

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

FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013



We All Miss You

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Board of Health

Building Inspector

Communications Committee

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

Cultural Committee

Finance Committee

Fire Chief

Historical Commission

Library

Planning Board

Selectboard

Tax Collector

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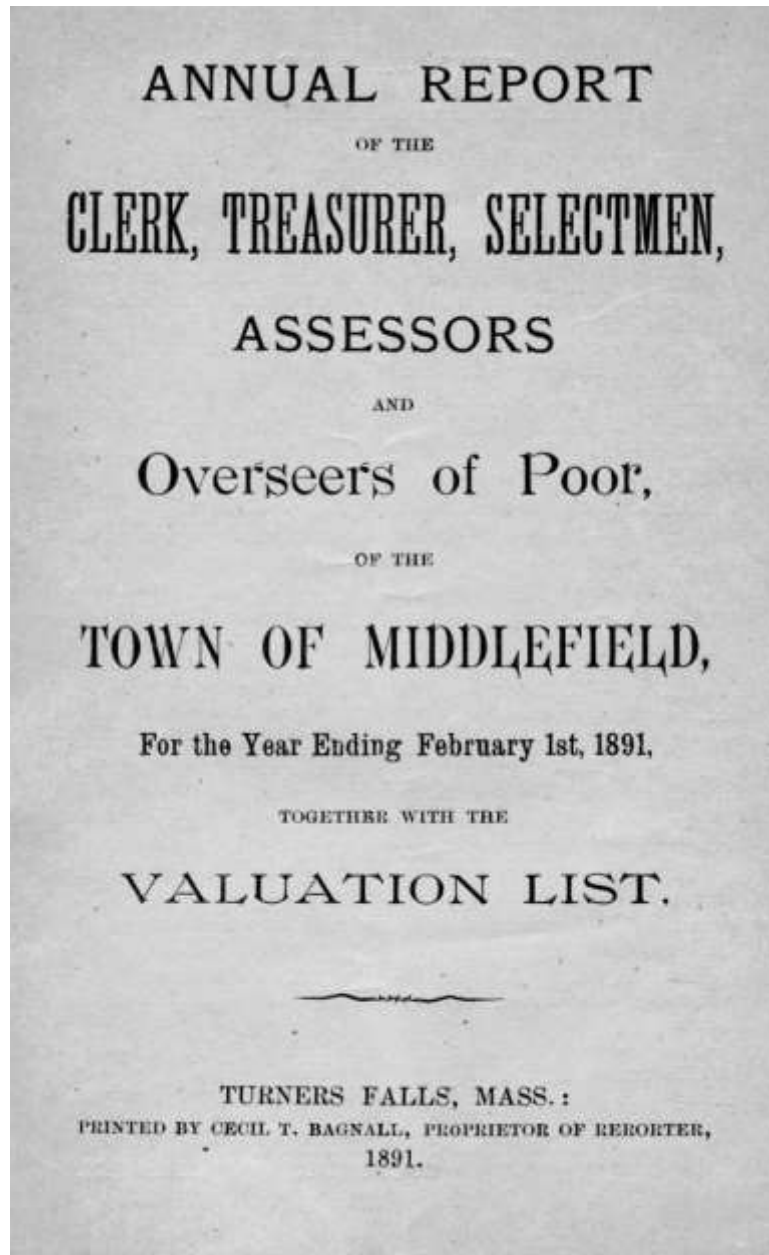
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OUR BRIAN'S SONG

There was no way to plan, no way to have a say
as Brian's sudden exit came on a dreary day
To never see that beaming smile, the burley build and
hands so strong - it can't be true, it must be wrong.
A brother, uncle, friend and son so loved our town, both
one and all, he stood ready to heed their call.
Our rocks were pulled from stony fields,
tractors and diggers were always his trade, done with excellence,
never a doubt. Trees were cut, the cider squeezed and only when
the day was over, with Cecil in hand, he would head for a home built
long ago by his father on Middlefield land,
with sweat and labor. Brian was a modest man in every way;
we knew his talents, what made him tick. He sought no glory, wealth or
fame. Friends and family were loved so deeply.
The long, long talks, the cold beer and nature's beauty
he held so dear. You know he's here, he always will be;
a little late as was his way.
Make sure to toast our Middlefield Brother.
His spirit is here, I have no doubt, a Middlefield Giant
is roaming about!

JUDY ARTIOLI
September 5, 2013

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Town By-Laws Pertaining to the Annual Report

Chapter II: Town Meetings

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

Chapter III: Town Officers

I. Selectmen

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

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

III. Treasurer

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

IV. Finance Committee

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

Chapter VIII: Records and Reports

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

This year's Report has been prepared as a searchable digital document with very simple formatting. The report will appear on the Town's Web Site before it is printed. We hope to simplify the annual creation of these reports – and at the same time make them as useful as possible. What other information would you like to see?

Selectboard

As we did last year, first and foremost, we would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the professional staff, highway and maintenance personnel, and numerous volunteers for their dedicated service to our town. It often seems that many people take for granted the very significant effort that so many people exert to maintain and improve the quality of our town.

Whether elected or appointed, the vast majority of board members donate countless hours of community service to assist the town in keeping pace and moving into the future, and they do so, for the most part, anonymously, without interest in praise or thanks.

Infrastructure improvements have been completed or are underway in many different areas.

The solar array has been online and functioning for many months now. Other Green Community grant moneys have been spent on completely new energy efficient heating systems for the highway garage and fire station and new, energy efficient doors and windows will soon be installed in the highway garage as well.

The roof repair and associated projects at the senior center should be commencing soon, the money for this project coming from a grant gained with the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The town hall is undergoing upgrades as well. The kitchen is being rehabilitated and cleaned to bring it up to the standards for state and local certification, and a project to repair and replace the

ceiling tiles will soon be commencing. A new walkway and entry door for the library has been completed.

A committee has been formed to look into options for the two abandoned buildings in the town center. The committee has met with numerous state and regional officials and there are hopes that a positive resolution will be found to begin to restore the town center after a decade or more of neglect.

The so called "middle mile" of fiber optic broadband telecommunication services has reached Middlefield. The town hall is connected and the highway garage and fire station will be as well. Faster internet service will be available at town hall and this "middle mile" connection is the next step towards making high speed internet service available to the entire town.

The Select Board chose to reorganize the Council on Aging and we are happy to report a tremendous upswing in volunteers to assist the ever increasing number of seniors in our town.

We can also report that a much greater volume of meeting minutes from various boards are now easily accessed on our town website.

Other current issues before the board include the ongoing struggle regarding the potential withdrawal of Worthington from the Gateway School District, supporting the Building Commissioner, Planning Board, ZBA and BOH in gaining insights from Town Counsel on a variety of old and new issues, and moving forward with more town hall improvements and upgrades.

Deaths Recorded at Middlefield

- March 18, 2013 Roy Haapala, 82 years. Died at Darien, GA and interred at Middlefield.
- June 5, 2013 Rarmond A. Letendre Sr. 77 years. Died at Middlefield
- September 1, 2013 Eduardo Echavarra, 44 years. Died at Middlefield and interred at Queens, NY
- September 2, 2013 Brian H. Miller, 55 years. Died at Cummington and interred at Middlefield.
This annual report is respectfully dedicated to Brian's memory.
- October 12, 2013 Mildred (Ferris) Knickerbocker, 92 years. Died at Manchester, CT and interred at Middlefield. She was a daughter of Middlefield whose father, brother and son have served on our selectboard.
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“Laurel at the New Cemetery”
(from an early glass slide)

Finance

This year the greatest fiscal concern for the Town of Middlefield is the action by the Town of Worthington to withdraw from our regional school district. It now appears that if Worthington succeeds, the remaining six towns of the Gateway Regional School District will experience increased costs to support education. Many efforts have been made to resolve the issue. Currently, the withdrawal is being examined by the Massachusetts Legislature which is empowered to override the original Regional School Agreement. The Gateway Town Advisory Committee (GTAC) has been meeting regularly to resolve the issue. Middlefield is represented on this committee. At a meeting with DESE (the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) attended by the assistant Commissioner of Education, the six towns' concerns were enumerated.

This year many money-saving energy

improvements have been made to our town buildings as a result our designation as a Green Community. Since June 2013, the photovoltaic array at the Town Hall reduced the town electric bill. For ten years the town will also receive rebates in the form of SRECs (Solar Renewal Energy Credits.) The furnaces at the town garage and Fire Department have been replaced through a Green Community grant. In addition, their grant is funding new doors and windows for the town garage.

Wired West is working to bring broadband to residents of the forty communities in our area, including Middlefield. We anticipate that this effort will not be realized until 2016. Its cost will be about \$100 million. The Commonwealth legislature has voted \$50 million to start the program.

Assessors

The Board of Assessors (BOA) oversees real and personal property valuations upon which the property taxes are based. The office functions as part of the town government system but must comply with Massachusetts General Laws and is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

Approximately 80 percent 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 the Massachusetts property tax laws.

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

The town's property data is maintained using the State's computer assisted mass appraisal system (CAMA). This system not only assists in analyzing property values, but also contains property data, building sketches, photographs, ownership history, and additional data used by other departments. The database is linked to the State's Community

Software Consortium system.

FY 2014 was a triennial revaluation year for the Town of Middlefield. The office was open November 22-27 for the public to review their preliminary property record cards. On December 10, 2013 the BOA received an approval notice from the DOR stating that the proposed property assessments had met all certification requirements.

