

Town of Middlefield

Annual Report 2012



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MIDDLEFIELD, MASS
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1894

HINSDALE BAND--TEAMS AT STATION

Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Draft Horses & Oxen, 1st day

HORSES, COLTS AND TROTting, SECOND DAY

EXHIBITION OF ARTICLES IN HALL EACH DAY!

M. J. SMITH, President.

FOR FURTHER LIST, PROGRAMS OR POSTER INFORMATION ADDRESS THE SECRETARY.

J. McILWAIN, Secretary.

Capital Projects

Fire/EMS/Police Facility

Electrical Work on the Town Hall:

- A. New supply line from street to meter
- B. New wiring in the building including new distribution panels

Evaluation of Recreation Facilities

The Senior Center roof

Upgrades to the Highway Dept. facilities

Upgrades to the Town Transfer Station

Improvements to the Town Hall:

- A. Renew ceilings in the three former classrooms
- B. Install a new floor over old floor tiles throughout the building

New Police cruiser

Involvement in the Community Preservation Act

Town Center redevelopment



Blush Tavern Colonials

Board of Assessors Annual Report for FY 2013

February 28, 2013

To the Citizens of the Town of Middlefield

The Board of Assessors (BOA) oversees real and personal property valuations upon which the property taxes are based. A part of the town government, the BOA is also overseen and regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), to ensure compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Approximately three-quarters of the town's budget is funded by property and automobile excise taxes. The dependence on property taxes, including the vital *new growth* component of the tax levy, underscores the importance of the Assessors' office in the effective and equitable administration of Massachusetts's property tax laws.

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

The town's property data is maintained using the State's computerized mass appraisal system (CAMA). This system not only assists in the analytical process of valuing the properties, but also contains property data, building sketches, photographs, ownership history, and additional data used by other departments. The database is linked to the State's Community Software Consortium system.

Assessors are also responsible for preparing and submitting an annual tax rate recapitulation to the DOR, to ensure that the town has a balanced budget within the limits of Proposition 2½. Once the assessors receive preliminary certification from the DOR, they then provide data for the Selectboard's annual tax classification hearing (to apportion the tax levy among various classes of property), prior to submitting the recap for final DOR certification.

FY 2013 assessed values for various classes of property and their share of the tax levy:

Property Class	Valuation	Tax Rate	Levy	Levy %
Residential	\$59,371,106	16.14%	\$958,250	90.85
Commercial	\$3,061,288	16.14%	\$49,409	4.68
Industrial	\$24,700	16.14%	\$399	0.04
Personal	\$2,893,525	16.14%	\$46,701	4.43
TOTAL	\$65,350,619	16.14%	\$1,054,759	100.00

Motor Vehicle Excise bills for calendar year 2012 also generated \$42,930.83 in tax receivables.

Statutory exemptions for veterans, the blind and the elderly of \$3,975 were granted in FY 2013. Taxpayers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to consult with the Assessors' office to determine eligibility for deferrals and exemptions to help them to remain in their homes.

Please visit the Assessors' page on the town's web site where you will find minutes of Assessors' meetings, forms, property record cards, printable tax maps, and links to helpful information. We welcome queries from townspeople and suggestions for further improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Gita Jozsef, Chair
Laura Lafreniere, Secretary
Janine Savoy



Congregational Church pre-fire

Report of the Tax Collector
Fiscal Year 2012

Collectors Mission Statement:

The Collector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen every year to ensure timely collection of outstanding tax bills owed to the Town. The Tax Collector also ensures that all tax bills are properly mailed to taxpayers and that an accurate accounting of all bills owed to the town is kept; and, when necessary, protects the interest of the town by utilizing all means of enforcement in the collection of amounts owed to the town.

Tax Collector Hours: Friday's 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:30am to 10:30am

Deputy Collector: Arthur P. Jones, Inc.

The residents of Middlefield continue to be a pleasure to work for and with. They are timely in their payments and the usage of the Deputy Collector for unpaid excise bills continues to get less and less each year.

Town residents have several methods of paying their bills, from online through the link on the town web site, the lock box outside the tax collectors office and US mail, or in person. Whatever your preferred method of payment is, the Collector's office is always available.

Once again, if you are having a hardship paying your taxes, please note payment plans are available, but you must adhere to them for them to work.

I am not repeating my collection records for the past year as they are available in the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Pease
Tax Collector

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board has accomplished our years-long goal of re-writing the Tables of Land Usage which regulate farming, residential and business uses in the Agriculture/Residential Zone and Business Zone. A new, more permissive Home-Based Business Bylaw was also developed. These essential tasks were carried out with funding from the Town to pay for the help of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Senior Planner Larry Smith attended many of our Board meetings and utilized the resources of the PVPC to assure that Middlefield's revised Bylaws comported with the Commonwealth's underlying General Laws as well as up-to-date case law. The Bylaws of other Massachusetts towns of Middlefield's general type were also considered.

An informational mailing to all Middlefield households was circulated in March just before an informational discussion of the up-dated Bylaws at the Town Hall.

A public hearing on the revised Bylaws will be held in May followed by a Town Meeting to vote on the adoption of the final, post-hearing version of the Bylaws.



Cattle Auction

Middlefield Highway Department
4 Bell Road, Middlefield
413.623.5532

This year has been moderate, weather wise for the highway department. There were two major weather events in 2013. First, the October hurricane caused little road damage. The majority of the damage was downed trees and power lines. The town was without power for twenty four hours. And next, the snow storm in February which gave us approximately 20 inches of snow kept the department on the road for over 30 hours.

In 2012/2013 the department added two trucks. One, a 2012 International tandem axle dump truck which replaced the 1987 single axle Ford. The new truck has allowed the department to haul most of the department's winter sand and other material that the department uses for other road projects. This truck is set up with an all season dump body that allows the truck to sand the winter roads. The truck is equipped with a front plow and will eventually have a wing plow added to the truck. Second, the other truck is an all wheel drive tandem axle military dump truck that was purchased through Berkshire Regional Surplus. This truck has worked well this mud season hauling stone on the back roads with the large tires and the tandem axle, it has caused minimal damage to already soft surface of the roads. It is a versatile truck for all manner of projects including hauling material in town. In the future it will be outfitted with a plow frame to be used as a backup vehicle for plowing. Looking forward, we should look into replacing the 2000 F550. The truck has 112,000 miles on the frame. The cab is starting to rust around the mounts and we will need to make repairs to this truck to make it through another season. The department has also finished outfitting the all wheel drive 1995 Autocar and is presently online. We are also working on the 1972 Mack all wheel drive and will have that truck up and on the road for the next plow season.

The road projects for 2012/2013 year was the repair of the lower end of Chipman Road and a section of Clark Wright Road. The existing asphalt was ground into the roadbed. More base material was added to the road and the road was repaved. We upgraded three culverts to improve drainage at the site. We also removed large amounts of rock and ledge along both Clark Wright Road and Chipman Road. Some of the stone was trucked to Glendale Falls to be used by the trustees of reservations for steps to the bottom of the falls. We also did some work on Becket Road digging the banks back to improve drainage. Projects for the coming year include repaving a portion of Root Road and to pave another section of Chipman Road.

We have reapplied again for the Strap Grant for Chester Road improvements with the help of a grant writer from Hampshire Council Governments. Unfortunately, our request was denied for a third time. We will reapply again this year in the fall of 2013.

We should see some improvements to the highway garage this year from a grant from the Green Communities. This should include new windows, doors, upgrade the heating system and add insulation to the building. We have been working in the building this spring to facilitate this project.

The department is happy to see Matt Radwich return to work for the highway department. This brings us back to a full three man crew.

Respectfully Submitted,
Skip Savery
Middlefield Highway Superintendant



**MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

Then Middlefield Police Department continues to provide local law enforcement coverage for the Town. Officers are trained on a variety of law enforcement topics including domestic violence, incident command, and use of force and receive annual training to comply with Commonwealth of Massachusetts standards for police officers.

All police officers on the department have been academy certified in the use of firearms and all officers are currently trained as first responders. Officers recently attended training at Gateway Regional High School sponsored by the Hampshire County District attorney's Office and the Hill town Domestic Violence Task force.

The department is pleased to welcome town resident, Bob Hoynowski to the police department. Bob is currently attending the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy 16 week Reserve/Intermittent Police Academy in Springfield. He will be a welcomed member to the department and will increase the number of police officers in town that can assist residents.

This year has seen an increase in the number of thefts and burglaries in the hill towns. Given the uncertain times, homeowners should take steps to protect their property. This includes locking homes when going away, letting neighbors know that you are going away so they may keep an eye on your property and letting the department know if you will be away for an extended period of time and how to either contact you or a responsible person in the event someone is needed to assist with an investigation.

Please remember to check the expiration date on your driver's license. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is not sending out license renewal notices. It is the responsibility of license holders to check their license expiration dates and renew when required.

This year the department is again requesting funding for a new police cruiser. The present cruiser which is over 12 years old will be converted to an EMT response vehicle. When the current vehicle was purchased the department told the town it would not request a replacement for at least ten years. Having the vehicle sit outside has caused a number of mechanical issues to develop including wiring short circuits, tree limbs falling on the vehicle, rust and a home for mice which on several occasions have eaten wiring on the vehicle and clogged air lines. A new police cruiser is necessary to insure that the police department will have reliable transportation to respond to emergency situations. The department is asking for town support.

The department continues to run on a very lean budget. Expenses include maintenance and repairs to the cruiser, new equipment required to meet changes in Massachusetts police investigatory regulations, radio maintenance expenses, police reporting software and costs to belong to several police organizations such as the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association. The department continues to have one of the smallest annual budgets of hill town police departments.

The Department provides services utilizing an entirely part-time police force including the Chief. There may come a day in the not too distant future when this may not be possible. The department continues to foster a very positive relationship with area town police departments and wants to thank the Massachusetts State Police for their continued assistance in helping to provide police services to the town.

The Department also wants to thank the entire Middlefield community for their support and assistance in keeping Middlefield safe. Without your diligence in reporting suspicious activity and support at the annual town meeting it would be impossible to that the Department. The Chief holds office hours at the Town Hall on most Monday evenings. You may also email the Department at MiddlefieldPD@gmail.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Austin, Chief
Curt Robie, Sergeant
Matthew Radwich, Office
Jenifer Austin, Officer
Bob Hoynowski, Officer in Training



Main Road, Middlefield

2012 Fire Department Report

Last year was a busy year for us with 43 calls. Normal is 20-25 calls. Our department has grown with 10 new young members full of energy and eager to learn. Starting in May and ending in late November we will be taking classes and training with Hinsdale, Becket and Peru for the Firefighter 1 and 2 training program from Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Training will take place in each of the four towns. Along with this training we will be working to keep members up to date on CPR and First Responder Training, along with any other classes we can setup.

At last years town meeting we asked for \$25,000.00 for new turnout gear. We had planned on this to cover 10 sets. We were able to purchase 13 sets. This year we are again asking for \$25,000.00 to complete updating to be compliant with today's standards. This past year we applied for a 50/50 forestry grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. We received a grant for \$3,499.00. We will be reimbursed \$1,748.50 by the Massachusetts DCR. This will be used to purchase much needed forestry equipment. All of us are very thankful for your support as we know taxes are tough on all of us.

As Hurricane Sandy came into town, members helped the Highway Department with tree removals, helped to clear roads, kept the generator at the station running and as things calmed down later in the evening 4 members stayed and manned the station overnight in case anyone came looking for help, they could also respond immediately to a call and open a path if needed for the rest of the responders, with these members on duty it gave the Highway Department a chance to go home for some shut eye. (They had our numbers at hand) With much damage to our south from this storm, our younger members learned of a group effort by a few surrounding towns, to offer help in any way. 4 members met up with this group on 3 different weekends and drove to Garrison Beach in Brooklyn, N.Y. They were grouped up for various tasks, throughout the area for the weekend. We were brought up to date on Tuesday night of their accomplishments and experience. They made these trips paying out of their own pockets and using their personal vehicles. This dedication and caring about others makes the department is proud of you for a job well done.

On a sad note, another member of our department passed away. We will miss Willy Paschal who was also a chief for our department. He was a backbone of our department who had much to offer and was a member for many, many years. His laughter and joy will be missed. Even after he had difficulty responding due to illness, he still did so even while in pain. His dedication and devotion was in his heart much the same as Cathy Radwich and Moe Pease. Being a fireman or police officer in a small town like ours is one of the best ways to give back to our town and that's because we care.

The entire department would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Our calls this past year are as follows:

Medical 23	Car Accident 3
Chimney Fire 1	Storm Related Standby 1
Car Fire 1	Trees In Wires 7
Brush Fire 3	CO Detector 1
Mutual Aid Brush Fire 2	Mutual Aid Structure Fire 1

**Middlefield Town Offices &
Departments**

Accountant

Beverly Cooper
413-623-2079
Saturdays 8-10am
accountant@middlefieldma.net

Assessors

Saturdays 9-11am
413-623-8966
assessors@middlefieldma.net

Board of Health Agent

Mondays 7-9pm
413-568-5767
jackieduda@yahoo.com

Building Commissioner

Gerry Garner
Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
413-7437881
buildingcommissioner@middlefieldma.net

Fire Department –Emergency 911

Ron Radwich, Fire Chief
413-623-6456

Treasurer

Jane Thielen
Saturdays 10-3pm

Library

Maryann Walsh, Librarian
Mon & Wed 3-7pm
Sat 9-noon
librarian@middlefieldma.net

Police Department-Emergency 911

Thomas Austin, Chief
413-354-0776
middlefieldpd@gmail.com

Senior Center-Council on Aging

Wednesday Lunch
Susan Baker-Donnelly
Reservations: 413-623-6080
Center phone: 413-623-9990

Tax Collector

Mary Ann Pease
Fri 1:30-6pm
Sat 8:30-10:30

Town Clerk

Marjorie Batorski
Eleanor Doyle, Asst. Clerk
Mon 7-9pm
Sat 9-noon
townclerk@middlefieldma.net

Town Garage

Skip Savery
Highway Superintendent
413-623-5532

Plumbing Inspector

William Zeitler
413-655-8101

Electrical Inspector

Eric Main
413-212-3021

Recycling Coordinator

Joseph Kearns

Tree Warden

Skip Savery

Veteran's Agent

Steve Connor

Wood Bark Measurer

Edward James

2013 ZBA Annual Report

Soon after the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, the ZBA held its own election of officers which generated the following outcomes: Terry Crean, chairperson, Mitch Feldmesser, secretary with Judy Hoag completing the membership of this three member board.

While the ZBA developed a new Special Permit application form last year, most recent meetings were given over to the development of a new Variance application form along with a "Time Schedule" which is intended to help applicants better understand the procedural time limitations that are delineated within our existing by-laws. The board was also successful at facilitating the appointment of Cindy Artiole as one of two required ZBA alternate members. The appointment of a second alternate is currently under way. All three board members attended a seminar in Pittsfield that was offered by the Career Track organization. This workshop was entitled Dealing With Difficult People.

