vocational education; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to request the Department of Revenue Division of Local Services/Technical Assistance Section to perform a free Financial Management Review of all town departments, to further enhance efficiency and accountability while reducing future auditor's expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same to enact a bylaw to enable a holder of an elected office in the town of Middlefield to be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the town; or take any other action relative thereto.

IMPORTANT: refer to the separate document "AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECALL IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD" for the full text of this article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$250 to the Library Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. 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 FY2010. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station, for capital equipment, grounds improvement or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectmen may spend up to \$5,000 in revolving fund monies for the program during FY2010 and retain in this account all collected fees; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to authorize the receiving of inspection fees to be expended during FY 2010 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties; or take any other action relative thereto. The following revolving accounts will be capped at:

Board of Health Inspector \$5,000

Electrical Inspector \$5,000

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$5,000 to cap the old dump on Skyline Trail; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for town's fiscal audit; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the Board or some other person, if the Board so desires, to serve as the assistant assessor at the salary fixed and voted on by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Ch.59, Sec. 5, Cl.17D surviving spouse, minor child of a diseased, or elderly person tax exemption eligibility, provided the person's whole estate, real and personal, cannot exceed \$40,000, excluding the total value of the subject property, not to exceed 3 dwelling units and any unpaid mortgage balance on that property. For a property containing 4 or more dwelling units, the value of the portion exceeding 3 units must be excluded; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to reduce the borrowing to \$175,000 for up to 10 years to replace the roof on the Town Hall, replace the heating controls, install a heat recovery ventilation system, and fire alarm system; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will transfer \$20,000 from the transfer station revolving account to construct a building at the transfer station; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. 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.

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

Larry Pease, Chair

Mary Courtney, Selectwoman

Robert Gazda, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Constable

Date