Following preliminary certification, the BOA provided data for the Select Board's annual tax classification hearing, to apportion the tax levy among various classes of property. The Assessors then prepared and submitted an annual tax rate recapitulation to the DOR, to ensure that the town has a balanced budget within the limits of Proposition 2½. Statutory exemptions for veterans, the blind and the elderly of \$3,650 were granted in FY 2014.

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.

The BOA, in conjunction with the Communication Committee, also provides interactive mapping (GIS) online for the convenience of town residents who can now view assessing maps in their web browser. The mapping program allows you to superimpose layers such as wetlands or an aerial view over assessing parcels, and to print the resulting maps.

Please visit the Assessors' page on the town's website 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.

FY 2014 assessed values for various classes of property and their share of the tax levy:

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Rate (mil)</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Levy %</u>
Residential	\$60,489,796	17.42	\$1,053,732	91.72
Commercial	\$2,686,746	17.42	\$46,803	4.07
Industrial	\$24,700	17.42	\$430	0.04
<u>Personal</u>	<u>\$2,748,092</u>	<u>17.42</u>	<u>\$47,872</u>	<u>4.17</u>
TOTAL	\$65,949,334	17.42	\$1,148,837	100

Motor Vehicle Excise bills for calendar year 2013 also generated \$50,417.67 in tax receivables.

Planning

The Planning Board, with the assistance of a senior planner with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, has spent the last year reviewing and revising a number of the town's zoning by-laws with the expectation of presenting these potential revisions to the townspeople in the coming months through a series of public hearings and comment periods to solicit feedback and further revision before holding a Special Town Meeting to vote on

the proposed changes. The topics under review include the zoning use tables and definitions, the home-based business by-law, signage, and a potential new village center district.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

No Report Received

Tax Collector

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

The residents of Middlefield continue to be a pleasure to work for and with. They are timely in their payments and the work of the Deputy Collector for unpaid excise bills continues to lessen. Collecting delinquent taxes continues to be our major focus of the Collectors office. I

have established payment plans with some of our delinquent payers and these payers are adhering to their commitments. I will use Tax Title as a means of last resort for those parties who don't honor their Real Estate taxes.

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

Cemetery

Another year has passed and it seems most is well in our cemeteries. As of this writing in March, we'll be able to see more as the snow goes away.

Thanks to Don for keeping the grass mowed and trimmed. I have seen other places that aren't able to not to fault anyone, yet it's such a great respect to those gone before us to keep our area's looking good. We are hopeful for some property located

next to Pine Grove Cemetery on Clark Wright rd. to become future burial land. This is a gift from someone who hasn't lived in Middlefield year round, but has some ties to it. Thanks to everyone for their continued support to help place flags at the Veterans graves every year and to others for their support in different ways.

Library

This year the library continues to provide free materials to the people of Middlefield in a neutral and relaxed setting. We have continued to put more new, uncatalogued and donated books on the shelf for our patrons. Our holdings have steadily climbed from 5355 last year to 5832 today.

We completed the walkway to the new door in the Library. We are also planning to install a new library sign near the walkway which should be completed in a couple of weeks.

The library applied for and received a Cultural Council grant which will be used for several initiatives including: inspirational speaker Don Brown who spoke about his book *The Morphine Dream*. This speaker had 32 people in attendance in the auditorium and was very well received.

There are several other free programs which will be rolled out including a family baseball night at Waconah Park.

We continue to search for ways to get books into the hands of Middlefieldians. We have partnered with the COA to plan programs and bring books to the senior luncheon. The children's After School Program continues to be a hit with the kids. We are planning a "Free Library" project at the local dump and a Downton Abbey project is in the works.

We welcome Ruth Feldberg to the Board of Trustees. She brings a wealth of knowledge and creativity to the library which is most welcome.

Highway

It was relatively quiet year weather wise for the Highway Department with no major snowfalls. There were many small storms starting in January with extreme cold temperatures for the remainder of the winter.

The projects for the year include:

- Installation of new walkway for the library
- Bring in fill for the solar array in back of Town Hall
- Replaced the culvert and basin at the intersection of Arthur Pease and Bell Road
- Dug and repaired the damaged section of pipe that was causing a sinkhole on Town Hill Road
- Prepped a section of Root Road that will be this spring's Chapter 90 paving project
- Worked with Wild and Scenic River Coordinator Carrie Banks to upgrade the culvert for Den Brook on the lower portion of Clark Wright. Tighe and Bond did the engineering study for this project.
- Tighe and Bond is also working to close out the town garage groundwater cleanup testing. We need four clean rounds of testing. We have three to date and the fourth round is scheduled for the middle of May.
- Worked with O'Connell Oil to change out old heating system at the town garage. All windows and doors will be changed as

well. This was done through the Green Energy Grant.

- There will be an extra allotment of funds through Chapter 90 for pothole repair that needs to be done this spring. We are reviewing a couple of roads to make the best use of these funds.
- Work was done at the transfer station to hammer out ledge making room for a second open top box.

Equipment wise, this year we are looking to replace the 2001 F550 with a 2015 F550 equipped with a stainless steel standard dump body, a slide in stainless sander, plow frame capable of accepting the snow plow from the old F550. The truck is an important piece of equipment for the Highway Department. We cannot use Chapter 90 monies to replace the truck or the equipment on it. The state will not allow the use of funds for trucks less than 27,000 lbs. GVW. The addition of this new truck will complete the upgrade of the Highway Department equipment. With this completed, we can look into a Capital Expenditure program to plan for replacement as equipment starts to wear out.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Highway Department.

Building Inspector

No Report Received

Fire

Last year we had thirty calls. We have twenty eight members in our department, which includes members who are EMT'S. This year some of our members completed classroom training programs for firefighter one and two at the Massachusetts firefighting academy.

We again asked for \$25,000.00 to complete updating our turn-out gear to be compliant. We have purchased nine additional sets giving us twenty-one complete sets. Again this year we applied for a 50/50 forestry grant in the amount of \$3,960.00 which we did receive. We will be reimbursed \$1,980 from Massachusetts DCR. We received \$1748.50 from last year's grant; all money went towards purchasing forestry equipment.

We were given a 1975 Dodge power wagon to be used as a brush truck. At this time we are setting this truck up with equipment. A 1962 tanker was taken out of service due to it being unreliable. The water tank will be transferred to a newer military five ton truck that was also given to us.

We were all shocked and saddened by the tragic accident and loss of one of our members Brian Miller. Brian was a member of the Middlefield fire Department for forty years. We will all miss Brian. He was a dedicated member of our department and a truly a great friend in our community. Brian touched everyone's heart in some special way. His helpful hands and his great sense of humor will be missed.

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

FY 2013 Calls:

Medical – 24
Car Fire – 1
Brush Fire – 1
Mutual Aid – 1
CO Detector Alarm – 2
Chimney Fire - 1

Police

The 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 have continued to receive training at Gateway Regional High School sponsored by the

Hampshire County District Attorney's Office and the Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force.

This year has seen an increase in the number of cyber related crimes and complaints not only in town but also in the hilltowns. There are specific laws and regulations that govern harassing phone calls, emails, tweets, and other forms of electronic communication. Parents should take the time to counsel children not to make threatening statements or to send threatening messages. If sent, the messages may be considered as a crime

and can be used as evidence in a criminal complaint or proceeding.

Given the uncertain times, homeowners should also continue to 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 wants to express its thanks to the town for approving the purchase of a new police cruiser for the town. This cruiser along with the existing cruiser will allow the department to respond quicker to calls and continue to provide service to the town for years to come. It is hoped that the cruiser will be delivered in time for the annual town meeting.

The department was able to get several homeland security grants which have allowed the department to install a new base radio and repeater at the station which has improved communication reception throughout the town. The new system can be used in an emergency by not only the police department but also the fire and highway departments as well. The grant also allowed the department to purchase additional

equipment housed in the police office that can be used for officer training. The department also applied for and received partial grant funding from the federal law enforcement bullet proof vest program to replace protective vests for all members of the department.

The department continues to run on a very lean town budget and the grants have assisted to fill the void in local funding. 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 continues to provide services utilizing an entirely part-time police force including the Chief. The department continues to foster a very positive relationship with area town police departments and wants to thank the Massachusetts State Police and MEMA 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 run 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

Emergency Management

The emergency management department, along with the police department, has been working very hard to bring the town's emergency preparedness to a higher level. We recently received a grant to improve the town's emergency preparedness by purchasing and having installed a radio repeater at the town hall. This new equipment has increased the radio coverage

throughout the town. We do not yet have complete radio coverage but the area with reliable communications has been greatly increased. We are able to use portable radios in areas that we couldn't communicate with before.

We plan on working very closely with MEMA in the following year and will continue to improve our emergency management systems.

Animal Control and Inspector of Animals

The Massachusetts Animal Control Officer's Association conducted training at the Boylston Police Academy for the Certification Course for Animal Control Officers. It is a new law that all towns have Certified Animal Control Officers (ACO's). We have the benefit of updated information from the M.G.L., specifically Chapter 140 which details Public Safety and Good Order, In addition, as Inspectors of Animals, this training covered the law regarding livestock shelter, adequate care (food and water), and importing (across state lines) of livestock for reports and quarantines. The FEMA training included IS-00100.b Incident Command System and IS-00700.a National Incident Management System. Management of both livestock and pets during an emergency were covered in detail.