As this election year come to a close and as of the date this report was submitted, the ZBA has received one new Variance Application.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrence T. Crean
Chairman Middlefield Zoning Board of Appeals



Train Station

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building Inspection Department ensures that all new construction, alterations, renovations, repairs and demolitions are in conformance with 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code, Massachusetts General Laws, Town of Middlefield Zoning By-Laws and any other applicable Codes and Statutes enforced by the Building Inspector.

A total of 21 permits were issued

Job Code		
1	New Residential Homes	0
1A	Foundation only	0
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	3
3	Accessory Buildings	3
4	Pools	0
5	Demolition	0
6	Other	8
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial	1
8	Garage Residential	2
9	Signs	1
10	Stoves	3
11	Fences	0
12	Commercial / New	0

Total Job Values.....\$ 539,286.00

Permit Fees Collected.....\$ 3492.40

The new, Eighth Edition Massachusetts State Base Code (Commercial Code) which is based on the **2009 International Building Code (IBC)** became in effective August 6, 2010 and the Massachusetts Residential One and Two Family Building Code which is based on the **2009 International Residential Code (IRC)** went into effect on February 4, 2011. Both editions of the code had a six month concurrency period with the Seventh Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code from the adoption dates.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for there appointment to this position and all of the departments for their cooperation and dedication of service. I look forward to working with the citizens of Middlefield and assisting them in their endeavors to make this an enjoyable community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald W Garner
Building Commissioner / Inspector of Buildings

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH AGENT

I have been your health agent in Middlefield for about 1 ½ years at the time of this writing. I continue to work for the City of Easthampton 4 days a week so my work in Middlefield is generally limited to Friday's, holidays, weekends, and evenings. It has been a very interesting 18 months.

In 2012, the Board/agent issued the following permits: food—9, septic system installer—2, septic system pumper—4, and 3 septic system construction permits. I witnessed 3 title-5 inspections, 2 perc tests, inspected/reinspected 5 new septic systems, inspected 9 food vendors at the fair, and investigated 4 housing/nuisance complaints. I also consulted with the Town, the Azure Green owners, and the church on how to get their kitchens up to speed.

The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards offered small grants to towns in 2012 and I am pleased to report that we were awarded enough money to purchase a much-needed inspection bag and inspection equipment.

In the past year the Board of Health and I continued to address some long-standing nuisance complaints—issues that have taken about half of my time in Middlefield this past year. \$785 was turned over to the treasurer by me during calendar 2012.

If you need me, please call or email me. Since I am part-time and live elsewhere, it is best to call me at home, telephone 413-586-5767 or email me at jackieduda@yahoo.com. In-person help should always be scheduled in advance. Mail should be directed to me at the town hall "attention health agent". You will also find some useful information on the town webpage.

Jackie Duda
Health Agent
For the Middlefield Board of Health/Selectboard



Sunday meditation

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

12 Littleville Road Huntington, MA 01050

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Wendy V. Long, Public Relations ☒
(413) 685-1003

Gateway "Ambassadors" commit to service

Huntington — Seven Gateway students—one from each of the district's member towns—were appointed as "Ambassadors" to Project 351, and began a year of service on Saturday, January 26 with a trip to Boston.

Representing Gateway Regional Jr. High School and its 7 towns were 8th graders Dayna Britland (Worthington), Taryn Kubik (Blandford), Meghan Main (Middlefield), Anna Pless (Chester), Charlie Sullivan (Huntington), Franky Tangredi (Montgomery) and Diana Tereshchuk (Russell).

Project 351 was started by Governor Deval Patrick, with a vision of strengthening the Commonwealth through a new generation of service leaders. Organized under the values of compassion, commitment, humility, kindness and generosity of spirit, the event united 8th grade service "exemplars" from every city and town in Massachusetts to launch a "year of community service, leadership development and enrichment."

Gateway students and Guidance Counselor Richard White met up with other Western Mass Ambassadors and chaperones in Northampton, where they boarded a 7 a.m. Peter Pan bus. Students arrived at the State House in Boston, where they were greeted by City Year volunteers. Governor Patrick gave an opening address to those assembled in the Hall of Flags.

From there, students divided into groups to complete volunteer service throughout the Boston Area. Pless and Sullivan volunteered at the Pine Street Inn, a large homeless shelter, where they made cards and baked apple pies for the tenants. Britland and Main went to the Greater Boston Area Food Bank, where they sorted frozen food and packed up weekend meals for hungry children. Tangredi and Tereshchuk went to the Hannigan School, where Franky prepared answer cards for MCAS test preparation activities, and Diana made stress balls (balloons stuffed with flour) for student use. "It was a pretty messy job," she admitted, adding that many of the balloons were overstuffed and burst. This left Kubik as the only Gateway ambassador to go to "Cradles to Crayons", where she was part of a student team that cleaned and sorted donated shoes for distribution to people in need.

The overall numbers were impressive: 5800 pounds of frozen meat was sorted at the food bank, and over 1200 bags of weekend food were packed. Over 600 cards were made for the residents of the Pine St. Inn, and 35 apple pies were baked. The goal at Cradles to Crayons was to prepare 730 pairs of shoes, but they broke that milestone with 952 pairs. Only the stress ball project seemed to fall a little short of their 200 item goal (probably due to the number that broke, explained Tereshchuk).

Students had lunch at their volunteer sites, and were able to interact with and begin friendships with students from other parts of the state. Several reported having pen pals and corresponding via

email. Following their day of service, they returned to the State House for a pasta dinner and a celebration, which featured "a party that included 351 cookies".

Students are still receiving inspiring messages from the event organizers, and are now charged with organizing a service project in their own communities this year.

The Gateway Guidance Department supports student-led service projects using the DoSomething.Org framework.

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Photo (below) Back row, left to right: Dayna Britland, Taryn Kubik, Franky Tangredi, Anna Pless and Charlie Sullivan; front row: Meghan Main (left) and Diana Tereshchuk.



Middlefield Public Library
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February 25, 2013

To The Citizens of the Town of Middlefield:

The fiscal 2012-2013 year has seen many changes to the Middlefield Public Library. In July of 2012 a new Director of the Library was appointed by the Trustees of the Library. In addition, there was a new trustee added to the board.

The tasks of the Director have been many. They include a complete overhaul of the library and its contents including restructuring, streamlining and cleaning out of the space and sorting of all materials. Over 90 boxes of materials left the collection to be sold online or donated to the Library Book Sale. After careful review, books were purchased to expand the nonfiction section. A Local Authors section has been started with donations and purchases. Other funding has gone to the purchase of children's books and adult fiction.

There was a successful sale of weeded books during the 2012 Middlefield Days. This sale produced over \$110.00 for the Library. There have been several new programs introduced to Library patrons and Middlefieldians. There is a Fiber Arts night that meets every other Monday and a very successful. Also there is an After School Program for elementary school students. This program supports the work the teachers are doing in the local public school system. Homework, reading skills, math skills and fine motor control skills are worked on every Wednesday with the help of at least two volunteers. Parents have volunteered to run programs with this group. There are upwards of fourteen students that are dropped off at the library every week. The first week the program was held, the children borrowed more books than in the whole previous week and this trend has steadily continued. A Summer Reading program is in the works for children this summer and the library is collaboratively working on a two week summer enrichment program to happen in July. A new adult library book club has been successful, Middle School and High School programs are in the works with the help of volunteers and we have established a *Friends of the Library Group* to help with moving the library forward into the future.

Circulation of materials in FY 2012 was 643 records and in FY 2013 circulation so far has increased to 1150 as of 3/31/13. Holdings for FY 2012 was 5591 and 5355 for FY 2013. Inter Library loans from other libraries was 29 for FY 2012. This number has increased in FY 2013 to 83 as of 2/25/13.

There have been numerous patrons who have donated their time to help the library in some capacity. Many thanks are extended to those townspeople.

The Middlefield Public Library is located in the back of the Town Hall and hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Walsh
Middlefield Public Library Director



Ice Storm 2013

2012/2013 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

Senior Center Assessment and Design Proposal

As you know, The firm of William Sloan, Assoc completed the assessment and some stop-gap repairs to our slate roof in 2011. This was paid for by a **grant**. However, we unfortunately missed the 2012 grant for a new slate roof by just a couple of points. We continue to work with Erica Johnson (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) and hope for a better result this year.

COA Activities

Highland Valley Elder Services

Luncheons are served to participating seniors at 12:00 PM on Wednesdays throughout the year. Reservations/cancellations are requested by 12:00 noon 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!

Ed Vivier's help with our Wednesday luncheons and other programs which benefit not only seniors but the town at large is very much appreciated. I'm particularly grateful to Catherine Craig and Cathy Roth for their help with rides for seniors, underwritten by the Franklin Valley Transit Authority. We also have had help from members Rev. Connie Morrison, Jack Cobb and Marge Batorski. My thanks for their assistance.

A Flu and blood pressure clinic was held on October 24, 2012. It was open to all Middlefield residents and those from surrounding hill towns as time and vaccine availability permitted. Vaccines were given to 16 with 4 BP checks. Three of those attending were under age 60. Importantly, 2 had never before received a flu shot. Please remember flu can kill. The elderly and very young are most at risk for serious complications. Our thanks the

Lee VNA (Porchlight), state grants - MASSPRO - MDPH Immunization Program and the CDC.

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

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

A Halloween costume party was held on October 31, 2012. The costumes were terrific! Congratulations to Cam! Merrell and Ralph Bell, Sr. - our best dressed revelers! This year our holiday party was held as scheduled on December 12, 2012. We again enjoyed the hospitality of Four Main Street in Huntington, and included a choice of entree, soup and dessert and a gift exchange.

Movie Night

We are trying to make Movie Night a more regular feature this year. Our goal is once a month. However, in March 2013 we have three movies scheduled, Hunger Games, and The Quiet Man and Waking Ned Devine in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Movie schedule is posted on the Town website.

Exercise

We are happy to be able to provide exercise equipment for the use of our seniors and others in town. Included is a treadmill, two stationary bikes and an Ab machine. The Center is open by appointment 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 on the third Friday of every month. They are bagged and picked up in Chester by a volunteer. Those eligible are called to arrange pick up or delivery. Ed Vivier has been of great help with this program.

We currently have 7 Families who receive additional groceries every month. If you would like to participate in the program or know someone who could benefit from it, please call Susan Baker-Donnelly for more information.

Mass Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Back this year, the program provides coupons to seniors eligible for Food stamps, SSI, Section 8 Homing, Energy Assistance, Medicaid or Commodity Food Assistance. If interested, please contact Susan Baker-Donnelly as to availability this coming Spring and Summer 2013,

Staffing

Middlefield's COA is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair & Transportation Coordinator- average hours per week: 15.
Additional Volunteers: Ed Vivier, Cathy Roth, Maryann Walsh

Budget Appropriations

State Grant #5040 \$3,500; FRTA - \$ 950

Town Grant #90541 Local Middlefield Appropriation to COA \$1,500.

Expenditures include \$850.00 to support our Consortium/Regional Coordinator George Riechert; Dues to MCOA \$ 125.00. Volunteers are reimbursed \$15.00 per trip (26 miles roundtrip to Huntington) to pick-up Wednesday's meals. The brown bags are picked up in Chester. Reimbursement is \$10.00. Cleaning the center- average 3 hours a month @ \$15.00/hour. Thank you Kristen Horning.

Volunteers serve the meal and clean-up as well as tally the donations. Volunteers coordinate any repair work and maintenance needed with the town. Thanks to Skip and his crew for all their help, A special thanks to Chuck Vreeland for installing our new door and to Ralph Bell, Jr. and Henry Robert for other repairs.

Because the water at the center is undrinkable, we continue to purchase water from Rainbow Distributing. Utilities - propane, electricity and phone are our biggest expenses. We have installed the transfer switch and the concrete pad for the refurbished generator at the center. We've made progress. The cost is being covered from our town and state grants. Our goal is to better serve our seniors and the whole community in the event of emergencies.

In Memory of Willy Paschal

Dear Willy,

As others have gone before you, they taught us many things as you did while you were with us. It's our turn to do the same, your time with us was precious and we will pass along our knowledge and skills as you had done for us. Someday, we will join you, but not until we have accomplished teaching all we have been taught to those following our footsteps. We are proud to have known you and as it has been said: "gone, but not forgotten". Your service to our Town is beyond "thanks", may you continue to serve and watch over us.

From all your friends in the Middlefield Volunteer fire Department



Franklin County Transit Authority (FRTA - 950.)- Rides for Seniors

We 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 (\$4.00) for the service of this subsidized program. Providers of this service are CM checked.

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

Service Provided March 2011 through June 2012 Month

	Round Trips
March 2011	2
April 2011	3
May 2011	2
June 2011	3

Service Provided July 2011 through February 28, 2013

Month		Round Trips
July	2012	2
August	2012	2

September	2012	4
October	2012	2
November	2012	2
December	2012	1
January	2013	2
February	2013	3

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

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

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Respectfully Submitted by Susan Baker-Donnelly, Chair, Middlefield Council on Aging
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150th Anniversary Pageant

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Middlefield Conservation Commission

Conservation commissions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are charged with overseeing eight values listed in the Wetlands Protection Act. Those eight interests are private and public water supplies, ground water protection, pollution prevention, flood prevention, storm damage protection, land containing shellfish, fisheries, and wildlife habitat.

The Middlefield Conservation Commission has taken on an increasingly active role in assuming responsibility for managing and enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act in the Town of Middlefield.

The five-member commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, however, the commission is accountable to the Department of Environmental Protection, not the town itself.

The members at present are chairman Alan Vint, Mitch Feldmesser, Kim Baker, Wayne Main, and Michael Feldberg.

The commissioners have been consistently active in attending monthly meetings, surveying sites, communicating with the public, and conducting public hearings as have been necessary.

Three of the commissioners have now completed the fundamentals for conservation commissioners training course, a series of eight separate units sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and have received their certificates. The other two commissioners have completed all but two of the courses. Three commissioners have now embarked on the advanced training courses.

The commission considers that this training is essential so that they are able to carry out their duties in an effective and legal manner.

The commission had been working closely with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection, the oversight branch of government for the conservation commission, to increase its effectiveness in administering its responsibilities.

The Middlefield Conservation Commission wishes to make it clear that the commission is primarily here to help and assist residents and others to conform to the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act. The commission does not perceive itself, primarily, as a policing agency, however, the commission is charged by the commonwealth with the responsibility of enforcing the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act.

During the past few years the commission has been very active in administering enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act, which has included lobbying the DEP to enforce its own guidelines. The commission has responded to complaints by Middlefield residents of illegal activities that ultimately resulted in significant fines and other punitive and restorative actions by DEP.