We visited 32 "farms" in the fall of 2013. The purpose of documenting ownership of each animal (even just one chicken needed to be counted) provides the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources with data for response planning in an emergency. The Department can help people get their animals clear of potentially dangerous situations and/or assist in planning any

Licenses, Kennels, Rabies Vaccination, Animals "at large", Vicious dogs, Nuisance barking or other Disturbance, Dangerous Dogs and Orders for Remedial Action, Dogs which worry Livestock, Chaining or Tethering, and Animal Neglect. The Selectboard was given a Town Copy of Chapter 140.

disease control or natural disaster response. It is also good to note that poultry owners may access free Salmonella Pullorum and Avian Influenza testing with the Division of Animal Health.

There were 95+ dogs licensed in 2013. This provided a data base for reference with complaints of "dogs at large" or to know when dogs were not licensed, and therefore potentially at risk for rabies if not vaccinated. Bites of unknown origin are documented for quarantine and public safety. A total of 4 home kennels were inspected prior to licensure for the 2014 cycle. All kennels were inspected and approved as meeting all standards of care per the state guidelines.

There were calls to the ACO's for investigations of a barking dog (1), missing dogs (4), missing cat

(1), neglect (1), unlicensed dog (1), dogs “at large” (2), and dead animal removal (1). In addition, over 50# of donated food was offered to individuals who would benefit from “extra” bags and cans (both dog and cat).

Please contact us at (413) 354-0975 with any concerns for animal care or help - and additional information for pets or livestock.

Conservation

Conservation Commissions in Massachusetts are charged with overseeing the parameters of the state’s Wetlands Protection Act.

The commission operates under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Throughout the year the commission holds monthly meetings, public hearings, as necessary, and surveys sites and responds to concerns and complaints regarding wetlands issues.

The commissioners also attend seminars and classes from time to time to update their knowledge and understanding of current regulations.

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

Communication

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

The 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 two years ago. Various boards and committees have been regularly adding calendar events and uploading their minutes, and more community events and vital town information have been submitted for posting.

New website features include real-time access to production data for the Town’s photoelectric array.

Behind the scenes we instituted a comprehensive security system with firewall protection and daily scans, which has detected no problems to date.

Town Hall Data Security

A backup solution was needed for the computers in the town hall, including a means of recovery in the event of disaster such as a hard disk crash, fire or theft. After analyzing a number of options, it was determined that Backblaze cloud backup would be the most economical and effective solution to back up all data files. Backblaze was installed on all critical computers – for the Selectboard, accountant, assessors, treasurer, tax collector, and the library – and set to provide continuous, real-time backup.

Connecting to MassBroadband 123

The MassBroadband 123 middle mile fiber network finally made it to the Town Hall and Firehouse, and went live at the end of 2013. After the horrendously noisy Ethernet switch in the “chair closet” was replaced with a low-power, low-acoustic, 12-port device that is more than adequate for our needs, peace was restored to the auditorium. We analyzed potential applications for MassBroadband 123 at various locations, and are in the process of transitioning to fiber for the town offices and library, including the installation of additional wireless access points.

The Town Hall Network

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

We have had occasional issues with DSL service. We expect the new fiber service will provide more continuous uptime.

New Phone System

With the implementation of fiber service, the Committee is looked into the feasibility and cost of replacing the current Verizon phone service in the Town Hall with a Centrex-type hosted VoIP alternative with ring central and other features. We have hired an expert consultant to help us sort through numerous options.

The Middlefield GIS

Our powerful geographic information system (GIS), which can be accessed via the town website, continues to run smoothly. We added a new “data layer,” which lets you see where DLS service is available.

WiredWest

We continue to be an active participant in the WiredWest cooperative to bring last mile fiber broadband to underserved communities. You can view project updates and other information at <http://wiredwest.net>.

Historical

The Historical Commission hosts open houses at our museum on Saturdays during summer holiday weekends - as well as during Middlefield Days. We are always available to open on special request. We man the farm building during the annual Middlefield Fair and present varying exhibits every year. This year an electronic slide show of 120 year old Middlefield “Magic Lantern” glass photos caught the attention of many of our visitors.

The Commission has slowly started to digitize our unique photograph and document collections. Hopefully we will get them on-line and available to the distant audience unable to visit Middlefield. We have helped several folks this year that made contact by email. We have access and knowledge of local research resources that are not widely known outside the local area.

Finally we note with sadness the passing of Roy Haapala in March of 2013. Roy served for many years as our secretary. We miss him greatly.

Council on Aging (COA)

A recent demographic projection by the State predicts that Middlefield will have a population consisting of 55% over age 60 seniors by 2030. COA will become even more critical in providing for our rapidly expanding senior population.

COA continues to serve our seniors a weekly meal in a social setting, to provide transportation to medical appointments and to supply monthly “brown bags” of staple foods to eligible seniors.

Suzanne Lemieux has been hired as a meal coordinator to ensure continuity of the weekly operations. She has qualified for the “Safe Serve” food handling certificate.

COA has organized an outreach team to survey our seniors to determine unmet needs. A newsletter is one planned avenue to enhance regular communication and provide information. Funds have been allocated in the upcoming budget for additional outside activities.

An analysis of the COA building has been made and recommendations provided to the Select Board for urgent energy conservation upgrades and construction of a handicapped accessible bathroom. The Select Board has sponsored and the Finance Committee recommends the

allocation of funds for this bathroom construction (Article 23). COA requests the support of the town in this matter.

The Select Board has sponsored and the Finance Committee recommends a request by COA to change the town by-laws so COA members are appointed for staggered three year terms instead of the current one year appointment (Article 26). COA believes this change will enhance membership continuity and thus stability of the COA. We again ask for the Town’s support in this matter.

COA acknowledges both the direct financial support of the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs and the additional transportation grant provided by the Franklin Regional Transit Authority. Your COA is a member of the Southern Hilltown COA Consortium which is also financially supported by Elder Affairs. We are dues paying members of the Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA).

We conclude with grateful acknowledgement and thanks to Susan Baker-Donnelly for her many years of dedicated service to the seniors of Middlefield.

Cultural Council

No Report Received

Veterans

The Central Hampshire Veterans Services District mission is to aid, support, and advocate for the Veterans of our communities and/or their dependents. A secondary mission is to work with the Veterans Council to arrange for Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades, and other patriotic events. The District serves Veterans and their families in the communities of Northampton, Amherst, Pelham, Chesterfield, Williamsburg, Goshen, Worthington, Cummington, Hadley, and Middlefield. The expanded district has given all of the member communities' access to a veterans' service office on a full-time basis. There are two full-time Veterans' Service Officers with diverse backgrounds and experience to better answer questions, solve problems, and deal with the struggles unique to those who have served in our Armed Forces.

Our work with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness to develop an Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness among Veterans was completed and the plan was introduced in April 2013. The Director continues to serve on the Governor's committee that developed the plan and is co-chairing the Prevention Working Group which will implement the plan over the next two years in order to reach the goal

Our office, through the efforts of the Director and Deputy Director, has continued with the Veterans

Justice Partnership. This is collaboration between the Northwest District attorney's office, the VA and Soldier On - and a number of other interested parties. This collaboration meets the needs of returning veterans struggling to re-integrate back into the community who often find themselves in legal trouble due to the struggles of moving from combat to community life.

The director is also serving on a statewide committee developing trainings for probation officers and other court personnel regarding the Valor Act and implementation of how to address the needs of returning veterans.

Our Veterans Field Agents have assisted one local veteran and his families (in 2013/2014 FY) with State Veterans Chapter 115 Benefits and 5 additional veterans and their families with Veterans Administration filings and other miscellaneous paperwork to include the Massachusetts Veterans Administration Aid & Attendance applications, VA and State Death Benefits, Massachusetts Veterans Cemeteries, VA Cemetery applications, Grave markers and headstone. This assistance with Veterans Administration cases helps bring federal dollars into the local communities; a total of \$87,450.00 for the town of Middlefield. This work also included assisting veterans and families with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Holyoke Soldiers Home Applications and VA HUD VASH Program applications for housing.



Francis Pease – WW1

Health Agent

Here I am in the third year of service to Middlefield and it seems like I joined your little community just yesterday. 2013 has been quieter and less busy than the previous 2 years.

In 2013, the Board/I issued the following permits: food—11, septic system installer—2, septic system pumper—2, and 3 septic system construction permits. I witnessed 1 percolation test, and inspected 10 food vendors at the fair, and also the Blossom Center's new food establishment. Four hundred dollars was turned over to the Treasurer during calendar 2013.

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

Nurses



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	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
	7/1/12-9/30/12	10/1/12-12/31/12	1/1/13-3/31/13	4/1/13-6/30/13	
Skilled Nursing	8	0	2	3	13
Physical Therapy	17	0	1	0	18
Occupational Therapy	0	0	2	0	2
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Social Work	0	0	0	1	1
Maternal Child Health	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrition Services	0	0	0	0	0
Home Health Aide	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	5	4	34
NON-BILLABLE	0	0	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

Hillstown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC)

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 25 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 25 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 Hilltown region.

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 zero waste issues on behalf of member Towns
- Advocating on sustainability and green energy issues for its member Towns.
- Supporting and bidding green energy projects where appropriate

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 Adam Leach from Worthington and the current Treasurer of the HRMC is Tom Martin from Westhampton. The HRMC has a ½ time contracted administrator, Eric Weiss who works 25hrs each week to manage and operate the HRMC.
- 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 three 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 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 and divert 1,811 tons of material from disposal
- Save \$122,272 in avoided disposal costs
- Save 5,198 tons of greenhouse gas emissions through recycling
- Earn over \$24,757 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 o(413- 687 -3356 Or email us at hrmc@crocker.com right away. You can also access our new upgraded web site at www.hrmc-ma.org.