The chairman wishes to thank the other commissioners for their consistent presence at meetings and their willingness to be active and productive members throughout the year.

Alan Vint, Chairman

Cemetery Report

Our cemeteries stood another year of peacefulness. I'm sure some of us have been there from time to time to visit loved ones who have passed on. It's a peaceful way to remember all the memories we have and to share them with others as well.

Sadly, we lost another member of our town last year. Willy Paschal passed away and many of us knew him well. His struggles with different ailments didn't slow him down. We feel blessed to have known him for all the years we did.....kind of appreciate our loved ones even more while they are here.

On a brighter note, last year the town showed support by approving money to take down two very large pine trees at Bell Cemetery on Skyline Trail. We received three bids and chose the lowest from a company in Granville, MA. It's quite impressive to watch talented men do the work they did from ropes.

Our fear was that if one part of the tree ever broke, it would most likely have damaged old headstones that couldn't be repaired or replicated to their original state. Now, with the trees down, more sun can shine in and possibly more grass will start to grow.

At some point the highway department will remove the large trunk pieces, so we'll thank them ahead of time.

Thank you for all your support.

Larry Pease

Mark Doane

Tim Pease



Orrin Pease with pet woodchuck
born 1839 died 1918



HENRY PEASE COMING FROM CENTER THROUGH
SNOWBANKS BELOW JULIA ANDERSEN'S HOME



Town of Middlefield

Communications Committee

FY 2013 Annual Report

The Communications Committee is pleased to report on progress in upgrading and maintaining the Town's communications infrastructure during FY 2013.

The Town Website

New Town website at www.middlefieldma.net, which employs the popular and powerful WordPress content management system (CMS), has been running without a hitch since its implementation last year. Various boards and committees have been regularly adding calendar events and uploading their minutes, and more and more community events and vital town information have been submitted for posting. We no longer have to rely on costly outside resources to enhance and maintain our site.

New website features include access to our powerful, new online GIS described below. We also expect to provide realtime access to production data for the Town's new photoelectric array.

The Town Hall Network

The totally rewired Town Hall network is likewise running smoothly. The dual system provides an open, public network for library and general use, and a separate, secure network for official town use. There is public, wireless access throughout the Town Hall for meetings, auditorium presentations, and many other uses.

The Middlefield GIS

We instituted a powerful geographic information system (GIS), accessed via the town website. The portal includes many types of information developed by MassGIS, which awarded funds to Cartographic Associates for the digitizing of Middlefield's data. The system involves several technical components including a broad range of spatial and tabular data from numerous sources. It supports numerous queries, including:

- Building Commissioner inquiries including topography, zoning, lot dimensions, setbacks and easements, and detached structures
- DEP wetlands & Title 5 setbacks for Bldg Commissioner & Conservation Commission
- Abutters lists for Assessors, foresters, and Zoning Board of Appeals
- Lost persons and other GIS location for Police Department

- Communications Committee pole mapping for WiredWest initiative
- Town residential and commercial zones for Planning Board
- Searches by all departments (by owner name, map & lot, location, etc.)
- Outdoor toilets & abandoned vehicles for Board of Health and Building Commissioner
- Points of interest for residents and visitors

As time goes on, we expect to implement numerous GIS-related enhancements, including NextGen-9-1-1.

WiredWest

We continue to be an active participant in the WiredWest cooperative to bring universal broadband access to underserved communities. The addition of 16 towns over the past year brings the current membership to 42 towns.

We conducted a major drive to get folks to fill out cards to show their support for WiredWest's mission to bring high-speed fiber service to Middlefield. To date, 39 percent of households have signed up. If you haven't done so already, please click on the link on our website to fill out a card. You'll also find a WiredWest link on our site, which you can click to get the latest information on the progress of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Harris
Joseph Kearns
Noreen Suriner



Please connect me to the store.

Middlefield Cultural Council
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2013 Members: Judy Artioli - Administrative Assistant, Judy Hoag – Treasurer,
Tracy Gero, Char Gero, Ruth Feldberg and Maryann Walsh - Co-chairs

The following is an accounting of revenues for FY 2013:

Account Balance as of 7/1/12	\$4,456.00
State Revenue (FY 2012 MCC Grant Allocation)	\$3,870.00
Other Revenues	\$ 0.00
Total Revenues	\$ 8,326.00

This year we, as a group reviewed all of the submissions for Cultural Council Grants. It was vitally important to the group that the majority of this funding stay in Middlefield or benefit the citizens of Middlefield in some way, shape, or form. We believe that we have done the very best we can to allot funding to those projects that will directly impact Middlefieldians.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Walsh
Middlefield Cultural Council



Middlefield Drama

Report of the Historical Commission

The museum was open this past summer on weekends and holidays.

Also, we open "by appointment". Many people, young and old, residents and visitors, are very interested in the collection of memories of the past.

We assist people in looking up their ancestors.

We had an exhibit in the old farm building at the Middlefield Fair. This year, the exhibit featured old homes, maple sugaring shacks, and old barns. Many thanks go to Ruth Feldberg who took the photographs and MaryAnn Walsh, who helped mount and hang the photos. Their hard work and dedication to this project led to the great success of the event.

Also, the Historical Commission gave help to the Heritage Society in getting part of Skyline Trail on the list of Historical Districts. The district includes homes on Skyline Trail from the house across from the town offices to the yellow house now owned by Bill Denault.

Jack Cobb
Roy Haapla
Marge Batorski
John Savery
Maryann Walsh

Sadly, word has been received of the death of Roy Haapla. He died in Darien, GA., his winter home. Roy was 83 and died March 18th, 2013. He was the Secretary of the Historical Commission and the companion of Jack Cobb.



HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2012 were \$52,256. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. You can also be sure that the revenue generated is reinvested into local communities.

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust serves 63 units in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties with over 4,500 members, which translates into more than 9,000 insured participants. In 2012, the Trust saved members in excess of \$3.2 million in insurance costs when compared to the State benchmark. Since 2006, the Council's electricity customers have saved over \$2.1 million as compared to the default utility service price. These are dollars that can be used to improve town services, hire new teachers, or keep tax rates stable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Town of Middlefield used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings and value of \$14797: Hampshire Power; Municipal Aggregation; green community support; Municipal Solar RFP; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

Programs and services that the town did not use for additional savings and value include Healthy Hampshire/Mass In Motion grant; grant research and writing; sustainability and green energy consulting; Hampshire IT; RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties. By taking advantage of the unused programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings. It is also suggested that the town sign up for free IT security check provided by Hampshire IT.

The Council achieved several key goals in Fiscal Year 2012.

- Zero percent increase in health insurance premiums for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3.2 million.
- Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley rejoined Council membership.
- Moving forward with fundraising for Courthouse building renovations, repairs, and preservation.
- Hampshire/Municipal Solar Program.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Aggregation.
- New Program: Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping service.
- New Program: Hampshire Information Technology Program.

Administration

The Council continues to enhance current programs and services while looking to develop new projects to increase savings and value for our members. Continued Administration efforts include a review of membership benefits, marketing, and encouraging support of local businesses. Meetings with local elected and appointed officials and outside organizations were held to help with development of new programs and services and to provide information about the Council's evolving mission.

May 7th was the opening ceremony celebrating Hampshire County's 350th Anniversary. The event was attended by local elected and appointed officials and legislators. The Governor proclaimed May 7, 2012, to be Hampshire County Day and a Joint Senate and House Resolution honoring Hampshire County Day acknowledged the County's richness and diversity of history, and its cultural and educational presence.

Deaths 2012-2013

Emily Jean Savery	18 yrs	2/17/12
Jeffrey Adam Keach	29 yrs	4/10/12
William Lee Paschal	67 yrs	4/25/12
Richard Henry Pieciak	56 yrs	6/10/12
Henry E. Rock	79 yrs	9/5/12
Edith M. Dellea	87 yrs	9/27/12
Sandra Louise Ryan	62 yrs	10/1/12
Roy Haapla	83 yrs	3/18/1

Marriages 2012

Michael Joseph Foristel	Brookline, MA
Leigh Fowler Farrington	5/12/12
Jonathan Gilbert Carlson	Andover, MA
Ashley Anne Emmons	12/2/12

Dog Report

There were not many dogs licensed this year. Reports come back from vets that have vaccinated the dogs against rabies, but many people don't follow up to purchase licenses.

Annual fees are: Male/female dogs: \$6.00

Neutered/spayed male/female dogs: \$3.00

Kennel, 9 or fewer dogs: \$5.00

Kennel, 10 or more dogs: \$50.00

Tags help identify lost, stolen or injured dogs.

Marge Batorski, Town Clerk

May 7th was also the first time that copies of a part of the County's vast historic archive of maps and historic documents were made available for sale in cooperation with the Special Collections at UMass Archives. Proceeds from the sale go to the preservation and restoration of the historic Courthouse. Other 350th celebrations included local historic commissions, societies, and museums displaying a portion of their collections and meeting with the public touring the exhibits as part of the Arts Night Out.

The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of \$3.7 million. The Council has approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley as returning Council members. For the second year in a row the Councilors awarded scholarships to help support graduating high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement and maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above. The Councilors also doubled the number of scholarships awarded to four.

Electricity Department

In Fiscal Year 2012, electricity prices in New England dropped to historically low levels, prompting a change of strategy towards new customers. Instead of recruiting new customers for its supply program, Hampshire Power expanded its services by becoming a licensed broker for fixed price electricity and sold a number of large contracts with major energy companies at extremely favorable rates. About 20 percent of Hampshire Power's load is now brokered through these fixed-price multi-year arrangements. Meanwhile, the Real-Time indexed program saved Hampshire Power customers \$212,348.53 in Fiscal Year 2012, with a total cumulative savings of \$2.1 million since the program's inception in 2006.

Municipal Aggregation

The Municipal Aggregation program for residential and business customers moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of twenty-eight communities. The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities. Additional towns are expected to sign agreements to join the program in the coming months. With its Hampshire Green option, Municipal Aggregation will complement the Council's Sustainability programs.

Municipal Services

Cooperative Purchasing

The Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative is celebrating its 31st year serving the purchasing needs of western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2012 was \$5,173,292.05 with an estimated savings of \$733,098.49 for participating communities.

Hampshire Inspection Program

After many years of providing inspection and zoning services, the program was discontinued.

Hampshire IT

The Council initiated a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to our member communities by partnering with Paragus, Strategic IT. The rapid evolution of technology and the growing expectation of citizens to interact with government electronically combined with the requirements of the Data Privacy Law, the need to have secure and comprehensive information technology capacity has dramatically increased. Currently Hadley is being provided this service and we expect rapid growth in the future.

Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping

Recognizing that towns have experienced a decline in available and qualified town accountants, the Council established a professional accounting and bookkeeping service. In Fiscal Year 2012 the Council provided accounting services for the Town of Granby, WiredWest, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, Hampshire Group Insurance Trust, and Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass In Motion Grant

The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders in Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton, and Williamsburg to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health. Goals of Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

Over the past year Healthy Hampshire consultants have supported the Williamsburg Greenway Committee in assessing the viability of the proposed bike trail between Northampton and Williamsburg. At least two routes have been developed, and barriers/opportunities discussed. HH identified concerns from parents at Hilltown Charter School regarding walkability/bikeability around the school, and brought these to the Greenway Committee for consideration. Those parents continue to be involved in the committee.

HH administered the CHANGE Tool, a community health survey that included questions about communitywide efforts impacting the social and built environments, such as improving food access, walkability or bikeability, tobacco use and exposure, and personal safety. The survey was administered in all four towns, and follow-up focus groups were held in Amherst and Belchertown. Results of the survey and focus groups were shared with municipal leaders and local elected officials, and are being used to develop effective strategies for each town.

HH launched the Healthy Markets Initiative in January with the first meeting of the Healthy Markets Committee. Belchertown participants identified several local markets they hope to involve, and are making plans for incorporating cultural competence into their approach. And finally, HH partnered with MASSBike to do bicycle safety audits at over 40 intersections throughout the four towns. Results of the audits will be available February 2013.

Healthy Hampshire is a collaboration between the Hampshire Council of Governments, the SPIFFY Coalition, and the municipalities of Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton and Williamsburg.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with NO premium increases for the 2012 insurance year. With the Trust premiums remaining flat our member towns were better able to utilize any increase in town funds to cover other expenses.

The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products.

In the Insurance Year 2012 (April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012), the collective premium for the Trust was slightly over \$47M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees covered by the HCGIT.

The Wellness Initiative utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. During 2011 eight (8) mini grants were awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams, including one to the Belchertown School District. These teams develop and implement the wellness programs at their worksite, using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations.

A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including "Start your day the healthy way" and Healthy Local Potluck
- Colonoscopy Promotion – a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

Sustainability Department

In June 2011 the Hampshire Council of Governments created the position of Sustainability Director and hired Eric Weiss to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Sustainability Department has;

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of 6/30/12 had 206kW (35 clients) under contract.
- Created and administered a large multi-county RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in Municipalities throughout Western Massachusetts. The RFP covered 115 properties in 38 Communities throughout Western Massachusetts; we received proposals from 5 vendors.
- Assisted the Town of Middlefield to implement its Green Community Energy reduction plan by assisting with the bidding and construction of a 12kW solar array at the Town hall as well as energy consumption improvement efforts for other Town buildings.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer and financial viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During Fiscal Year 2012, 722 RSVP volunteers gave more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3.2 million. RSVP volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- 26 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 62 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 400 seniors.
- 187 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 2000 elders.
- 326 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 13,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP)

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The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms.

Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The five core goals of the program are: 1) Ensure access to safe and effective cessation resources for all Massachusetts residents; 2) Protect Massachusetts' young people from tobacco industry tactics; 3) Increase the price of tobacco; 4) Ensure all health care visits include a tobacco intervention; and 5) Advance a smoke free environment for all Massachusetts residents. TFCP programs and services include the Ex-Smoker Hall of Fame, policy promotion and support, 84 promotion, cessation education, other tobacco products (OTP) presentations, updating board of health tobacco regulations, and smoke free housing.

During Fiscal Year 2012, the seven youth chapters of the 84 showed a great presence at Kick Butts Day on March 21st held in Boston at the State House. The Ex-Smokers Hall of Fame was on display at UMass, the Hampshire Mall, Franklin County Community Health Center (Greenfield and Orange sites), Forbes Library, and Athol Hospital. TFCP presented at three health care organizations and four community based organizations. The smoke free housing initiative has been making strides. Two housing complexes have requested and received assistance on adopting a smoke free policy. This work takes the housing management from the initial steps of tenant survey through to legal assistance in creating and adopting their smoke free policy. Continuing legislative visits both in Boston and in the district provide TFCP with the opportunity to educate lawmakers to current trends in adult and youth smoking, to youth use rates of other tobacco products, usage of the MassHealth and Commonwealth Care cessation benefit, and updates on local tobacco regulations.