Hampshire Council of Government (HCOG)

The Hampshire Council of Governments 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 2013 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. All revenue generated is reinvested back into local communities.

In Fiscal Year 2013 the Town of Middlefield used the following Council programs and services with an

estimated savings and value of \$18,708: Hampshire Power; Municipal Aggregation; Green Community support; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties. *By taking advantage of the unused and underutilized programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings.*

ADMINISTRATION

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.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Hampshire Power is the only local electricity supplier with a non-profit mission to save you money and keep electricity dollars in the local economy. Achievements in FY 2013:

- Expanded Product offerings to include Fixed Price product that offers long term rates designed to be below the default utility price.
- Expanded customer base to cover all five western Massachusetts counties.

Community Choice Aggregation is a program for residential and business customers designed to bring choice and control and cost savings to the electricity market. Now with over 160,000 people covered under the Council's Aggregations, the buying power enhances the opportunity for savings. The program has moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of thirty-eight communities.

- The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities.
- Additional towns are lining up to join the program.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative: The Cooperative is celebrating its 32nd year serving 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 2013 was

\$6,244,980.58 with an estimated savings of \$722,112.67 for participating communities.

Hampshire IT: The Council operates a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to municipalities and school districts by partnering with Paragus, Strategic IT. The program has experienced growth over the past year and continues to add new towns. The more towns join the contract, the lower the hourly rate for everyone participating in the program.

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 2013 the Council provided accounting services for the Towns of Goshen and 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 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.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INSURANCE TRUST (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with no premium increases for the 2013 Insurance Year. 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 2013 (April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013), the collective premium for the Trust was approximately \$48 million. 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. It utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. Mini grants awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams help to develop and implement wellness programs 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 Potlucks
- 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

The mission of the Sustainability Department is 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 2013 the Sustainability Department has

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of July 1, 2013, has 126 clients and 973kW under contract.
- Created and administered a large RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in municipalities throughout western Massachusetts. Moving ahead with a 850kW solar array in Wilbraham.
- Monitored Massachusetts solar and green energy markets and provided guidance to member towns on the direction of the green energy markets.
- Assisted the Town of Middlefield in the implementation of its Green Community Energy Reduction Plan. Including the installation of a 12kW solar array.

- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer a financially viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.
- Provided technical assistance to contracted clients on a fee for service basis through the position of the Sustainability Director.

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. 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 2013, 681 RSVP volunteers gave more than 112,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3 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:

- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 67 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 500 seniors
- 14 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills
- 169 volunteers increased food security in our region through service at food banks, survival centers, and senior meal programs.
- 338 volunteers improved the quality of life for almost 14,000 seniors by leading

activities and providing information at senior centers.

THE TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (TFCP)

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 program's successes include:

- Passed updated tobacco regulations in three Hampshire County towns that prohibit the sale of tobacco in health care institutions (including pharmacies), restrict the sale of single cheap cigars, ban the sale of blunt wraps, and limit youth access to nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes.
- A strong presence in creating Smoke Free Environments. In addition to efforts that resulted in the Yankee Candle Company implementing a tobacco free property policy at their flagship store, distribution center and corporate headquarters, Yankee Hill apartments (Easthampton) and the Ware Housing Authority have also adopted a smoke free policy within their housing developments. These policies eliminate the risk of secondhand smoke exposure.
- Individual presentations were made at over 16 community based organizations regarding Other Tobacco Products (OTP) and smoking cessation and smoke free housing policy. These presentations were frequently addressed to family support staff within the organizations.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) is the regional planning agency for the Pioneer Valley region which encompasses the 43 municipalities of Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

In 2013, through PVPC's District Local Technical Assistance program, Land Use staff assisted the town in the development of a zoning bylaw and map revision which created a new Village Center District as well as commercial design guidelines for this district. Staff also prepared a Model Medical Marijuana Dispensary Bylaw for the town's use.

PVPC's Community Development and Historic Preservation staff have participated in meetings with the Middlefield Town Center Committee to discuss the former general store as well as help determine next steps in revitalizing the town center. PVPC's Brownfields staff continues to work with the town to address the environmental issues associated with the general store property. The program's assessment consultant has developed a scope of work and cost estimate for the next steps at the site and in the coming year, PVPC staff will work complete the remaining environmental assessment that is needed on the property.

The town of Middlefield participated in a joint application with the towns of Russell and Chester

for FY13 Community Development Block Grant Funding. A total of \$1 Million was awarded to the three towns including \$170,000 for the replacement of the roof on the town's Senior Center and Village Museum. Both the Senior Center building, as well as Middlefield's Town Center are included in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Cultural Resource Database and in the fall of 2012, Middlefield's Town Center was approved for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Because of this designation, all of the building's roof surfaces will be replaced with new slate. The roof replacement project will take place in the summer of 2014 and will also include upgrades to the building's ventilation system, chimney, electrical system and insulation in the attic and the building's gutters and downspouts. Also included in the grant award is a regional housing rehabilitation program available to income-eligible residents in Middlefield to make improvements to their homes. Through funding of this grant, residents may also take advantage of services offered by the following programs at no charge; Hilltown Social Service Program including the Gateway Family Center and the Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE), the Huntington Food Pantry, the Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center and the services provided by the Southern Hilltown's Domestic Violence Task Force.

WiredWest

The WiredWest initiative is the result of broadband advocates throughout Western Massachusetts coming together to solve the problem of inadequate access and ensure the solution serves the needs of our communities.

WiredWest consists of 47 Charter towns in Western Massachusetts that are unserved or underserved by broadband. The towns formally joined organizational discussions following votes at 2010 annual town meetings or Select Board action.

The Municipal Light Plant (MLP) recommendation is a result of extensive research guided by local municipal counsel, project counsel and a national community broadband consultant. The MLP option is advantageous to our efforts for a number of reasons, particularly the expediency of using existing legislation.

In addition to governance work, WiredWest and its consultants have compiled a business plan with projected financial statements; maintained relationships with key stakeholders including towns, legislators, local businesses, schools, citizens, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and regional planning and economic development agencies, and other organizational activities. For more information, please visit www.wiredwest.net.

Why a municipal fiber network? A municipal model is used because our region doesn't offer enough profitability for the private sector. Using a municipal model allows capital to be borrowed at lower rates and paid back over a longer period.

A fiber-optic network provides superior performance over any other technology and is able to accommodate escalating bandwidth needs of modern applications like video streaming and file sharing. Fiber delivers phone, internet, television - and innovative ancillary services like telemedicine and home security – all over a single line.

How does WiredWest fit with the State's middle mile? WiredWest is working closely with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to ensure the creation of a robust, high performance network in WiredWest towns, from end to end. The MBI is completing a middle mile network that brings fiber to an end point in each town.

WiredWest is proposing a last mile network that extends the fiber from the MBI's end point out to homes and businesses in our towns. This makes reliable, high-performance, fiber-optic service available to all who want it.

WiredWest is actively pursuing two sources of financing, seeking to raise about \$50 million to match the approximately \$50 million for last-mile broadband in the IT Bond Bill pending in the state legislature.

The Federal Communications Commission requested "Expressions of Interest" for what it calls "experiments" in rural broadband deployment by "non-traditional" entities. These will be funded from the Connect America Fund (CAF), successor to the Universal Service Fund, which subsidized telephone service in high-cost rural areas with a small charge on the bills of all telephone users. On March 7 WiredWest filed a

detailed letter with the FCC expressing its interest in the program and explaining its unique qualifications to participate.

Local participation in the financing of the last mile is essential. Toward that end WiredWest is considering issuance of a bond, which as a Municipal Lighting Plant Cooperative it is legally empowered to do. The bond would be backed by the borrowing authority of its member towns, which would not be required to make payments on the bond unless at some point WiredWest was unable to do so.

One issue that needs to be resolved for the towns to back a WiredWest bond is how to

allocate liability among the towns. This has been the subject of considerable discussion at Executive Committee and Board meetings, and Finance Chair Drawe has prepared extensive materials to foster that evaluation. While a methodology has not been agreed upon, everyone does agree that it must be fair, and that it must stand up to the stringent due diligence to which the bond issuance will be subject.

To support its assessment of a \$1,000 annual fee for Fiscal Year 2015, unanimously approved by the WiredWest Board of Directors, the Executive Committee prepared a justification for the funds and provided it to Board members and alternates to make available to officials in their towns.

Wild & Scenic Westfield River

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

In March, the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee co-sponsored 3 workshops for 200 highway and municipal officials, conservation commissioners, engineering consultants, regional planning and state agency staff in Western Massachusetts. The Committee provided scholarships to Highway Departments, Conservation Commissions and other municipal officials in the 10 Wild & Scenic Towns to attend a workshop. In addition, towns were eligible to apply for a Community Grant to fund preliminary engineering services to advance flood resilient, fish friendly road-stream crossing replacements in their towns. Three towns applied, including the Towns of Becket,

Middlefield and Washington. Engineering services included preparing a MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant application; providing technical information, recommendations and cost estimates; flagging and mapping wetland and river resource areas; and providing a Right-of-Way Survey for the Town to initiate bridge replacement plans.

During the summer of 2013, the Committee sponsored an inventory of rare and invasive plant species along a 10-mile reach on the East Branch and a 3.5-mile reach on the West Branch. Over 2200 invasive species locations, ranging from isolated individuals to dense stands, were recorded. Results and data from this survey will enable our Committee, the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership, and other organizations to develop plans for reducing invasive species threats to exemplary natural communities and rare species on the Westfield River.