In Fiscal Year 2012 Middlefield did not use TFCP's enhanced services. Please contact staff to learn how your town can utilize the program's services to fully benefit from their programs.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org, FB, and Twitter.



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Eric Weiss - Administrator

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative Annual Report for FY 2012

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 24 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member Town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and manage the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs.

In the past 24 years the HRMC has created cost saving recycling and sustainability programs. The past year has also been one in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments continued their partnership by working closely together on sustainability and green energy development issues. In fact the HRMC Administrator splits his time, spending ½ of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and ½ of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC contracted Administrator, Eric Weiss, helps your Town manage disposal recycling and sustainability programs, including:

- Solid Waste Disposal and Hauling Contracting
- MRF Household Recycling and Hauling and Contracting
- Electronics, Paint, Propane Tank, Tire, and Clothes Recycling Programs
- Organize and Manage the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Provide Sustainability and Recycling Outreach and Education efforts
- Assisting local Boards with DEP Compliance Related Issues
- Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts costs and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Towns with State Legislators
- Explore new green energy and sustainability programs and grants
- Assist member Towns in becoming Massachusetts designated "Green Communities"
- Coordinate sustainability activities and green energy program development in cooperation with the Hampshire Council of Governments
- Explore zero waste issues on behalf of member Towns

WHO MANAGES THE HRMC?

- Two residents (appointed by your Towns Board of Selectmen) from each of the ten member Towns serve on the HRMC Board which is responsible for the management and oversight of the HRMC.
- The current Chairman of the HRMC is Joe Kearns from Middlefield, the current Vice-Chairman of the HRMC is Donna Gibson from Williamsburg and the current Treasurer of the HRMC is Tom Martin from Westhampton.
- The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual assessment is based on population and the amount of tonnage handled at your Towns transfer station. The Total (for the Ten Towns combined) annual assessments are currently \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions the HRMC has level funded its assessment budget for two the past two fiscal years in a row.
- The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and many efforts on behalf of its member Communities. The HRMC continues to be a very successful effort for the Hilltown region. It has become a program which local boards of Selectmen and Health and Energy Committees have grown to depend on for sound technical assistance and guidance on recycling and sustainability issues.
- The HRMC works closely with local officials in every one of its member Towns by providing information and important technical assistance to the Towns.
- We also help your Towns obtain access to the resources needed for the management of successful solid waste, recycling, sustainability and green energy (solar) programs.

Last year the HRMC helped the 10 member Towns:

Recycle 1083 tons of material
Save \$73,644 in disposal costs
Save 6001 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
Earn over \$49,472 in recycling revenue.

We look forward to continuing to assist your Town during this upcoming year. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268 - 3845 or (413) 687 - 3356 or email us at hrrmc@crocker.com right away.

Eric Weiss
Administrator, HRMC
Sustainability Director, HCOG
1/28/12



Frank Chipman



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The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Middlefield during the fiscal year 7/01/2012 - 6/30/2013:

HOME VISITS	1st Quarter 7/1/12- 9/30/12	2nd Quarter 10/1/12- 12/31/12	3rd Quarter 1/1/13- 3/31/13	4th Quarter 4/1/13- 6/30/13	Total
Skilled Nursing	8	0			8
Physical Therapy	17	0			17
Occupational Therapy	0	0			0
Speech Therapy	0	0			0
Medical Social Work	0	0			0
Maternal Child Health	0	0			0
Nutrition Services	0	0			0
Home Health Aide	0	0			0
Totals	25	0	0	0	
NON-BILLABLE	0	0			0

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

CLINICS	# of Clinics Held / Attendance				
Flu	0	1 / 14	0	0	1 / 14

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Ann Chaffee RN BSN MSN

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President, CEO

**Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee
2012 Annual Report**

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

In 2012, over 120 volunteers contributed over 758 volunteer hours. The hearty souls and enthusiasm of our volunteers was evident by their dedication to jumping into the river on a cool fall day to collect macroinvertebrate samples; to helping to haul almost 47.7 tons of gravel to surface the trail and parking area at Glendale Falls; and to walking their reach of river recording observations about habitat, water quality and invasive species. Thank you to all who lent a hand.

The Committee and The Trustees of Reservations secured grant funds through the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Grant Program to complete the trail down to the base of Glendale Falls. Master trail builder, Peter Jensen, and his crew were brought in to create a low maintenance stone staircase where it was too steep or lacked sufficient soil to place the simple wooden steps. Over 70 stone steps and cribbing were installed. Glendale Falls now has a staircase and trail descent worthy of one of the highest waterfalls in Massachusetts.

Through our partnership with the Westfield River Environmental Center at Westfield State University (WSU), we worked with students in the Stream Ecology Course to survey and document pre-restoration conditions for the Kinne Brook dam removal and culvert replacement projects. In addition, our summer intern created the "Westfield River Landowners Guide" now available on our website and chockfull of helpful funding and technical resources available to riparian landowners.

In addition to providing funds for design and engineering of two replacement culverts along Kinne Brook Road in Chester, the Committee provided support to organize "**Improving Stream Crossing: Flood Resilient, Fish Friendly**" workshops. These workshops, held in March 2013, are intended for DPWs, Conservation Commissions, Municipal Officials, Contractors and Consultants. The workshops included design and permitting guidance, as well as technical and funding resources available to municipalities.

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

For more information contact coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org or (413) 579-3015.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl LaFreniere, Town Representative
Vacant, Town Alternate

Results of the annual town Meeting
May 5, 2012

Article 1. Under this Article the following officers for the Town were elected. Polls were open from noon to 5 P.M.

Moderator: Joseph Kearns one year

Town Clerk: Marjorie Batorski for one year

Selectman: Alan Vint for three years

Cemetery Commission: Timothy Pease for three years

Finance Committee: Joseph Kearns for three years

Janine Savoy for three years

School Committee: Janine Savoy for three years (she declined the position.)

Zoning Board of Appeals: Terrance Crean for three years

Planning Board: Michael Hale for three years

Janine Savoy for three years

Assessor: Janine Savoy for three years

Council of Governments: Joseph Kearns for two years

Library Trustee: Eleanor Doyle for three years

Constable: Edward Vivier for three years

The Town Meeting opened at 1:30 P.M. Joseph Kearns, Moderator led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, then he read the Warrant. Noreen Suriner, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, then presented to Cyndy Oligny, librarian of many years, a plaque in recognition of her service to the Town, to young and old. Cyndy retired this year. Noreen then introduced Gerry Garner, our new Building Commissioner, Beverly Cooper, Town Account and Jane Thielen, Town Treasurer. Also at this time, Tom Austin Chief of Police Department, presented a plaque to the widow of Bill (Willey) Paschal, who served as Fire chief for many



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2013 Annual Report

First, the Selectboard would like to thank the professional staff and the many volunteers involved in town government and service for their significant efforts in keeping Middlefield functioning as a town. From salaried staff to elected and appointed officials to volunteer firefighters and EMTs, more than fifty people serve this town annually in a wide variety of capacities. Generally, their work is anonymous, without fanfare and without interest in praise or thanks. They are often taken for granted except on those very rare occasions when something is less than perfect or perceived as such. But the town needs more of you to step up to assist in moving the town forward. Please consider volunteering in some capacity.

The Select Board would like to report on the following accomplishments during the last fiscal year.

Most visible is the newly installed solar array behind the town hall. The array is in the final stages of being connected and will provide a very significant savings to the town in electrical costs in the coming years. Moneys from our Green Community Grant have paid for this installation in full.

With the able assistance of our law firm, Kopelman and Paige, the town has been removed and released from all lawsuits filed in the last year regarding the disputed "Harry Pease way".

The Select Board is pleased to report that the financial aspects of town government are running smoothly, efficiently and that mandated reports are consistently on time. We would like to stress that over the

years. Bill died just a few weeks before the Annual Town Meeting. Also, Tom presented to Ronnie Radwich a plaque honoring Ron's wife, Cathy. Cathy was a "rock" for the Fire Department as she manned the telephone in all kinds of emergencies. Cathy died this past fall.

Article 2. Moved and seconded to act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and other elected or appointed officers of the Town. The reports the Town Meeting referred to are in the current Town Report. There was no discussion and the agenda moved to the next Article.

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all the elected officials of the Town for FY 2013 as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate \$17,788. At this time, an amendment was made to reduce the requested salaries of the Selectmen of \$2000 back to current salary of \$1500. Before the vote on this Article took place, it was moved and seconded to take Article 17 out of order. Then the gentleman that had proposed an amendment to Article 3, had no objection to withdraw his amendment as long as he could make it again when Article 3 came up. He was told that he could. Motion was then made and seconded to take Article 17 out of order. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Old-East West road running from Alderman Road to the site of the old grist mill on Factory brook. The road has been known as "The Becket Road", "The Old road to the Mill", and "Meecham's Road" amongst others.

The length of this abandoned road is about 1.19 miles; and also to discontinue the North-South road that runs from the first road to where the Legal Harry Pease Road ends at the locked gate. This side road to be discontinued has a length of about 0.18 miles. More

exactly the first point on Alderman Road is at (approximate) decimal coordinates (42.333276-73.004869) and runs to (42.330330-73.017818). The second road runs from a point on the first (42.331884-73.019943) to the locked gate at (42.334287-73.021102), which is also the Southern dead end of Harry Pease Road. This vote to discontinue ratifies the original approved town votes of 1886 and 1984 whose intents were this very same discontinuance.

This Article created a great deal of discussion, and a lot of questions were raised. A member the audience explained the location of the road in questions for those that were not familiar with its' location. More questions were asked such as could this case go to land court? Because the Town is being sued over the issue of the road, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated that she had spoken to Kopleman and Paige, (attorneys for the Town) and that they advised not to rush forward as the lawsuit was only two weeks old. An amendment was then made and seconded to postpone Article 17 for six months. A concerned citizen who lives in Harry Pease Road then spoke and said she was being sued and she couldn't sell her family home. Another citizen then spoke to ratify this vote to discontinue the road. The vote was then taken to postpone Article 17 for 6 months. There were some aye's and a very resounding "no" vote. A former Select person then made a motion to amend to this part of "This vote to discontinue ratifies the original approved town votes of 1886 and 1984 whose intents were this very same discontinuance" to read "This vote to discontinue ratifies and affirms the original town votes of 1886 and 1984 whose intents were this very same discontinuance." This amendment was seconded. The amendment then passed. A secret "yes" "no" ballot vote was then taken. 90 Yes 17 No. article 17 passed with the amendment in place.

A motion was then made and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to ask the Selectboard to prepare an inventory of all legal town roads and prepare a vote for the mass discontinuance of the

roads not enumerated at their earliest convenience. This vote to discontinue to be taken no later than six months from today. This motion was passed.

Back to Article 3

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town for FY 2013 as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Mass General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate \$17,788. (At this time, the gentleman who had previously amended this Article, made the following amendment.) A motion was made and seconded to reduce the requested Selectmen salary of \$2000 back to last year, salary of \$1500. Some discussion concerning this Article followed. A standing vote was taken: Yes-54 No-37. The amendment passed. A motion was made and seconded to also reduce the Assessors' salary \$3000 to \$1500. After much discussion centering on hours, Laurie Lafreniere, Assistant Assessor, spoke of the hours the Assessors are in the office---9-12 on Saturdays, and by appointment on Wednesdays. One gentleman spoke of a 100% disabled veteran having his exemption and abatements taken away while he was in a Nursing Home. There was a standing vote taken. Yes to reduce---53, No to reduce---33. A motion was then taken on Article 3 with the amendments in place and Article 3 passed. (\$13,300)

A break was taken at 3:40 P.M.

Article 4. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY 2013. It was then moved and seconded to reduce the salary of the Assistant Assessor of \$5,400 to \$4,400. The Assistant Assessor spoke to this stating what her duties were, such as making forms, mailing them out, and doing correspondence. One

Selectman spoke in favor of the Assistant Assessor. After more discussion, a standing vote was taken. Yes to reduce---29 No to reduce---45. The amendment failed. Article 4 passed as presented in the Warrant at \$46,400.

A motion was then made and seconded to see if the assembled would go to the School Budget Articles 13,14,15,16. The motion passed to do so.

Article 13. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349,274 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway regional School District. The Moderator explained that this a bill that is sent to the Town. The vote was taken and article 13 passed easily.

Article 14. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,910 for Middlefield's share of the above minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional school District. Being no discussion, Article 14 passed.

Article 15. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,637 for Middlefield's share of the Non-Foundation portion (Transportation and Debt service) of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Being no discussion, Article 15 passed unanimously.

Article 16. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for vocational education. No discussion and Article 16 passed unanimously.

Back to article 5

Article 5. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money (\$98,700) for General Government. Not much discussion created. The vote was taken and Article 5 passed.

Article 6. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Expense Accounts. (\$44,773) Not much discussion followed and Article 6 passed easily.

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. (\$350,587) A motion was then made to amend the Highway Department wages of \$118,000 recommended by the Finance Committee to the Selectboard recommendation of \$100,000. Some discussion followed. The vote was taken on the amendment and it failed. A motion was then made and seconded to vote on Article 7 and it passed unanimously.

Article 8. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery accounts. (\$13,800) Susan-Baker Donnelly, Library Trustee, spoke of the Library saying that \$5,200 is requested because of the requirements of a Librarian are a College Degree and Library Courses. After more discussion, the vote was taken and Article 8 passed.

Article 9. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Protection of Persons and Property Accounts. (\$49,785) Ron Radwich of the Fire Department spoke of the need of more turn our gear and equipment. Someone then asked about Fund Raisers. No answer. Vote was taken and Article 9 passed easily.

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

Article 11. It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5000 to establish a Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 6, as amended. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and Article 11 passed with one nay.

Article 12. It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Accounts. (\$3,697)A question was asked if the Town has a Recreation Committee? No was the answer, we just have volunteers. Being no more discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.

(Article 13,14,15,16, 17, had action taken on them previously.)

Article 18. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Assessors to remove the erroneous use of the name "Harry Pease Road" from any place on the town Assessors' maps other than the accepted Town Road with its north end starting at Town Hill Road and running southward for a distance of .81 miles to a dead end, encompassing only a north to south orientation as shown on the 1983 map of town roads, which accompanied the list of accepted roads voted at the 1984 Town Meeting. Article 18 passed as presented.

Article 19. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to

be expended during FY 2013 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties, capped at the amounts in the table below. Electrical Inspector: \$2500 adopted in FY 2012; \$2500 FY 2013, Conservation Committee: \$2000 adopted in FY 2012; \$2000 FY 2013. No discussion, and the vote was taken. It was unanimous and Article passed.

Article 20. 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 FY2012. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station attendant salary, for capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectboard may spend up to \$6,000 in revolving fund monies for the Transfer station during FY 2013 and retain in this account all collected fees. The vote was taken and Article 20 passed unanimously.

Article 21 . It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Debt and Interest. (\$21,500) A question was asked about the loan and the Treasurer said that we have only one loan and we pay \$16,400 per year in principal with interest cost added. Being no further discussion, the vote was taken and Article 21 passed unanimously.

Article 22. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to purchase turn-out gear for the Fire Department. This Article is sponsored by the Fire Department and the Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend. A question was raised as to why raise and appropriate? A motion was then made to amend the Article to take the \$25,000 from Free Cash. There was a standing count taken.

Yes--50 to take from Free Cash and No---3 not to take from Free Cash. A vote was then taken with the amendment in place. Article 22 passed unanimously.

Article 23. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town 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. This Article created some discussion. The vote was taken and Article 23 passed with a few nays.

Article 24. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Town's fiscal audit. The question was asked when the last audit was done and the reply was that it had been done three years ago. The Department of Revenue recommends an audit be done on a three year cycle. The vote was taken and Article 24 passed easily.

Article 25. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to establish an EMS(Medical Service Department)and raise and appropriate\$1,000. Tom Austin, Chief of Police spoke to this issue, saying that this would beef up our response time, as we are one hour out for help in case of an emergency. He also stated that we now have three people in training as E.M.T'S. and they need 180 hours in training; they have to 8 hours of hands on experience plus a written test. Then a question was asked "why would this be separate from the Fire Department? The answer was that some only want to do E.M.S. work. Also, who would run this? The reply was that Ed Vivier of the E.M.S. would work with our Fire Chief, Larry Pease. After some more discussion, the vote was taken and the Article passed with a few nays.

Article 26. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$3,922 from free cash towards the Town's share of the cost to restore and preserve the historic

Hampshire County Court House. The Moderator said that all 20 towns in Hampshire County were asked to share the cost. After more discussion, the vote was taken and Article 26 failed.

Article 27. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$5,000 from free cash to hire an architect to design a garage to house the EMS, Fire Department, and Police vehicles. There was some discussion and the vote was taken. Article 27 failed.

Article 28. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$3,000 from free cash to engage a consultant to develop a plan to bring the Town Hall electrical wiring to code compliance. Discussion followed and the vote was taken and Article 28 failed.

Article 29. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$44,000 from free cash for a new Police Cruiser This Article created a great deal of discussion. The Chief of Police explained that the present cruiser stands out in all kinds of weather due to the lack of garaging and it also has about 30,000 miles on it. The cruiser is about 10 years old. After more discussion, a standing vote was taken. Those in favor—31 Those not in favor—31. Being a tie vote, Article 29 failed.

Article 30. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$60,000 from the 2008 Ice Storm account and FEMA reimbursements for the down payment for a new ten ton rear-wheel, drive tandem axle drive dump truck, equipped, and borrow the \$115,000 balance for upto five years. There was discussion on this Article and the Highway Supt. explained the finances. After more discussion, the vote was taken. A 2/3 vote is necessary because of borrowing. The vote was taken by a show of hands. Those in agreement:---45, those opposed---7 Article 30 passed with the 2/3 vote.

Article 31. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept the Franklin Regional Transit authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging. Some discussion followed. The vote was taken and Article 31 passed unanimously.

Article 32. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 and all other Highway grant funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town's roads and bridges and other related costs. The vote was taken and Article 32 passed unanimously.

Article 33. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash for tree removal at Bell Cemetery. A member of the Cemetery Commission explained about the trees and was waiting for more bids to come in to get the tree and/or trees removed. Following more discussion, an amendment was made 'to expend up to \$5,000, not \$10,000'. The amendment passed, then the Article was voted on with the amendment in place. Article 33 passed unanimously.

Article 34. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$150 to the Library account. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and Article 34 passed unanimously,

Article 35. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for a fuel monitoring system at the Town Garage. The Highway Supt. explained how the system would work and that it was only for diesel fuel. Question was asked why this was needed and the

last few years, our financial team has completely reversed a decade long trend of inefficiency.

The Emergency Management team is now fully staffed and is making a coordinated effort to prepare for any emergency events.

The fire department now has a significant amount of upgraded equipment and the vast majority of its members are about to embark on a training program of several months to secure a higher level of proficiency.

Our EMS team has added additional members to assist in medical emergencies.

The town continues to upgrade its capacity for providing emergency shelter in times of need.

The town has joined the Hampshire County Veteran's Service and received a one year grant for free membership. This organization, in conjunction with newly instituted town policies, provides a wide array of support for Middlefield's veterans. An agent is now on site at town hall twice a month to provide assistance.

The town has continued to aggressively pursue the collection of back taxes and has instituted foreclosure proceedings on several abandoned properties and structures, including the "one time" general store and the abandoned property adjacent to it. Hopefully, the town will be able to move forward with a permanent resolution to these buildings in the coming year.

We are pleased to announce the recent collection and receipt of over \$63,000 in back taxes and penalties.

For the first time in several years, the town now has appointed dog officers.

There are numerous issues the Select Board has been pursuing that have not reached final resolution.

The Board has been working with the Building Commissioner and Board of Health Agent to enforce the zoning, safety, and health regulations and zoning by-laws of the town.

The town is investigating security upgrades to the town hall, upgrades to the town hall kitchen facilities, and a new entrance to the

answer was that it was a way to check on potential loss of fuel at the garage. Following more discussion, the vote was taken and Article 35 failed.

Article 36. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$60,000 from Free Cash to reduce the Tax Rate. Being no discussion, a vote was taken and Article 36 passed unanimously.

Article 37. It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to replace the Town's Chap. IV Article 11, Section 2 By-Law the Building Inspector shall also be the Board of Health agent for observing percolation tests and septic disposal systems.

WITH:

The Board of Health or its agent shall witness all title 5 inspections for percolation tests and septic disposal systems. There was some discussion and an amendment was made and seconded to read:" the Board of Health or its agent shall witness for percolation tests and septic systems." The amendment was voted on with 36 in favor and 12 not in favor. Article 37 was then voted on with the amendment in place and Article 37 passed 36-12. The 2/3 vote was met.

Article 38. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to replace the Town's Chapter II, Section 7 By-Law: Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant calling the same in the Town Post Office and on another designated place in the center of Town on the bulletin board at the Middlefield elementary School, on a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town, and on a designated place in Smith Hollow, not less than seven days before the day appointed for the Annual Town Meeting, and not less than 14 days before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting and the return of the officer stating the manner of notice shall be endorsed in the Warrant.

WITH:

Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant calling the same in the Town Post Office and on the outside bulletin board at the Middlefield Town Hall, not less than seven days before the day appointed for the Annual Town Meeting, and not less than 14 days before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting and the return of the officer stating the manner of notice shall be endorsed in the Warrant. This Article generated a lot of discussion. The vote was taken and Article 38 failed.

Article 39. During this time, Tom Austin, Chief of Police presented to Larry Pease a plaque, commending him for his time and service with the Fire Department as Chief. Also at this time, Noreen Suriner, Chairman of the Board, thanked all the people, elected, appointed and volunteers for their help in keeping the Town going. A motion was then made to dissolve the meeting. It was an unanimous vote. Meeting ended at 7:05 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski
Town Clerk

Town of Middlefield

Town Clerk's Annual Town Meeting Report May 5, 2012

Article No	Appropriations From Tax Levy	Appropriations From Free Cash	Appropriations From Other Available Funds	From Available Funds to Reduce Tax Rate	Revolving Funds	Borrowing Authority
3	13,300.00					
4	46,400.00					
5	98,700.00					
6	44,873.00					
7	350,587.00					
8	13,800.00					
9	49,785.00					
10	28,810.00					
11	5,000.00					
12	3,697.00					
13	349,274.00					
14	47,910.00					
15	112,637.00					
16	90,000.00					
19					4,500.00	
20					6,000.00	
21	21,500.00					
22	25,000.00					
24	10,000.00					
25	1,000.00					
30			60,000.00			
33	5,000.00					
34			150.00			
35		60,000.00				
Total:	1,317,273.00	60,000.00	60,150.00	0.00	10,500.00	

9-4-12
Date Submitted

M. M. ...
Signature

Town Clerk
Title

Results of the Special Town Meeting
March 26, 2012

The special Town Meeting was called to order by Joseph Kearns, with 35 people in attendance. A quorum was present. Joe led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance then read the Articles on the warrant.

Art 1. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,000 from Free Cash to Town Clerk expense account. After some discussion it was explained that the Clerk has to maintain the voting equipment. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Art 2. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,500 from Free Cash to the Tax Title Treasurer account. Alan Vint, Selectman, spoke to this, explaining the necessity. The vote was taken and it unanimous. The Article passed.

Art 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500 from Free Cash to the Board of Health/Insp. salary account. Noreen Suriner, Chair of the Selectmen, spoke explaining that the Health Agent is paid on an hourly basis and the fees that are collected go the Town. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Art 4. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$250 from free Cash to the AssistantTown Clerk Salary Account. Some discussion followed and the Town Clerk explained that the Assistant is a great help in the office and that in Election Handbook, the Town Clerk has the right to choose an Assistant to work with the Clerk. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Art 5. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from the 2008 ice storm account (5058.08) to the Machinery Expense Account.(20421.44). Not much discussion followed. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Art 6. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$850 from Free Cash to the Machinery Expense Account (20421.44). Skip

Savery, Highway Superintendent, spoke of this saying that the proceeds of a scrapped piece of equipment was \$700 to purchase the Military truck, that is being repaired for use by the Town. This \$850 being borrowed is to go back into the Machinery Expense. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Art 7. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to add to the Town Zoning By-Law a Small Energy By-Law. Jay Waag-Swift of the Planning board spoke of this Article. Jay explained that "SWES" and the "LWES" (in Article 8) are two different Wind Energies. There was a great deal of discussion surrounding this Article. A motion was made and seconded to amend under Definitions (SWES) "All equipment, machinery, and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity for residential use or combined residence and home business" to read combined with "All equipment, machinery, and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity for commercial use." There was a standing vote taken and those in favor: 16 those opposed: 11. The amendment was passed, 16-11. A vote then was taken on article 7 with the amendment in place. The Article passed with 1 opposed. A 2/3 vote was necessary, and we had the 2/3 vote. The Article passed.

Art 8. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to add to the Zoning By-Laws a LWES By-Law. Jay Waag-Swift spoke, explaining the LEWES quite extensively. There was a standing vote taken and those in favor:24; those opposed: 2. The Article passed 24-2.

Art 9. Under this Article, Ray Gero, Said he had been spoken to about maybe changing the name of Bell Cemetery on skyline Trail, to Elijah Cemetery, as Mr Churchill is buried in the Bell cemetery and he was one of the first Purple Heart winners in George Washington's Army. The Selectmen said that they would speak to the Cemetery Commission about this. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.. The article passed.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - STATE ELECTION November 06, 2012

MIDDLEFIELD

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
STATE ELECTION 294

***** ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *****
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the STATE ELECTION held on November 06, 2012
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: _____

***** METHOD OF RECORDING VOTES *****

Record the number of votes for each listed candidate and for each write-in or sticker candidate. The space between the last candidate's name and the designation 'All Others' is to be used to record the names, addresses (if known) and votes of any write-ins. Also, record the number of votes for No Preference and Blanks. The total vote for each office is the sum of votes for listed candidates, write-ins and blanks. The total vote should be equal to the number of people who voted in the STATE ELECTION
Do not send results of ward or town committee candidates to this office.

***** IMPORTANT : DO NOT SEPARATE SHEETS *****

Office Name: ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
 District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	JOHNSON AND GRAY	5	LIBERTARIAN
2	OBAMA AND BIDEN	202	DEMOCRAT
3	ROMNEY AND RYAN	77	REPUBLICAN
4	STEIN AND HONKALA	6	GREEN-RAINBOW

All Others	0
Blanks	4
Total Votes Cast	294

Office Name: SENATOR IN CONGRESS
 District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	SCOTT P. BROWN	122	REPUBLICAN
2	ELIZABETH A. WARREN	168	DEMOCRAT

All Others	0
Blanks	4
Total Votes Cast	294

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
 District Name: 0002 FIRST DISTRICT
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	RICHARD E. NEAL	245	DEMOCRAT
	All Others	0	
	Blanks	49	
	Total Votes Cast	294	

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Office Name: COUNCILLOR
 District Name: 0019 EIGHTH DISTRICT
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	MICHAEL J. ALBANO	174	DEMOCRAT
2	MICHAEL FRANCO	91	REPUBLICAN
	All Others	0	
	Blanks	29	
	Total Votes Cast	294	

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Office Name: CLERK OF COURTS
 District Name: 0238 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

Candidates	Votes	Party:
1 HARRY J. JEKANOWSKI, JR.	241	DEMOCRAT

All Others	1
Blanks	52
Total Votes Cast	294

Office Name: REGISTER OF PROBATE (VACANCY)
 District Name: 0238 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

Candidates	Votes	Party:
1 MICHAEL J. CAREY	227	DEMOCRAT

All Others	1
Blanks	66
Total Votes Cast	294

Office Name: REGISTER OF DEEDS
 District Name: 0257 HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

Candidates	Votes	Party:
1 MARY K. OLBERDING	145	DEMOCRAT

library.

The town is in the process of enhancing energy efficiency at the town garage and fire station, upgrades that will be paid for with additional Green Community money the town has not spent to date.

There has been preliminary investigation into the potential for creating a forestry plan for town owned land that could result in income to the town.

We are in the process of instituting upgrades to the transfer station that will likely include an additional bin to relieve confusion and promote greater efficiency.