With help from you, our watershed neighbors, the Westfield River has become a model for National Wild & Scenic Rivers across the Commonwealth and the country. On November 2nd, 2013 we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of *Going WILD and Keeping it Scenic* along the Westfield River. As part of the celebration, we sent a mailing to over 1300 landowners along the Westfield River and its tributaries. The mailing included our new brochure and condensed version of our **Landowner Resources Guide** highlighting financial, technical, and informational resources.

The Committee sponsored the **Travel the Watershed** public art project to inspire you to tour the Westfield River, soak up its beauty, and learn about the watershed. Six handcrafted wooden suitcases were painted by local artists. Each suitcase, along with maps and information about the watershed,

“traveled” around the watershed this past summer at Hilltown artist venues. Catch a glimpse at your local library in Winter-Spring 2014!

Thank you to the 120+ volunteers who lent a hand hauling stones, surveying river reaches, collecting water quality and macro invertebrates, and tidying the East Branch and Keystone Arch Bridge Trails.

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

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

Gateway

Gateway is a K-12 district serving students from the seven hilltowns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington. The district consists of 2 elementary schools (prek-4), a middle school (5/6), a junior high school (7/8) and a high school (9-12) providing educational services to approximately 1,000 students for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

The mission of the Gateway School Committee is to ensure that a well-rounded educational experience is available for all children in the school district that will allow each of them to maximize their individual potential so that they may become successful, active, integral members of an ever-changing world. The Committee recognizes that in fulfilling its mission, it must work with all member towns to assure that the

needs and concerns of each are addressed.

Our District Vision Statement is that “The Gateway Regional School District will provide an exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.” The primary aim of the district as established by the School Committee and the Superintendent (the governance team) is to ‘Support a consistent focus on high student achievement by individualizing instruction to meet the identified needs of each student in the areas of:

- Academic performance that reaches beyond scores on a standardized test; Preparing for careers and building job skills;

- Developing and using citizenship skills;
- Appreciating the performing and visual arts;
- Developing a sense of personal values and character;
- Improving personal physical health and safety; and
- Understanding and appreciating the diversity of American society.

In essence we are trying to provide students with the opportunity to become well-rounded, productive, informed, and successful members of society.

The district's schools are compliant with handicap accessibility requirements, we have up-dated buildings and equipment, and we are able to provide the technology infrastructure to meet the needs of the 21st century. This investment is paying off with increased opportunities to meet all students' needs including an expanding opportunity for students to earn credits on-line.

Thanks to the support of our communities we have been able to maintain budgetary supports allowing the District to move forward and provide adequate staffing to meet student needs. We continue to work diligently in upgrading our curriculum, in meeting the needs of our students, and improving standardized test scores while trying to become more cost efficient in overall operations.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding and dedicated team of staff members working for the district, a wonderful group of students, and small schools with excellent teacher to student ratios. I am confident that by working together with our communities we can make a positive impact on the future of the district.

I would urge that everyone in our communities take the time to acquaint themselves with our schools and become involved in preparing our children for the challenges that the future holds.

Maude Pease and School Children



Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The Annual Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Joseph Kearns, at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Kearns led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance then he read the warrant. He then did some "housekeeping"; giving some guidelines to proper procedure for Town Meetings. He then said that he was going to be using Selectboard Recommends column FY 2014.

Article 2. Under this article to act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and other elected or appointed officers, most of the reports were in the Town report. There was no discussion on this Article.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for FY 2014, as provided in section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate \$18,000 for these salaries or compensations to be as of July 1, 2013. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Assessors salary from \$3000 to \$1500. There was discussion from two of the Assessors. A voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Article 3 passed. (\$18,000)

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries of appointed staff for FY 2013. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Tax Collector's salary from 10,200 to 10,000. After discussion, a voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Article 4 passed. (\$46,800)

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government. A motion was made and seconded the Town Council account from \$10,000 to \$6,000. A standing vote was taken and the results were: 45 to reduce, 22 not to reduce. A seconded motion to amend the \$6000 to \$8000 was and seconded. After discussion, a voice vote was

taken and the second amendment failed. A motion was made and seconded to vote on article 5 with the amendment in place and Article 5 passed with the amount of \$107,200 from \$111,200.

Article 6. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Expense accounts. (\$55,435) After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to reduce the Selectboard Expense from \$3,000 to \$2,000. A standing vote was taken and the results were: 33 in favor to reduce, 27 not to reduce. This amendment passed. A second amendment was made and seconded to reduce The Assessors' expense account from \$3720 to \$3000. After discussion, a standing vote was taken and the results were: 38 in favor to reduce and 24 not to reduce. The amendment passed. A third amendment was taken to reduce the Treas. Tax Title and Legal Fees of \$1500 to \$5000. A voice vote was taken and that amendment failed. Another amendment was made and seconded to reduce the Website/Technology Expense from \$2500 to \$2000. The vote was taken and this amendment passed. A final vote was taken on Article 6 with all of the amendments in place and Article 6 passed with the amount for expenses reduced to \$53,215 from \$55,435.

Article 7. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Highways. (\$350,642) Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous vote. Article 7 passed.

Article 8. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Library, Veterans and Cemetery accounts. (\$18500) Being no discussion, the vote was taken and Article 8 passed unanimously At this point, Tom Austin, our Chief of Police, presented to Curt Robie, Sergeant on the Police force, a plaque honoring Curt for his many years of service on the force.

Article 9. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Protection of Persons and Property. (\$88,525) An amendment was made and seconded to reduce the Officers Training and Police Department Compensation of \$8000 a piece to \$3000 a piece. After discussion, the vote was taken and the amendment failed. Article 9 passed unanimously.

Article 10. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Health and Sanitation. (\$28,510.) Being no discussion, the vote was taken and Article 10 passed unanimously.

Article 11. A motion was made 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 it unanimous.

Article 12. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Accounts. (\$5,292.) There was no discussion and Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 13. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,215 for Middlefield's minimum contribution for the budget for the Gateway Regional School District. Dr. Hopson, Superintendent of the School District, explained this Article. Being no further discussion, the vote was taken. Article 13 passed unanimously.

Article 14. A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,466 for Middlefield's share of the above minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District. Being no discussion, Article 14 passed unanimously.

Article 15. A motion was made and seconded to

see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,229 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Being no discussion, Article 15 passed with an unanimous vote.

Article 16. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for vocational education. Question asked about how many in vocational School? Answer: "4" Being no further discussion, article 16 passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 17. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER, and BLANDFORD MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following language as Section XIX . (See the attached) The vote was taken on Article 17 and this Article failed to pass.

Article 18. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER, AND BLANDFORD MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following language after the second sentence under subsection (A) of Section I: (See the attachment)

Article 19. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD,

MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the agreement under subsection (B) of section I: (See the attachment)

Article 20. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by adding the following language to subsection © of section I. (See the attachment)

Article 21. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER, AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (D) of Section I: (See the attachment)

Articles 18, 19, 20, and 21 were voted on and these Articles all passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 22. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Maintenance Technician and raise and appropriate \$3,000 for FY for the position. This amendment created some discussion as to what kind of insurance would this person be covered with, and what would duties be expected of this person? Mr. Vint, Selectperson, said that what we be looking for would be a "handyman". More discussion followed and then a standing vote was taken. Results are as follows: 29 to establish position, 28 oppose. Article 22 passed.

Article 23. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving

fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E1/2, to be expended during FY 2012 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties, capped at the amounts in the table below: Electrical Inspector - \$2,500, Conservation Commission - \$2,000. Article 23 passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 24. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund, under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53 E1/2, which may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY2014. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station attendant's salary, for capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectboard may spend up to \$6,000 in revolving fund monies for the Transfer Station during FY2014 and retain in this account all collected fees. This Article passed with a unanimous vote. Article 25. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Debt and Interest. (\$48,015). Being no discussion, the vote was taken and it unanimous.

Article 26. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the Board or some other person, if the Board so desires to serve as the Assessors' Clerk at the salary fixed and voted on by the Town. There was some discussion concerning this and then a motion was made and seconded to amend the Article to have this position posted to the public. There was a standing vote taken and the results were: in favor not to post: 29 those in favor to post: 26 the amendment fails and Article 26 passed.

Article 27. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept the Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council of Aging. Being no discussion, the vote was taken and Article 27 passed unanimously.

Article 28. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 and all other Highway grant Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town's roads and bridges and other related costs. Being no discussion, the Article passed unanimously.

Article 29. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will to transfer form Free Cash \$6,000 to secure a 5-year warrantee on the 2012 International dump truck of the Highway Department. Being no discussion, this Article passed unanimously.

Article 30. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$44,000 for a new Police Cruiser. There was some discussion concerning the Article and Tom Austin spoke of the condition of the present Cruiser. He also said that any equipment such as the computer and the other necessary equipment would be installed in the new cruiser. After a bit more discussion, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 31. A motion was made and seconded to pass over this Article as it was not necessary because of the previous Article. Passed.

Article 32. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements. The Moderator explained what this meant. The vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 33. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$1,000 to establish a specific Stabilization Fund for a Fire Department Tanker. A 2/3 vote was needed for this Article. The vote was taken

and it was unanimous with the 2/3 vote.

Article 34. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$5,000 for planning of public safety facilities. The Chair of the Selectboard spoke to the Article saying that a public safety facility would give public safety officials a place to do planning and talk over any issues concerning public safety.

Article 35. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$60,000 to offset the tax rate. Being no discussion, Article 35 passed unanimously.