Town Officers
1923 - 1924



Henry Pease
Town Clerk

G. Edward Cook
Treasurer

Wesley H. Olds
Selectman

Edwin H. Alderman
Selectman

Office Name: REGISTER OF DEEDS
 District Name: 0257 HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

Candidates	Votes	Party:
2 GEORGE R. ZIMMERMAN	120	UNENROLLED
All Others	0	
Blanks	29	
Total Votes Cast	294	

Office Name: SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
 District Name: 1307 BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN & HAMPDEN DISTRICT
 Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

Candidates	Votes	Party:
1 BENJAMIN B. DOWNING	242	DEMOCRAT
All Others	0	
Blanks	52	
Total Votes Cast	294	

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
District Name: 0100 FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT
Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD Ward: 0 Precinct: 1

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	STEPHEN KULIK	246	DEMOCRAT

All Others	1
Blanks	47
Total Votes Cast	294

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Town Name: 0183 MIDDLEFIELD

Question 1

PET L: SMALL BUSINESSES IN REPAIRING MOTOR VEHICLES

Yes 235 No 46 Blank 13 Total 294

Question 2

PET G: DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Yes 198 No 93 Blank 3 Total 294

Question 3

PET A: MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA

Yes 209 No 82 Blank 3 Total 294

Question 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL - MIDDLEFIELD

Yes 179 No 62 Blank 53 Total 294

Question 7

US POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE - BERK, HAMP, FRANK & HAMPDEN - SEN

Yes 212 No 46 Blank 36 Total 294

TREASURER'S REPORT
for Fiscal Year 2012

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 2011 \$ 551,003.12

Add:	Total Receipts for FY 2012	1,508,014.73
Less:	Total Expenditures FY 2012	(1,501,757.24)

Balance in Treasury, June 30, 2012

Cash on Hand	\$	4,363.00		
Checking Account Inc. Deputy Collector's Account	\$	(17,031.08)		
Money Market Accounts	\$	569,928.69	\$	557,260.61

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

STABILIZATION FUND:

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2011	\$	131,597.11		
Add: Interest Earned in FY '12	\$	467.47		
Add: Due to Stabilization Fund Appropriation	\$	40,000.00		
Less: Voted transfers at town meetings	\$	-		
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2012			\$	172,064.58

CEMETERY CARE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2011	\$	29,373.84		
Add: Interest Earned in FY '12	\$	166.98		
Add: Donation	\$	-		
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2012			\$	29,540.82

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2011	\$	26,237.35		
Add: Interest Earned in FY '12	\$	612.47		
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2012			\$	26,849.82

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane R. Thielen, Treasurer

Town of Middlefield
Treasury Receipts Summary Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TR Code	Description	Amount
1100.10	Personal Prop Taxes F2010	16.25
1100.11	Personal Prop Taxes F2011	394.98
1100.12	Personal Property Tax 2012	45,635.12
1200.09	Real Estate Taxes F2009	4,006.96
1200.10	Real Estate Taxes F2010	4,405.88
1200.11	Real Estate Taxes F2011	25,198.53
1200.12	Real Estate 2012	925,540.64
1200.13	Real Estate 2013	871.85
1300.08	Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	29.06
1300.10	Motor Vehicle Ex 2010	582.70
1300.11	Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	9,267.69
1300.12	Motor Vehicle Excise 2012	42,930.83
1562.00	Tax Titles	9,214.21
1607.08	Chapter 90 reimbursement	60,000.00
1800.00.4171	Interest on Property Tax	5,900.18
1800.00.4172	Interest on Excise Taxes	421.60
1800.00.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	12,274.65
1800.00.4177	Tax Collector misc revenue	11.50
1800.00.4320	Motor Vehicle Flagging Fe	500.00
1800.00.4360	Municipal Building Rent	2,100.00
1800.00.4372	Rental Income	4,857.00
1800.00.4373	ZUMBA RENTAL	106.00
1800.00.4418	Board of Health Permits	1,057.50
1800.00.4420	Building Inspection Permi	7,315.80
1800.00.4421	Dog Licenses	400.25

Town of Middlefield

Treasury Receipts Summary Report

From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TR Code	Description	Amount
1800.00.4422	Conservation Fees	36.89
1800.00.4423	Driveway Permits	20.00
1800.00.4425	Town Clerk fees	52.60
1800.00.4428	Fire Dept. Permits	285.00
1800.00.4430	Gas Inspection Permits	145.00
1800.00.4432	Planning Board Permits	70.00
1800.00.4434	Plumbing Permits	316.00
1800.00.4436	Police Department Permits	225.00
1800.00.4439	Other Licenses & Permits	70.00
1800.00.4483	Copier Receipts	2.60
1800.00.4611	State Owned Land	52,407.00
1800.00.4613	Ab. to Veterans	2,100.00
1800.00.4616	Elderly Abatements	1,508.00
1800.00.4620	School Aid Ch. 70	18,050.00
1800.00.4621	Chap. 70 Voke Transp Reim	3,583.00
1800.00.4670	Additional Aid	10,429.00
1800.00.4671	Lottery	20,857.00
1800.00.4673	Local aid one time payment	3,251.00
1800.00.4685	Unrestricted Gen.Gov	10,428.00
1800.00.4695	Court Fines	50.00
1800.00.4697	RMV FINES	25.00
1800.00.4820	Interest on Savings	1,685.41
1800.00.4840	Misc. Revenues	2,256.73
1800.00.4850	REIMBURSE/FEMA	0.00
1800.00.4950	Refunds	294.40

Town of Middlefield
Treasury Receipts Summary Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TR Code	Description	Amount
3052.00	Tax Collector Fees-Monson	1,240.00
3053.01	Deputy Collector Fees	1,492.00
3054.00	Town Clerk Agency	459.75
3055.01	Health Ins Deduct	6,631.29
3055.02	Retirement Deduct	11,702.88
3069.00	Police Permits Due State	2,975.00
3091.00	Police Donations	2,000.00
3094.00	Council on Aging Gifts	0.00
3099.00	library Gifts	689.79
5002.00	Elections - State	144.00
5005.11	Historical Commission Donations	134.00
5006.00	St. Aid to Libraries	1,409.84
5036.00	MA Cultural Council	3,880.06
5040.00	Council on Aging - State	3,500.00
5045.10	BOH Mini-Grant Program	500.00
5058.08	ICE STORM DEC. 2008	20,021.33
5059.00	Irene Storm	9,081.44
5061.00	WMECO/MOWER	24,781.81
5070.11	Dept of Energy Grant	99,383.23
5103.00	2010 EMERGENCY PREP.GRANT	2,000.00
5104.00	2011 EMERGENCY PREP GRANT	900.00
5105.00	Emger.Prepare.Grant	850.00
5506.00	Electrical Inspector Revo	655.00
5520.00	Police Outside Detail	15,597.75
5550.00	Conservation Comm Revolv	67.50

Town of Middlefield

Treasury Receipts Summary Report

From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TR Code	Description	Amount
5567.10	BOH Revolving	252.50
5577.00	Transfer Station Revolvin	7,240.00
5599.00	Electrical Inspector Revo	300.00
600020.00	STABILIZATION ACCT	0.00
600022.00	DICKINSON TRUST	0.00
600026.00	CEMETERY PC	0.00
7012.00	Sale of Cemetery Lots	375.00
7014.00	Refunded Dog Tax	145.10
	Report Total	1,509,596.08

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS
 From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

ASSETS

CASH	Assets	Liabilities
General Cash	557,260.61	
TOTAL FOR CASH		557,260.61

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Personal Prop Taxes F2011	14.86	
Personal Property Tax 2012	111.08	
TOTAL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		125.94

REAL ESTATE TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Real Estate Taxes F2000	1,144.54	
Real Estate Taxes F2001	0.01	
Real Estate Taxes F2002	2,491.72	
Real Estate Taxes F2003	833.08	
Real Estate Taxes F2004	943.05	
Real Estate Taxes F2008	589.88	
Real Estate Taxes F2010	3,756.97	
Real Estate Taxes F2011	10,365.58	
Real Estate Taxes 2012	55,160.55	
Real Estate Taxes F1998	91.13	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	433.26	
TOTAL FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES		75,809.77

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Motor Vehicle Ex 2006	432.26	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2007	271.44	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	271.84	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2009	908.95	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	735.48	
Motor Vehicle Ex. Tax 2012	5,618.14	
TOTAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		8,238.11

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Titles	144,969.20	
TOTAL FOR TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		144,969.20

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	Assets	Liabilities
CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENT	200,323.49	
TOTAL FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		200,323.49

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	Assets	Liabilities
Loans Authorized-Town Hall	130,000.00	

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TOTAL FOR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

130,000.00

GRANTS	Assets	Liabilities
Irene storm 2011	59,721.80	
TOTAL FOR GRANTS		59,721.80
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,176,448.92



Fair Horse Pull



Awaiting the Pull

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES
 From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

LIABILITIES

REAL ESTATE TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Real Estate Taxes F2006		446.27
Real Estate Taxes F2009		3.19
Real Estate 2013		871.85

TOTAL FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,321.2

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES	Assets	Liabilities
Motor Vehicle Ex 2010		344.38

TOTAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES 344.38

REVENUE	Assets	Liabilities
Revenue Fiscal 2013		85,000.00

TOTAL FOR REVENUE 85,000.0

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	Assets	Liabilities
Unauthorized/Unissued		130,000.00

TOTAL FOR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 130,000.0

AGENCY	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Collector Fees		396.59
Deputy Collector Fees		817.00
Town Clerk Agency		124.05
Health Ins Deduct		349.61
Police Permits Due State		6,325.00
Unclaimed Checks		22,878.17
Police Donations		2,000.00
Town Hall Improvements		6,691.50
Kitchen Repair Donation		10,000.00
Recreation-Basketball Ct		145.46
COA Donations		404.00
library Gifts		5,624.04

TOTAL FOR AGENCY 55,755.4

GRANTS	Assets	Liabilities
Elections - State		144.00
Heritage Days-Rec		40.00
Historical Commission Donations		850.34
St. Aid to Libraries		1,169.69
MA Cultural Council		4,456.09
Council on Aging - State		497.83
Sarah Gillett COA Grant		240.00
BOH Mini-Grant program		500.00
Community Policing		5.06
ICE STORM DEC. 2008		44,989.52
Dept of Energy Grant		68,163.73

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES

From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

GRANTS	Assets	Liabilities
Emergency Preparedness Grt		2,215.00
TOTAL FOR GRANTS		123,271.26

REVOLVING	Assets	Liabilities
Conservation Comm Revolv		2,064.69
BOH Revolving		60.00
Transfer Station Revolving		12,174.36
TOTAL FOR REVOLVING		14,299.05

RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROV	Assets	Liabilities
Sale of Cemetery Lots		4,425.00
Refunded Dog Tax		185.93
TOTAL FOR RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROV		4,610.93

OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE	Assets	Liabilities
Overlay F2000		492.26
Overlay F2003		2,329.71
Overlay F2004		2,504.57
Overlay F2005		4,419.49
Overlay Fiscal 2007		358.54
Overlay F2008		9,436.28
Overlay F2009		14,964.28
Overlay F2010		11,260.61
Overlay F2011		5,829.13
Overlay 2012		9,038.71
Overlay F1997		3,780.00
TOTAL FOR OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		64,413.58

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue		144,969.20
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev		7,893.73
TOTAL FOR REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL		152,862.93

SURPLUS REVENUE	Assets	Liabilities
Surplus Revenue		280,536.83
TOTAL FOR SURPLUS REVENUE		280,536.83

APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES	Assets	Liabilities
Planning Board Prof. Services		6,787.00
Chapter 90		158,551.02
Highway Chapter 291D		24,000.36
Town Highway Maintenance		1,200.00
Generator Installation Exp		4,381.08
Vacations		3,177.60

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

TRUST FUNDS	Assets	Liabilities
Trust Cash	228,455.22	
Stabilization		172,064.58
Dickson Charity Fund		26,849.82
Cemetery PC		29,540.82
TOTAL FOR TRUST FUNDS	228,455.22	228,455.22

Town of Middlefield
Balance Sheet DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

LONG TERM DEBT	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	114,170.00	
Notes Payable Town Building		114,170.00
TOTAL FOR LONG TERM DEBT	114,170.00	114,170.00

2012 Expense Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

	Expended	
1001.11 Moderator (receipts/expense)		
JOSKIN BEARDS	100.00	0.00
	100.00	-100.00
1011.00 Travel Counsel (receipts/expense)		
KOFSHMAN & FAIGL, P.C.	4,769.97	-4,769.97
	4,769.97	-4,769.97
1023.01 Automobile Expenses (receipts/expense)		
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	79.99	
LOW STAPLES	34.00	
DUANE PEARSE	47.69	
HAMP CTY SELECTMENTS ASSC	190.00	
SHERATON BOSTON HOTEL	543.61	
ALAN VINT	8.41	
ATPC	79.00	
NICHOLE BURBANK	226.94	
MMA	808.00	
Alan Vint	20.40	
MMA	0.00	
	1,821.59	-1,821.59
1023.02 Selection's Secretary Sal DUANE PEARSE	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
1012.03 Copier Expense (receipts/expense)		
MACFARLAND OFFICE PRODUCTS	772.99	-772.99
	772.99	-772.99
1023.07 Automobiles Automobile (receipts/expense)		
DUANE PEARSE	1,379.00	0.00
BIGANOS LEASING	82.30	0.00
	1,461.30	-1,461.30

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Town of Middlefield
2012 Expense Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

	Expended	
1041.01 Amenity Expenses (receipts/expense)	1,465.00	-1,465.00
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	24.00	
LAURA LAFRENIERE	98.76	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	217.77	
US POSTAL SERVICE	126.00	
BCAA	100.00	
KURT ZRNACK	80.00	
MAAO	373.00	
OTA JOZSEF	1,111.41	
STEPHEN HANUS	29.97	
IBCAA	30.00	
	1,263.81	-1,263.81
1041.02 Amenity's Agreed Contract (receipts/expense)	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
1041.10 Community Open Perish App (receipts/expense)	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
1041.11 Amenity Salaries (receipts/expense)		
OTA JOZSEF	1,300.00	0.00
OTA JOZSEF	500.00	0.00
JAMES SAVOY	310.00	0.00
JASMINE SAVOY	210.00	0.00
JOHN RICHARDSON	2,200.00	0.00
LAURA LAFRENIERE	1,000.00	0.00
	5,090.00	-5,090.00
1041.14 Amenity Tax Map Update (receipts/expense)	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
1041.77 CAMA Software Support (receipts/expense)		
PERCOM/COM SOFTWARE CONSORT	1,630.00	-1,630.00
BCAA	0.00	

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Town of Middlefield
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	Expended	
1032.00 Special Projects (receipts/expense)		
DUANE PEARSE	1,068.00	-1,068.00
	1,068.00	-1,068.00
1032.11 Selections Salaries (receipts/expense)		
ALAN VINT	1,375.00	0.00
ALBERT VINT	121.00	0.00
MITCH FELDMAN	305.00	0.00
MITCH FELDMAN	790.00	0.00
MITCH FELDMAN	305.00	0.00
MITCHELL FELDMAN	121.00	0.00
NOREEN KUNDIS	375.00	0.00
NOREEN KUNDIS	1,191.00	0.00
	4,596.00	-4,596.00
1025.00 Travel Year COOP Membership (receipts/expense)		
WISCONSIN	1,000.00	-1,000.00
	1,000.00	-1,000.00
1030.00 Town Amenity Salary (receipts/expense)		
BEVERLY COVER	9,000.00	0.00
	9,000.00	-9,000.00
1033.01 Town Amenity Expenses (receipts/expense)		
W.B. MASON CO, INC	192.71	-192.71
	192.71	-192.71
1032.03 Accounting Services (receipts/expense)		
	0.00	0.00
1041.03 Amenity Amenity (receipts/expense)		
OTA JOZSEF	0.00	0.00
JOHN RICHARDSON	0.00	0.00
LAURA LAFRENIERE	1,400.00	0.00

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Town of Middlefield
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	Expended	
1041.77 CAMA Software Support OTA JOZSEF	0.00	
	1,630.00	-1,630.00
1042.02 Amenity's Birthdates (receipts/expense)		
MAYFLOWER VALIDATION, LTD	1,200.00	-1,200.00
	1,200.00	-1,200.00
1041.03 Treasurer Salary (receipts/expense)		
JAMES THOLEN	9,000.00	0.00
	9,000.00	-9,000.00
1041.01 Treasurer Expenses (receipts/expense)		
HAMPSHIRE BANKING CTA	10.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	132.00	
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	0.00	
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	66.87	
U S POSTMASTER	132.00	
MCTA	41.00	
K.E.J.S., INC. HARTFORD	500.00	
JAMES THOLEN	12.50	
United Bank	100.00	
U S POSTAL SERVICE	100.00	
KASB	330.00	
	1,270.87	-1,270.87
1045.04 Tax Title Treasurer (receipts/expense)		
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REG OF DEEDS	800.00	
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	117.00	
Benson & Bloor	870.00	
	1,800.00	-1,800.00
1045.05 Trust/Accountant Software Supp (receipts/expense)		
Int'lign	4,434.52	-4,434.52
	4,434.52	-4,434.52

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2012 Expense Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

	Expended	
18145.11 Payroll Support (receipt/journal)		-1,295.00
HILLS, INC. HARTFORD	1,295.00	
	1,295.00	-1,295.00
18146.00 Tax Collector Salary (receipt/journal)		-10,000.00
MARY ANN FEASE	5,733.33	0.00
MARYANN FEASE	4,266.68	0.00
	10,000.00	-10,000.00
18146.01 Tax Collector Expenses (receipt/journal)		-3,733.33
PROCOGOMA SOFTWARE CONSORT	1,000.00	
HAMPSHIRE/FRANKLIN CTA	10.00	
ARTHUR F. JONES ASSOCIATES	110.00	
POSTMASTER	738.50	
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	97.44	
US POSTAL SERVICE	176.00	
POSTMASTER	44.00	
MCTA	45.00	
W.B. MASON CO., INC.	314.41	
	3,733.33	-3,733.33
18146.04 Tax Title (receipt/journal)		-1,484.50
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	315.00	
COM. OF MASS	815.00	
Breeman & Blinn	354.50	
	1,484.50	-1,484.50
18161.01 Town Clerk Expense (receipt/journal)		-3,174.21
MARJORIE BATORSKI	42.97	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REG OF DEEDS	9.00	
HIGGINS & WARREN	219.00	
NORTHSHIRE DOCUMENT CONSERVATION CT.	25.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	56.00	
WESTERN MA CITY & TOWN CLERKS ASSOC	18.00	
POSTMASTER	135.00	

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Town of Middlefield
2012 Expense Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

	Expended	
18175.00 Planning Board (receipt/journal)		-148.30
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	8.31	
TERENCE CREAK	139.99	
	148.30	-148.30
18175.03 Planning Board Prof/Services (receipt/journal)		-6,787.00
	6.00	-6,787.00
18176.00 zoning Board Expenses (receipt/journal)		-110.00
MITCH FELDMESSER	38.00	
TERENCE CREAK	30.00	
LUDY HOAG	50.00	
	118.00	-118.00
18176.08 Communication Committee (receipt/journal)		-210.00
LEANN EWEY	210.00	
	210.00	-210.00
18177.08 Conservation Committee Exp (receipt/journal)		-1,011.92
BERKSHIRE EAGLE	36.89	
MACC	80.00	
POSTMASTER	42.00	
ALAN YBET	101.85	
Alan Ybet	111.18	
	1,031.92	-1,031.92
18199.10 Chapter 94 (receipt/journal)		-236,323.13
CTL TRUCKING INC	1,205.00	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	1,620.84	
THIS LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	13,917.23	
JOHN DREES CREDIT INC	60,000.00	
UNDERGROUND SUPPLY INC	89.09	
	77,722.11	-236,323.13

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	Expended	
18161.01 Town Clerk Expense		
MARK DOAN	8.00	
MCTO ASSC.	15.00	
QITA JOZSEF	205.16	
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	0.00	
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE INC	1,378.08	
US POSTAL SERVICE	88.00	
	2,174.21	-2,174.21
18161.11 Town Clerk Salary (receipt/journal)		-4,000.00
MARJORIE BATORSKI	333.34	
MARJORIE BATORSKI	2,999.88	
MARJORIE BATORSKI	333.34	
MARJORIE BRATOWSKI	333.34	
	4,006.60	-4,006.60
18161.12 Asskilled Town Clerk Salary (receipt/journal)		-250.00
ELEANOR DOYLE	250.00	
	250.00	-250.00
18162.00 Election & Registration (receipt/journal)		-897.00
MARJORIE BATORSKI	13.00	
SUZANNE LEMBLUX	40.00	
CYNTHIA O'LEIGHY	28.50	
CIRCLE ROBERT	136.00	
EDWARD VIVIER	40.00	
Sharon Barry	32.00	
TRACY GERB	28.00	
DAVID MCCUSKER	126.00	
THOMAS ROCK	80.00	
Megann Piore	136.00	
JUDITH WHITE	60.00	
ELEANOR DOYLE	108.00	
Susan Donnelly	48.00	
	897.00	-897.00

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	Expended	
18110.00 Irene Storm 2011		
ROBERT MILLER	0.00	
MARK COUCH	0.00	
CTL TRUCKING INC	4,767.50	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	0.00	
THIS LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	0.00	
JOHN S LANE & SON INC	0.00	
BRIAN MILLER	0.00	
CTL	-4,767.50	
SCOTTYS TRUCKING	0.00	
C.H. WOOD CO INC	0.00	
NICHOLS SAND & GRAVEL, INC	0.00	
	0.00	0.00
18123.08 Highway Chapter 291D (receipt/journal)		-24,800.00
	0.00	-24,800.00
18143.00 Highway Department Wage (receipt/journal)		-114,647.20
ANDREW SIELKOWSKI	659.20	
ANDREW SIELKOWSKI	1,186.54	
ANDREW SIELKOWSKI	32,159.72	
ROBERT MILLER	487.50	
ROBERT MILLER	6,470.25	
RODNEY SAVERY	12,207.12	
RODNEY SAVERY JR.	23,283.70	
RODNEY SAVERY JR.	1,889.60	
RODNEY SAVERY JR.	5,443.68	
RODNEY SAVERY JR.	3,886.78	
RODNEY SAVERY JR.	332.64	
RONALD RADWICH	1,260.00	
RONALD RADWICH	343,143.50	
RONALD RADWICH	1,234.90	
	114,647.20	-114,647.20

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	Expended	
20403.03 Town Highway Maintenance (month)(month)		-28,813.98
ARROW CONCRETE PRODUCTS, INC	1,311.50	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	232.00	
BERKSHIRE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPT ASSOC	50.00	
BRISTOL UNIFORM	1,968.00	
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLS	239.40	
MARK COCCI	6,002.75	
CTL TRUCKING INC	420.00	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	2,652.59	
FASTENAL	91.32	
COMM OF MASS	300.00	
KEH & LAMB HALL	528.28	
HAMPSHIRE CO PURCHASING DEPT	52.25	
JOHN'S BUILDING SUPPLY	52.25	
THE LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	2,218.22	
JOHN S LAMB & SON INC	237.16	
MASS HIGHWAY ASSOC	60.00	
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	630.00	
PITTSFIELD LAWN & TRACTOR	851.55	
RAINBOW DISTRIBUTORS	374.00	
RIBCO SUPPLY CO	1,708.66	
ROONEY SAVERY	124.80	
TORLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	91.13	
UNIVERSITY OF MASS	18.00	
US PORTAL SERVICE	56.00	
WESTFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE	360.00	
WORTHINGTON FUGS-RESCUE DEPT	250.00	
RCMA	170.00	
MTCISA	25.00	
EAST COAST SIGN & SUPPLY INC	160.00	
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	416.52	
DONALD J. SAVERY	0.00	
UNDERGROUND SUPPLY INC	3,691.83	
	17,613.98	-28,813.98

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	Expended	
20421.01 Machinery Expenses (month)(month)		
TYLER EQUIPMENT CORP	303.56	
WESTFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE	114.65	
ZWACK, INC	871.25	
BALLARD MACK SALIS & SERVICE, INC	199.53	
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	449.85	
TOM ARMITAGE	650.00	
LITTECH EQUIPMENT CO INC	217.77	
GARD SPECIALIST CO INC	64.64	
CUMMINS NORTHEAST LLC	337.96	
ROONEY SAVERY	4.65	
DMC	214.00	
TRUX	293.33	
FREAMDAN STEEL, INC	852.00	
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	635.62	
H.D. REYNOLDS INC	223.10	
AIRGAS USA LLC	1,383.04	
COOK BUILDERS' SUPPLY COMPANY	341.70	
JOHN DEERE CREDIT FINANCIAL	8.40	
J.M.S. INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	236.90	
	28,727.68	-28,727.68
20421.11 Generator Installation Exp (month)(month)		-5,616.19
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	273.60	
CAMEROTA TRUCK PARTS	125.00	
DALTON TRACTOR	42.73	
DICKSONS AUTO PARTS	28.92	
FASTENAL COMPANY	1,153.58	
L.P. ADAMS CO INC	85.58	
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	135.98	
FREAMDAN STEEL, INC	35.00	
Glennville Pave Concrete	388.00	
	1,235.11	-5,616.19

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	Expended	
2041.00 Holidays & Vacations (month)(month)		
ROONEY SAVERY	0.00	0.00
RONALD RADWICH	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
20421.01 Machinery Expenses (month)(month)		-34,727.81
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	859.80	
BAKT TRUCK	1,117.97	
CAMEROTA TRUCK PARTS	447.20	
CASEY & DUPUIS EQUIPMENT CORP	33.50	
COLUMBIA TRACTOR, INC	1,149.01	
DICKSONS AUTO PARTS	4,275.88	
DUPUIS INC	38.00	
ERC WIRING PRODUCTS, INC	46.62	
FASTENAL	92.71	
COMM OF MASS	500.00	
FLEET WARE	91.92	
FLIMMAR	23.62	
G H BERLIN OIL CO	1,855.00	
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	300.00	
JONES BUILDING SUPPLY	104.10	
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	854.98	
L.P. ADAMS CO INC	48.93	
MCGILL HOSE & COUPLING INC	127.96	
METRO FUEL DISTRIBUTION	1,942.51	
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	50.00	
PITTSFIELD LAWN & TRACTOR	120.23	
PITTSFIELD WELDING SUPPLY INC	17.94	
PRO-TECH SUPPLY	70.81	
RIBCO SUPPLY CO	2,117.41	
R.M. BELL ENGINEERING, INC	63.00	
SARAT-KLEEN	925.60	
SARAT FORD	973.02	
ROONEY SAVERY	114.85	
SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT	682.31	
SUPERIOR SPRING & MFG CO INC	354.74	
TOCK BROTHERS, INC	1,649.32	

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	Expended	
20421.44 Holidays (month)(month)		-2,699.00
ANDREW SULKOWSKI	727.48	0.00
ANDREW SULKOWSKI	131.84	0.00
ROONEY SAVERY	317.92	0.00
ROONEY SAVERY JR	317.93	0.00
RONALD RADWICH	816.00	0.00
RODNEY SAVERY JR	337.92	0.00
	2,699.38	-2,699.00
20421.55 Vacations (month)(month)		-6,000.00
ANDREW SULKOWSKI	1,977.00	0.00
RODNEY SAVERY JR	844.50	0.00
	2,821.49	-6,000.00
20421.80 Parts (month)(month)		-26,942.84
BOLDIC MECHANICAL SERVICES	438.88	
HENDALIS MOORE	228.30	
L.P. ADAMS CO INC	140.10	
RONALD RADWICH	46.64	
RODNEY SAVERY	35.00	
DENNIS K. BURKE, INC	25,947.92	
Clarence Pave Concrete	97.08	
	26,942.84	-26,942.84
20422.01 Unpaved Roads Material (month)(month)		-11,863.10
THE LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	815.51	
JOHN S LAMB & SON INC	1,280.00	
TOM.IHO & SONS, LLC	11,247.59	
	13,863.10	-11,863.10
20423.03 Town Garage Improvements (month)(month)		-3,825.98
	6.00	-3,825.98

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	Expended	
20422.04 Town Garage Tinting (receipts/journal)		
DEPT OF ENVIRON PROTECTION	800.00	-3,617.00
	800.00	-3,617.00
20423.00 Snow Removal (receipts/journal)		-4,917.95
ANDREW SILKOWSKI	1,223.64	0.00
ANDREW SILKOWSKI	346.08	0.00
ANDREW SILKOWSKI	1,018.24	0.00
KODNEY SAVERY JR	659.69	0.00
KODNEY SAVERY JR	1,710.72	0.00
KODNEY SAVERY JR	1,120.23	0.00
RONALD RADWICH	4,233.00	0.00
KODNEY SAVERY JR	1,045.44	0.00
CAMEROTA TRUCK PARTS	5,766.59	
MARK COOCH	2,560.00	
DONOVAN BROTHERS	5,246.14	
INTERNATIONAL SALT CO	11,481.04	
JOHN S LANE & SON INC	5,091.28	
RIBCO SUPPLY CO	1,711.21	
TWACK, INC	2,340.17	
Albany Blvd, Inc	566.99	
BEDARD STREET MITAL CO,INC	655.40	
	44,917.95	-4,917.94
20424.00 Street Lights (receipts/journal)		-285.00
WMSCO	285.00	-285.00
20051.00 Gateway Reg Schl Assnat (receipts/journal)		-429,900.00
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	171,851.50	
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	133,179.20	
GATEWAY REG HIGH SCHOOL	104,769.00	
LECKENSKI BROS INC	0.00	
	429,900.00	-429,900.00

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	Expended	
50425.00 Bell Creatory Tree removal (receipts/journal)		-5,000.00
	0.00	-5,000.00
50216.00 Poles Chldr Salary (receipts/journal)		-1,000.00
LARRY PEASE	0.00	0.00
THOMAS AUSTIN	340.00	0.00
TOM AUSTIN?	760.00	0.00
	1,000.00	-1,000.00
60216.01 Police Dept Expenses (receipts/journal)		-7,908.28
CHESTER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC	760.01	
JUREK BROTHERS, INC	373.67	
POSTMASTER	44.00	
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	1,240.52	
TMG CALIBRATION LAB, INC	65.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	56.00	
VERIZON WIRELESS	201.18	
WESTERN MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	1,390.00	
WHLICCI	200.80	
VICTORIA ROBERTINO	245.00	
EMS TRAINING OF THE BERKSHIRES	1,000.00	
SEW WHAT EMBROIDERY	207.50	
RANDALL THOMPSON	437.34	
MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC INC	720.00	
W.B. MASON CO., INC	79.50	
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,807.89	
	7,908.28	-7,908.28
60218.00 Police Officers' Compensation (receipts/journal)		-5,520.00
CURT ROBBE	285.00	0.00
JENNY AUSTIN	495.00	0.00
THOMAS AUSTIN	3,115.00	0.00
TOM AUSTIN	1,425.00	0.00
	5,520.00	-5,520.00