At this point in time, (4:30 P.M.) a break in proceedings was taken. After the break and before the next Article, the Moderator called upon Chris Bresnahan paid tribute to Susan Baker-Donnelly who took over the Library after Cyndy Oigny resigned and helped to keep the Library running until a new librarian was appointed.

Article 36. Notice of every departmental meeting shall be posted no later than four (4) business days before meeting, not including the day of the meeting. The posting of these meetings shall be at the Middlefield Post Office, The Middlefield Town Hall on the outside bulletin board and the Official Town Web site. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Article to add Bancroft and Smith Hollow as other places for posting. That amendment failed. Another motion was made seconded to amend the article of 4 days back to 2 days because the State has that in the Open Meeting Law. The amendment passed. There was the suggestion that perhaps there could be an outside box similar to the one at the Town Hall, near the Post Office. Article 36 passed with the amendments in place. (Citizen's petition)

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to deposit all monies collected by the Highway Department from scrap metal sales into the Town Garage Improvement account. A motion was made and

seconded to table this Article.

Article 38. A motion was made and seconded to table this Citizen's Petition. The motion passed.

Article 39. HOW IT READS NOW: General Provision
Chapter II Town Meetings

Section 7. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant calling for the same in the Middlefield Post Office , another designated place in the center Town on the bulletin board, outside the Middlefield Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of Town, a designated place in Smith Hollow, and the Official Town Web site not less than seven days before the appointed for the Annual Town Meeting and not less than fourteen (14) business 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.

Change: Chapter II Town Meetings section 7. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same of the Middlefield Post Office, another designated place in the center of Town on a bulletin board, outside the Middlefield Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the town, a designated place in Smith Hollow, and the Official Town Web site not less than seven days before the appointed for the Annual Town Meeting and not less than fourteen (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. After the discussion on this change, a motion was made and seconded to amend the article by dropping "business days ". The amendment passed then Article 39 was voted on with the amendment in place and it passed by a 2/3 vote needed because this was Town By-Law.

Article 40. Driveways: Citizens Petition A motion was made and seconded to table this Article.

Passed unanimously.

Article 41. See attached

Article 42. New Bylaw: Chapter Money.
Motion made and seconded to table this Article.
Unanimous vote.

Article 43. New Regular Bylaw: Citizens Petition for all Middlefield town Departments to post all open meeting minutes and/or drafts and documents as described in Mass General Law Chapter 30a, Sectionl 8-25, to the Middlefield Web site within 24 hours of next meeting. This created a great deal of conversation .There was a motion made and seconded to amend the Article by taking out the words (documents, within, and draft.) This created the amendment to read;

"For all Middlefield Town Departments to post all open meeting approved minutes as described in Mass General Laws, Chapter 30a,Section 18-25, to the Middlefield Web Site the next business day after their next meeting". A motion was made and seconded to pass the amended article. Article 43 passed by 2/3 vote

Article 44. 4.3 Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers and Camping: Citizens petition

Article 45. 4.3.2 Citizens Petition.
A motion was made and seconded to table this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 46. Being no other business to come before this meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M

Town Clerk ATM Tally

Town Clerk's Annual Town Meeting Report May 4, 2013

Article No	Appropriations From Tax Levy	Appropriations From Free Cash	Appropriations From Other Available Funds	From Available Funds to Reduce Tax Rate	Revolving Funds
3	18,000				
4	-46,801)				
5	10700				
8	53,215				
7	350,842				
8	18,500				
9	88,525				
10	28,510				
11	5,000				
12	5,292				
13	343,215				
14	87,488				
15	128,229				
16	100,000				
22	3,000				
23					4,500
24					6,000
25	48,015				
29		6,000			
30		44,000			
33		1,000			
34		5,000			
35		64 ODD			
		(29,632tAmendment to school budget			
Totals: ,		1,399,977		F	10,500

Results of the Special Town Meeting - February 4, 2013

The Special Town Meeting was opened by Joseph Kearns, the Moderator. Mr. Kearns led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then he read the meeting warrant.

Article 1. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to Transfer \$5,488 from Free Cash to pay a Vocational Education bill owed from Fiscal Year 2012 The Moderator said that because this was an old bill, it had to pass by a 9/10 vote. After discussion, the article was voted on and Article 1 passed.

Article 2. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,800 from Free Cash to the Veterans agent salary account. After much discussion, the vote was taken and the article passed.

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500 from Free Cash to create a Veteran's Benefit account .After much discussion, the vote was taken and article passed.

Article 4. It was moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to transfer \$17,000 from Free Cash to the Town Counsel account. This article created discussion and then the vote was taken. Article 4 failed.

Article 5. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$919.30 to pay a legal bill owed from Fiscal Year 2012. Because this was an old bill, it requires a vote of 9/10. This article created a great deal of discussion. The vote was taken and Article 5 failed.

Article 6. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,200 from Free Cash to the Election and Registration account. It was mentioned that because of the special election coming, that there were going to be two 13 hour days. There was no discussion, the Article passed.

Article 7. It moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from Free Cash to pay insurance deductible. After some discussion, the vote was taken and article 7 failed. (This was in part of a lawsuit for damages.)

Article 8. Under this article, to transact any other business, a question was raised as to why the Photo Voltaic panels were put in the back of the Town Offices as they interfere with the playground. First they were going to be out in front of the building, and now they are in the back. The Moderator answered by saying that there was a meeting concerning placement and it was decided that they would work better in the back.

It was also brought to get Harry Pease Road off the Assessors' maps as the road now is a dead end road approved by the Judge in Land Court. Before the end of the meeting, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and the E.M.T. presented to Cody Paschal a jacket as he has passed all the tests for E.M.T.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski
Town Clerk

Results of the Special Town Meeting - May 28, 2013

Joseph Kearns opened the meeting by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 34 people present. He then read the Warrant.

Article 1. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$919.30 from Free Cash to pay a legal bill from Fiscal 2012. Because the bill was from FY 2012, a vote of 9/10 was needed to pass. A great deal of discussion was created and made one Selectman call for Point of Order twice. After more discussion, a standing vote was taken. Those in favor: 16 Those opposed: 13. Article 1 failed because it did not meet the 9/10 vote to pass.

Article 2. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$11,750.00 to the Town Counsel account. This Article also created discussion. The Selectmen explained that the money was for FY 2013 bills. The vote was taken and Article 2 passed by a simple majority.

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,000.00 from Free

Cash to the Police Department Expense Account. No discussion. Article 3 passed unanimously.

Article 4. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$2,000.00 to the Treasurer's Tax Title account. A question was raised if the tax taking was including the two buildings in the center of Town (The General Store and house next door to it.) The answer was "Yes" and some members thought that those buildings should not be included. There was more discussion, and then the vote was taken. Article 4 passed by a majority vote.

Article 5. Under this Article, there was not more business. A questioner asked how much money was in Free Cash? The Moderator did not know but said he would check with the town Accountant. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting dissolved at 7:40 P.M.

Marjorie Batorski
Town Clerk

Article No	Appropriations From Tax Levy	Appropriations From Free Cash
2		11,750
3		2,000
4		2,000
Total:		15,750

Special Election Results

June 25, 2013

Office Name: _ SENATOR IN CONGRESS

District Name: 0001 STATEWIDE

Town Name: 183 MIDDLEFIELD

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party:</u>
1	GABRIEL E. GOMEZ	56	REPUBLICAN
2	EDWARD J. MARKEY	90	DEMOCRAT
3	RICHARD A. HEOS	1	UNENROLLED
	All Others	0	
	Blanks	<u>0</u>	
	Total Votes Cast	147	

Financial Reports
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EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid, County Treasurer, County tax,	\$398 11
State Treasurer, State tax,	245 00
Town orders,	3,952 42
Cash on hand to balance account,	1,221 27
Total,	\$5,816 80

The Assets of the Town are as follows :

Cash on hand,	\$1,221 27
“ in Hampden Savings Bank, fund for support of poor,	1,000 00
“ in Hampden Savings Bank, high school fund,	500 00
Note from Jacob Robbins,	100 00
	\$2,821 27

J. T. BRYAN, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's books and accounts and find them to be correct.

GEO. F. FRIEND, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Tax rate per thousand,	\$10 00
Number of horses assessed,	103
“ cows, “	259
“ sheep, “	727
“ neat cattle other than cows,	419
“ swine,	42
“ dwelling houses,	115
“ acres of land,	14165

A glimpse of 1891

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2013

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 2012	\$	557,260.61
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	Add: Total Receipts for FY 2013	\$	1,610,743.11
	Less: Total Expenditures FY 2013	\$	(1,686,548.09)

Balance in Treasury, June 30, 2013			
Cash on Hand	\$	147.00	
Checking Account incl. Deputy Collector's Account	\$	(41,558.19)	
Money Market Accounts	\$	522,866.82	\$ 481,455.63

Trust and Investment Funds in Custody of the Treasurer

STABILIZATION FUND:

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2012	\$	172,064.58	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '13	\$	491.84	
Add: Due to Stabilization Fund Appropriation	\$	-	
Less: Voted transfers at town meetings	\$	-	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2013			\$ 172,556.42

CEMETERY CARE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2012	\$	29,540.82	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '13	\$	123.81	
Add: Donation	\$	-	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2013			\$ 29,664.63

SALLY DICKSON SCHOOL FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2012	\$	26,849.82	
Add: Interest Earned in FY '13	\$	315.34	
Balance on Hand, June 30, 2013			\$ 27,165.16

Treasury Receipts FY 2013

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1100.11	Personal Property Taxes F2011	0.00
1100.12	Personal Property Taxes F2012	111.96
1100.13	Personal Property Taxes F2013	45,604.67
1200.08	Real Estate Taxes F2008	586.69
1200.10	Real Estate Taxes F2010	4,241.73
1200.11	Real Estate Taxes F2011	5,121.96
1200.12	Real Estate Taxes F2012	27,543.78
1200.13	Real Estate Taxes F2013	940,393.39
1200.14	Real Estate Taxes F2014	2,203.73
1300.05	Motor Vehicle Ex 2005	38.75
1300.08	Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	55.00
1300.09	Motor Vehicle Ex 2009	74.16
1300.10	Motor Vehicle Ex 2010	273.44
1300.11	Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	404.79
1300.12	Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	8,303.87
1300.13	Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	41,944.23
1562.00	Tax Titles	34,362.26
1800.4171	Interest on Property Taxes	5,360.81
1800.4172	Interest on Excise Taxes	401.83
1800.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	34,051.05
1800.4177	Tax Collector misc. revenue	20.00
1800.4320	Motor Vehicle Flagging Fe	480.00
1800.4360	Municipal Building Rent	1,575.00
1800.4372	Rental Income	4,788.00
1800.4373	Zumba Rental	57.00
1800.4418	Board of Health Permits	820.00
1800.4420	Building Inspection Permit	1,831.40
1800.4421	Dog Licenses	64.75
1800.4423	Driveway Permits	20.00
1800.4425	Town Clerk fees	243.25
1800.4428	Fire Dept. Permits	155.00
1800.4430	Gas Inspection Permits	85.00
1800.4432	Planning Board Permits	40.00
1800.4434	Plumbing Permits	130.00
1800.4436	Police Department Permits	500.00
1800.4438	Zoning Board Permits	100.00
1800.4439	Other Licenses & Permits	207.00

1800.4611	State Owned Land	52,424.00
1800.4616	Elderly Abatements	1,508.00
1800.4620	School Aid Ch. 70	18,050.00
1800.4625	EMPG/GRANT	0.00
1800.4670	Additional Aid	0.00
1800.4685	Unrestricted Gen.Gov	44,965.00
1800.4686	Storm 2011	1,190.00
1800.4820	Interest on Savings	924.85
1800.4830	Contrib. and Donations	32.00
1800.4840	Misc. Revenues	1,318.47
1800.4950	Refunds	6,136.92
1822.10	Highway Truck Loan	115,000.00
3052.00	Tax Collector Fees-Monson	1,245.00
3053.01	Deputy Collector Fees	1,071.00
3054.00	Town Clerk Agency	284.00
3055.01	Health Ins. Deduction	6,581.97
3055.02	Retirement Deduction	13,620.97
3069.00	Police Permits Due State	1,500.00
3097.00	COA Donations	48.00
3099.00	Library Gifts	484.69
5002.00	Elections – State	288.00
5005.11	Historical Comm. Donations	175.00
5006.00	St. Aid to Libraries	1,372.40
5036.00	MA Cultural Council	3,877.62
5040.00	Council on Aging – State	3,500.00
5045.10	BOH Mini-Grant Program	850.00
5053.08	Fire Dept. Grant	1,748.50
5059.00	Irene Storm	131,478.78
5061.00	WMECO Mower	24,781.81
5070.11	Dept. of Energy Grant	1,833.58
5103.00	2010 Emerge. Prep. Grant	0.00
5106.00	Emergency Management 2013	0.00
5520.00	Police Outside Detail	6,280.00
5550.00	Conservation Comm. Revolving	35.00
5577.00	Transfer Station Revolving	6,132.00
5599.00	Electrical Inspector Revolving	695.00
6020.00	Stabilization Account	0.00
7014.00	Refunded Dog Tax	<u>214.05</u>
	Total Receipts	<u>1,611,841.11</u>

Assets

FY 2013 - ASSETS (Balance Sheet)	Asset	Sub-Total
CASH		
General Cash	481,455.63	481,455.63
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Personal Property Taxes F2011	14.86	
Personal Property Taxes F2013	1,204.41	1,219.27
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Real Estate Taxes F1998	91.13	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	433.26	
Real Estate Taxes F2000	1,144.54	
Real Estate Taxes F2001	0.01	
Real Estate Taxes F2002	2,491.72	
Real Estate Taxes F2003	833.08	
Real Estate Taxes F2004	943.05	
Real Estate Taxes F2011	5,243.62	
Real Estate Taxes F2012	15,342.86	
Real Estate Taxes F2013	66,216.71	92,739.98
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2006	432.26	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2007	271.44	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2008	216.84	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2009	834.79	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	330.69	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	2,576.49	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	7,929.97	12,592.48
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	127,304.97	127,304.97
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Chap 90 Reimbursement	200,323.49	200,323.49
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Highway Truck	115,000.00	
Loans Authorized-Town Hall	130,000.00	245,000.00
GRANTS		
Emergency Management Agency	1,919.96	1,919.96
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Snow Removal	5,649.66	<u>5,649.66</u>
	TOTAL	<u>1,168,205.44</u>

Liabilities

	Liability	Sub-Total
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Real Estate Taxes F2010	439.44	
Real Estate 2014	2,203.73	2,643.17
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2005	38.75	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2010	617.82	656.57
REVENUE		
Revenue Fiscal 2014	116,000.00	116,000.00
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Unauthorized/Unissued	245,000.00	245,000.00
AGENCY		
Tax Collector Fees	651.59	
Deputy Collector Fees	801.00	
Town Clerk Agency	124.05	
Health Ins Deduct	845.92	
Retirement Deduct	7.20	
Police Permits Due State	7,825.00	
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	452.00	
Library Gifts	3,963.92	56,385.81
GRANTS		
Elections - State	164.00	

Heritage Days-Rec	40.00	
Historical Commission Donation	1,025.34	
St. Aid to Libraries	2,542.09	
MA Cultural Council	5,216.71	
Sarah Gillett COA Grant	240.00	
BOH Mini-grant Program	853.66	
Community Policing	5.06	
Ice Storm Dec. 2008	10,550.33	
Irene Storm	46,221.17	
Dept of Energy Grant	24,517.31	
Emergency Preparedness Grt	2,215.00	93,590.67
REVOLVING		
Conservation Comm Revolv	2,099.69	
BOH Revolving	60.00	
Transfer Station Revolving	15,493.36	
Electrical Inspector Revolving	35.00	17,688.05
RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	4,425.00	
Refunded Dog Tax	249.98	4,674.98
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1997	3,780.00	51,654.20
Overlay F2000	492.26	
Overlay F2003	2,329.71	
Overlay F2004	2,504.57	
Overlay F2005	4,419.49	
Overlay F2007	358.54	

Overlay F2008	9,436.28	
Overlay F2009	1,588.06	
Overlay F2010	11,260.61	
Overlay F2011	5,829.13	
Overlay F2012	9,038.71	
Overlay F2013	4,396.84	
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL		
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	127,304.97	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev	11,935.91	139,240.88
SURPLUS REVENUE		
Surplus Revenue	286,706.13	286,706.13
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Town Audit	10,000.00	
Chapter 90	36,237.49	
Highway Chapter 291D	24,000.36	
Generator Installation Expense	4,381.08	
Vacations	6,045.56	
Town Garage Improvements	3,025.98	
Town Garage Testing	2,017.00	
Vocational Education	8,834.10	
Library Expenses	39.99	
Bell Cemetery Tree removal	550.00	
Police Dept Expenses	204.45	
Fire Chief/Forest Wrdr Salary	500.00	
Fire Dept Dispatch Srv	6,363.32	
Plumbing Insp Salary	300.00	
Capping Old Dump	31,095.40	
Transfer Station Building	14,091.79	
Maint Public Buildings	1,514.71	
Website/Technology	583.75	

Unemployment Insurance	400.00	<u>150,184.98</u>
	TOTAL	<u>1,164,425.44</u>

Vendor Expenses

	Expended	Sub-Total	Journal
10011.00 Elected Town Officers			0.00
Paradise Energy Solutions Llc	0.00	0.00	
10011.11 Moderator			-100.00
Joseph Kearns	100.00	100.00	0.00
10111.00 Town Counsel			-15,281.66
Kopelman & Paige, P.C.	15,281.66	15,281.66	
10122.01 Selectmens Expenses			-2,028.28
Hampshire County Selectmens Assn	120.00		
Staples Credit Plan	27.99		
Turley Publications, Inc	208.76		
Duane Pease	79.34		
Alan Vint	26.91		
Hcsa	75.00		
Atfc	79.00		
Noreen Suriner	149.00		
Mma	451.00		
Stephen Harris	769.66		
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	41.62	2,028.28	
10122.03 Copier Expense			-1,420.00
Macfarlane Office Products	934.00		
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	486.00	1,420.00	
10122.07 Administrative Assistant			-6,165.00
Duane Pease	6,165.00	6,165.00	
10122.11 Selectmen Salaries			-4,500.00
Alan Vint	1,500.00		
Howard Knickerbocker	250.00		
Mitchell Feldmesser	1,500.00		
Noreen Suriner	1,250.00	4,500.00	
10135.00 Town Accountant Salary			-9,000.00