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	Expended	
30009.03 Gateway Reg Schl Transp. (receipts/journal)		-85,997.00
GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	85,997.00	-85,997.00
30009.04 Vocational Education (receipts/journal)		-81,866.60
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School	27,176.70	
CITY OF WESTFIELD	27,776.00	
LECKENSKI BROS INC	26,773.58	
	81,866.00	-81,866.60
30010.00 Library Expenses (receipts/journal)		-3,156.73
SUSAN BAKER DONNELLY	750.00	0
BAKER & TAYLOR	270.82	
CYTHIA OLIGNY	1,229.91	
POSTMASTER	56.00	
MARY CHRISTINE BRESNAHAN	750.00	
	3,156.73	-3,156.73
40511.00 Veterans Asset Safety (receipts/journal)		-150.00
RAYMOND GERO	100.00	0
	100.00	-100.00
40543.00 War Memorials/Playground (receipts/journal)		-4,322.57
CHARLES WYNN	660.00	0
CHARLES WYNN JR	1,440.00	9.80
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	62.57	
CHARLES H. WYNN JR	2,160.00	
CHARLES WYNN	0.00	
	4,322.57	-4,322.57
50419.00 Creatory Expense (receipts/journal)		-3,496.20
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC	392.20	
DONALD J. SAVERY	3,104.00	
	3,496.20	-3,496.20

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	Expended	
60216.31 Constable Salaries (receipts/journal)		-191.00
CHARLIE HUNTER	93.00	
EDWARD VIVIER	90.00	
	183.00	-183.00
60219.70 Hampshire Sheriff's Dept. (receipts/journal)		-585.60
HAMPSHIRE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	505.00	
	585.60	-585.60
60210.05 Constable Expenses (receipts/journal)		0.00
	0.00	0.00
60218.99 Tows Radies (receipts/journal)		-23,600.00
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	23,134.00	
	23,134.00	-23,600.00
60220.09 Fire Chief/Forest Wat Sst (receipts/journal)		-509.00
LARRY PEASE	300.00	0.00
	300.00	-509.00
60210.01 Fire Dept Expenses (receipts/journal)		-3,176.82
DEFOUR INC	162.00	
L.P.ADAMS CO INC	14.00	
MOORE MEDICAL LLC	341.14	
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	334.00	
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	532.87	
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	736.50	
W.R.DENAULT	82.53	
AIRGAS UNISA LLC	772.80	
	3,176.82	-3,176.82
60218.02 Fire Dept Insp Salary (receipts/journal)		-300.00
LARRY PEASE	300.00	0.00
	300.00	-300.00

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	Expended		
6028.04 Fire Dept Dispatch Serv (receipts/journal)		4,663.00	
	6.00	-4,663.00	
6028.08 Forest Fire (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6028.11 Civil Defense (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6024.00 Building Inspector (receipts/journal)		-1,121.98	
GERALD GARDNER	1,172.98	0.00	
SHAMPORE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	1,892.98		
GERALD W. GARDNER	256.98		
	-1,121.98	-1,121.98	
6024.00 Electrical Inspection (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6024.01 Electrical Insp Expenses (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6024.05 Asst. Electrical Insp (receipts/journal)		-150.00	
JOHN SAVERY	160.00		
	100.00	-100.00	
6024.09 Plumbing Insp Salary (receipts/journal)		-369.00	
WILLIAM ZETTER	300.00	0.00	
	69.00	-369.00	
6024.01 Plumbing Insp Expenses (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	

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	Expended		
7059.00 Int of Health/Insp Salary (receipts/journal)		-3,046.25	
JACQUEL DUDA	90.75	0.00	
JACQUELYN DUDA	1,062.50	0.00	
	-2,646.25	-2,646.25	
7059.01 Board of Health Insp (receipts/journal)		-364.85	
JACQUEL DUDA	162.00	0.00	
MAHR	15.00		
JACQUEL DUDA	81.43		
JACQUELHNE DUDA	33.30		
NORMEN BURDORF	83.62		
	-364.85	-364.85	
7059.02 Health & Sanitation (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
7052.00 Lea Visiting Nurse (receipts/journal)		-1,102.50	
LEE REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOC	1,102.50		
	-1,102.50	-1,102.50	
8075.00 Building Project Loan (receipts/journal)		-17,601.75	
Dated Check	17,601.75		
	-17,601.75	-17,601.75	
8075.00 Short Term Interest (receipts/journal)		0.00	
Dated Check	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	
8181.01 Insurance (receipts/journal)		-27,262.53	
JACK BAYLIS	0.00	0.00	
MIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP INC	17,899.69		
MIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GRP INC	3,510.83		
TRAVELER CL. RISKMITTANCE CENTER	169.89		
CHUBB & SON	6,948.89		

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	Expended		
6028.00 Dog Office's Salary (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6029.01 Dog Expenses (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6029.10 Animal Inspector Exp (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
6024.01 Insect Pest Control (receipts/journal)		0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
7051.00 Automobile (receipts/journal)		-1,200.00	
BRISDALE VOLUNTEER FIREMANS ASSN	1,200.00		
	-1,200.00	-1,200.00	
7042.00 Equipment Area (receipts/journal)		-34,546.26	
KATHY ORRISON	2,778.20		
DAVE WICKLES TRUCKING	8,323.30		
HELLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CO	13,844.76		
	-34,546.26	-34,546.26	
7042.01 Capping Oil Drwy (receipts/journal)		-31,895.46	
	0.00	-31,895.46	
7041.04 Editors Business Mgmt (receipts/journal)		-1,095.00	
303MC	1,000.00		
	-1,095.00	-1,095.00	
7041.10 Treasurer Election Building (receipts/journal)		-14,071.85	
303MC	0.01		
	0.01	-14,071.85	

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	Expended		
9031.00 Make Public Buildings (receipts/journal)		27,802.88	-27,802.88
JACK BAYLIS	491.89	0.00	
ORANGE IMPACT	259.89		
SHAMPORE CO PURCHASING DEPT	161.11		
JOHN'S BUILDING SUPPLY	689.18		
L.F. ADAMS CO INC	27.90		
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO	314.87		
SAVERY ELECTRIC	323.19		
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	37.48		
WHDINO ENERGY FUELS	22,774.68		
LEE AUDIO & SECURITY, INC	683.90		
CTC	472.50		
POEHR PLUMBING HEATING	1,741.32		
AMERITEK	0.00		
OLAVIN FRABE	80.00		
KURT ZIMMACK	350.00		
E.E. FRESCOTT INC	285.60		
W.B. MALDON WHATTA BARGAIN	121.00		
LOGSDON ELECTRIC	480.13		
FREEMAN STEEL, INC	28.00		
VERIZON FIBER	654.44		
WMECO	8,032.82		
VERIZON	4,927.67		
W.B. MARSH CO., INC.	649.29		
VERIZON WIRELESS	84.99		
Concrete Pave Concrete	91.99		
	46,544.98	-46,544.98	
9031.00 Technology Expenses (receipts/journal)		-1,120.00	
KURT ZIMMACK	100.00		
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATE, INC	1,000.00		
	-1,120.00	-1,120.00	

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Annual Report for FY '13

The Massachusetts economy appears to be on the road to recovery from the "Great Recession," allowing the Commonwealth to increase its support to cities and towns. The Governor has suggested a large increase of funding for transportation and education. Because these two categories represent 70% of Middlefield's local budget, increased support may benefit us.

A list of necessary projects important to Middlefield's future can be found at the end of this report. Please feel free to look ahead to see how the Town can continue offering necessary services to its residents by maintaining infrastructure. Some of this can be funded by competing for grants, showing evidence that necessary preparations have been completed by the Town. One example of successful completion of the process is the \$138,000 "Green Communities" grant which made the Photovoltaic array behind the Town Hall possible, reducing electric bills.

Most of the items on the warrant for the Town Meeting pay bills for the Town's typical expenses. This impels us to look beyond our local tax revenue to fund new projects. We, like most towns in the area, face spending decisions

The Select Board and Finance Committee offer recommendations on warrant issues. Through the year, the Finance Committee looks at the condition of the Town's finances, identifying and evaluating issues and addressing them if a need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kearns, Chair

Ed Vivier, Secretary

Scott Artioli

Judy Hoag

Janine Savoy

	Expended	
9010.11 Town Hall Custodian		
(month/journal)		-4,427.75
JACK BAYLIS	108.00	0.00
JACK BAYLIS	1,694.75	0.00
JACK BAYLIS	617.00	0.00
	2,427.75	-2,427.75
9010.88 Town Hall Improvements		
(month/journal)		-12,648.18
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CO	6,623.95	
JAMBITEK	5,211.20	
KURT ZENACK	415.00	
DAVID OLES	408.00	
	12,648.18	-12,648.18
9010.99 Website/Technology		
(month/journal)		-590.23
ASCENEX	183.75	
WEB LETTERS INC	0.00	
STEPHEN HARRIS	395.48	
ODORAPICS WEB MEDIA	390.00	
	969.23	-969.23
9010.00 Printing		
(month/journal)		-585.30
PARADISE COPIES, INC	485.30	
	485.30	-585.30
9010.00 Council on Aging		
(month/journal)		-1,027.99
SUSAN BAKER-DONNELLY	31.99	
LOCKSON ELECTRIC	500.00	
U S POSTAL SERVICE	42.00	
KRISTEN M. SIDENING	453.00	
	1,027.99	-1,027.99
9060.00 Recreation Expense		
(month/journal)		-314.10
WORKDAY SERVICES	314.10	
	314.10	-314.10

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2012 Expense Report
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

	Expended	
9015.00 Invt/S Services		
TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD	367.33	
	32,970.00	-32,970.00
9017.00 Planner/Yearly Planning		
(month/journal)		-78.15
PROMER VALLEY PLANNING COMM	78.15	
	78.15	-78.15
9018.00 Due to State/Other		
(month/journal)		-40,000.00
TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD AND TAX COL.	40,000.00	
	40,000.00	-40,000.00
9018.00 Reserve Fund		
(month/journal)		0.00
	0.00	0.00
	1,381,083.47	-1,414,115.70

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	Expended	
9021.00 Historical Commission		
(month/journal)		-289.11
JACK COBB	223.13	
US POSTAL SERVICE	64.00	
	289.13	-289.11
9060.00 Agricultural Commission		
(month/journal)		0.00
	0.00	0.00
9010.00 County Retirement		
(month/journal)		-20,377.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYS	20,377.00	
	20,377.00	-20,377.00
9012.00 Hampshire Council of Govts		
(month/journal)		-111.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	255.54	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVT	127.92	
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	127.00	
	510.46	-510.46
9013.00 Unemployment Insurance		
(month/journal)		-647.94
MA DIV OF UNEMPLOYMENT	193.78	
MASS DIVISION OF UNEMP ASSEST	51.26	
	247.04	-647.94
9016.00 Social Security/Tax Share		
(month/journal)		-4.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	-4.00	
US TREASURY	4,192.75	
US POSTMASTER	64.00	
UNITED STATES TREASURY	200.24	
	4,662.27	-4,662.27
9019.00 Health Insurance		
(month/journal)		-12,970.00
Met Correction-W11-14C	2,877.87	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS TRUST	15,197.00	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS	14,648.13	
ACSA GROUP INSURANCE	0.00	

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Elected Officials

Selectboard:

Noreen Suriner, Chair	2013
Alan Vint, Clerk	2015
Mitch Feldmesser	2014

Assessors:

Laura Lafreniere	2013
Gita Jozsef	2014
Janine Savoy	2015

Cemetery Commissioners:

Mark Doane	2013
Larry Pease	2014
Timothy Pease	2015

Constables:

Charles Hunter	2013
Ed Vivier	2015

Library Trustees:

Christine Bresnahan	2013
Susan Baker-Donnelly	2014
Susan Donnelly	2015

Finance Committee:

Scott Artioli	2013
Ed Vivier	2013
Judy Hoag	2014
Janine Savoy	2015
Joseph Kearns	2015

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Mitch Feldmesser	2013
Judy Hoag	2014
Terrence Crean	2015

School Committee:

Sarah Foley	2013
Charles Henshaw	2013

Planning Board:

Maureen Sullivan	2013
Alan Vint	2014
Janine Savoy	2015
Michael Hale	2015
Terrence Crean	2015

Moderator:

Joseph Kearns	2013
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County Commissioner:

Joseph Kearns	2015
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Town Clerk:

Marjorie Batorski	2013
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Annual Appointees

Accountant:	Beverly Cooper
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Admin Asst:	Duane Pease
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Animal Inspector:	Heather Baylis
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Board of Health Agent:	Jackie Duda
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Electrical Inspector:	Eric Main
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EMS Director:	Ed Vivier
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Fire & Forest Warden:	Ron Radwich
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Fire Chief:	Ron Radwich
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Police Chief:	Thomas Austin
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Plumbing Inspector:	William Zeitler
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Recycling Coordinator:	Joseph Kearns
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Town Clerk Asst:	Eleanor Doyle
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Tree Warden:	Skip Savery
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Veteran's Agent:	Steve Connor
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Westfield River Wild & Scenic	
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Advisory:	Carl Lafreniere
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Wood Bark Measurer:	Edward James
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Appointed Boards with 3 year staggered terms

Agricultural Commission:

Glenns Austin 2015
Heather Baylis 2013
Cheryl Harper 2013
Maureen Sullivan 2014
Mitch Feldmesser 2014

Communication Committee:

Steve Harris 2013
Joseph Kearns 2015

Conservation Committee:

Alan Vint 2013
Michael Feldberg 2013
Mitch Feldmesser 2013
Kim Baker 2014
Wayne Main 2014

Wired West:

Steve Harris 2015

Cultural Council:

Charlene Gero 2015
Tracy Gero 2013
Judy Hoag 2014
Crystal Main 2013
Maureen Surliner 2014

Historical Commission:

Jack Cobb 2015
Rita Doktor 2013
Marjorie Batorski 2014
Maryann Walsh 2015
John Savery 2014
Howard Knickerbocker 2014

Registrar of Voters: one year term

Marjorie Batorski
Anita Myers
Cyndy Olligny
Tamarin Laurel-Paine

Animal Control Officers:

One Year Appointment

Terry Andrews
667-8725
Jan Hines
354-7810