Beverly Cooper	9,000.00	9,000.00	
10135.01 Town Account Expenses			-97.99
Staples Credit Plan	62.99		
Softright	35.00	97.99	
10135.02 Town Accountant Computer			
Softright	0.00	0.00	
10135.12 Town Audit			-10,000.00
	0.00	0.00	
10141.01 Assistant Assessor			-5,400.00
Laura Lafreniere	900.00		
Laurie Lafreniere	4,500.00	5,400.00	
10141.02 Assessors Expenses			-3,530.63
Daily Hampshire Gazette	50.00		
Laura Lafreniere	10.61		
Staples Credit Plan	359.96		
Turley Publications, Inc	31.62		
Bcaa	35.00		
Mao	75.00		
Gita Jozsef	1,278.44		
Stephen Harris	0.00		
Mayflower Valuation, Ltd	630.00		
U S Postal Service	230.00		
University Conf Services	800.00		
Hhcaa	30.00	3,530.63	
10141.11 Assessor Salaries			-4,500.00
Gita Jozef	1,500.00		
Janine Savoy	1,500.00		
Laurie Lafreniere	1,500.00	4,500.00	
10141.14 Assessors Tax Map Update			-600.00
Cai Technologies	600.00	600.00	

10141.77 Cama Software Support			-1,650.00
Community Software Consortium	1,650.00	1,650.00	
10142.00 Assessors' Revaluation			-1,200.00
Mayflower Valuation, Ltd	1,200.00	1,200.00	
10145.00 Treasurer Salary			-9,000.00
Jane Thielen	9,000.00	9,000.00	
10145.01 Treasurer Expenses			-1,157.20
Hampshire/Franklin Cta	10.00		
Us Postal Service	135.00		
Safeguard Business Systems	227.16		
Travelers Ci Remittance Center	320.00		
ADP, Inc	234.64		
MCTA	45.00		
United Bank	5.00		
U S Postal Service	92.00		
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	88.40	1,157.20	
10145.04 Tax Title Treasurer			-10,659.26
Commonwealth Of Mass	515.00		
Comm Of Mass	1,180.00		
Berenson & Bloom	8,964.26	10,659.26	
10145.05 Treas/Account Software Supp			-4,752.33
Softright	4,752.33	4,752.33	
10145.11 Payroll Support			-1,123.35
ADP, Inc	563.35		
N.E.I.S., Inc. Hartford	560.00	1,123.35	
10146.00 Tax Collector Salary			-10,000.00
Mary Ann Pease	2,500.11		
Maryann Pease	7,499.89	10,000.00	
10146.01 Tax Collector Expenses			-2,723.84
Hampshire/Franklin Cta	10.00		
Arthur P. Jones Associates	59.60		
Staples Credit Plan	99.99		
Us Postal Service	1,145.00		
Community Software Consortium	1,000.00		

Mcta	25.00		
U S Postal Service	44.00		
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	340.25	2,723.84	
10146.04 Tax Title			-1,500.00
Berenson & Bloom	1,500.00	1,500.00	
10161.01 Town Clerk Expenses			-503.61
Marjorie Batorski	122.61		
Us Postal Service	336.00		
Northeast Document Conser Center	30.00		
Mass Town Clerks' Assoc	15.00	503.61	
10161.11 Town Clerk Salary			-4,000.00
Marjorie Batorski	4,000.00	4,000.00	
10161.12 Assistant Town Clerk Salary			-500.00
Eleanor Doyle	500.00	500.00	
10162.00 Election & Registration			-2,400.00
Charlie Hunter	200.00		
Wayne Main	66.00		
Cynthia Oligny	34.00		
Cecile Robert	296.00		
Edward Vivier	220.00		
Sharon Barry	72.00		
Tracy Gero	60.00		
David Mccusker	254.00		
Susan Baker Donnelly	252.00		
Robert Hoynoski	32.00		
Catherine Craig	144.00		
David Edwards	40.00		
Judith Hoag	40.00		
Margaret Pierre	246.00		
Judith White	72.00		
Eleanor Doyle	24.00		
Lois Leonard-Bell	74.00		
Stacy Austin	66.00		
Cathy Roth	32.00		

Patricia A. Paschal	80.00		
Priscilla Suriner	96.00	2,400.00	
10175.00 Planning Board			-83.21
Turley Publications, Inc	8.19		
Michael Hale	75.02	83.21	
10175.02 Planning Board Prof.Services			-6,787.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	6,787.00	6,787.00	
10176.00 Zoning Board Expenses			-499.49
Turley Publications, Inc	19.49		
Mitch Feldmesser	149.00		
Terence Crean	149.00		
Judy Hoag	149.00		
Mitch Feldmesser	33.00	499.49	
10176.08 Communication Committee			-214.22
Stephen Harris	214.22	214.22	
10177.08 Conservation Commission Exp			-123.84
MACC	72.00		
Turley Publications, Inc	7.84		
Us Postal Service	44.00	123.84	
20109.10 Chapter 90			-158,551.02
All States Asphalt	4,880.00		
Arrow Concrete Products, Inc	642.25		
Ctl Trucking Inc	4,500.00		
Ken & Lana Hall	10,000.00		
The Lane Construction Corp	57,048.67		
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	3,000.00		
R.I.Baker Co.	629.46		
E.J. Prescott Inc	94.96		
Apple Store, Holyoke	2,166.90		
Delurey Sales & Service Inc.	10,000.00		
John Deere Credit Inc/Financial	27,542.29		
Underground Supply Inc	1,809.00	122,313.53	
20112.00 Highway Chapter 150			0.00

Apple Store, Holyoke	0.00		
Delurey Sales & Service Inc.	0.00	0.00	
20123.08 Highway Chapter 291D			-24,000.36
	0.00	0.00	
20420.00 Highway Department Wages			-118,000.00
Matthew Radwich	34,259.25		
Rodney Savery	44,387.79		
Ronald Radwich	39,352.96		
20420.02 Town Highway Maintenance			-24,782.05
Atco International	615.00		
Berkshire Eagle	193.48		
Bristol Uniform	1,980.00		
California Contractors Supples	143.64		
Mark Couch	3,480.00		
Dicksons Auto Parts	154.24		
Erc Wiping Products, Inc	74.88		
Fastenal Company	120.03		
Fleet Pride	93.32		
G H Berlin Oil Co	52.07		
Ken & Lana Hall	1,000.00		
Hampshire Council Of Governments	600.00		
John'S Building Supply	57.30		
The Lane Construction Corp	7,385.78		
L.P.Adams Co Inc	403.41		
Mass Highway Assoc	60.00		
Pittsfield Communications Systems	23.45		
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	64.07		
Pro-Tech Supply	112.60		
Rainbow Distributors	339.29		
R.I.Baker Co.	3,491.17		
Safety-Kleen	306.65		
Rodney Savery	25.64		
Schmidt Equipment	145.78		
Staples Credit Plan	99.99		

Us Postal Service	56.00		
Verizon Wireless	638.31		
Verizon Wireless	137.48		
Bcha	290.00		
E.J. Prescott Inc	401.59		
Rodney Savery	24.51		
Apple Store, Holyoke	383.63		
Stanton Equipment Inc	68.54		
Mass Tri-County Highway Super Assoc	25.00		
East Coast Sign & Supply Inc	520.00		
Freadman Steel, Inc	210.00		
Home Depot Credit Services	467.29		
H.D. Reynolds Inc	149.99		
Northeast Fabricators & Mech Serv Llc	25.00		
Verizon Wireless	362.92	24,782.05	
20421.00 Holidays & Vacations			0.00
Ronald Radwich	0.00	0.00	
20421.01 Machinery Expenses			-27,000.00
Atco International	764.10		
Bart Truck	876.55		
Camerota Truck Parts	2,268.80		
City Tire Co., Inc.	12.50		
Countywide Snowplows Sales & Ser	325.00		
Dicksons Auto Parts	2,777.21		
Dufour Inc	162.00		
Fastenal Company	104.25		
Fastenal	362.28		
Fleet Pride	93.59		
G H Berlin Oil Co	613.44		
Lawson Products, Inc	1,033.88		
L.P.Adams Co Inc	40.16		
Pittsfield Communications Systems	205.42		
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	141.58		
Pittsfield Welding Supply Inc	73.49		

Pro-Tech Supply	535.94		
R.I.Baker Co.	965.08		
Safety-Kleen	945.72		
Sarat Ford	95.32		
Rodney Savery	95.53		
Schmidt Equipment	2,318.90		
Signsmith	650.00		
Superior Spring & Mfg Co Inc	538.84		
Toce Brothers, Inc	732.16		
Zwack, Inc	64.50		
Ballard Mack Sales & Service, Inc	875.44		
Interstate Batteries	149.95		
Cummins Northeast Llc	2,255.49		
Rodney Savery	63.74		
Fiberglass Replacement Parts Inc	1,480.02		
Memphis Equipment Co.	1,311.91		
Mill Supply Inc	154.22		
Delurey Sales & Service Inc.	47.52		
Pierce Machine Co. Inc	395.00		
Bacher Corp Of Conn	536.81		
Freadman Steel, Inc	130.00		
Home Depot Credit Services	125.68		
Airgas Ussa Llc	1,807.26		
Northeast Fabricators & Mech Serv Llc	783.45		
John Deere Credit Inc/Financial	8.40		
J.M.S. Industrial Supply, Inc	78.87	27,000.00	
20421.10 Highway Department Truck			-115,000.00
Delurey Sales & Service Inc.	115,000.00	115,000.00	
20421.11 Generator Installation Exp			-4,381.08
	0.00	0.00	
20421.44 Holidays			-2,724.00
Matthew Radwich	816.00		0.00
Rodney Savery	1,044.00		0.00
Ronald Radwich	864.00	2,724.00	0.00

20421.55 Vacations			-9,177.60
Rodney Savery	3,088.50		0.00
Ronald Radwich	43.54	3,132.04	0.00
20422.00 Fuels Receipts(Journal)			-35,083.60
Hinsdale Mobil	150.50		
Rodney Savery	163.20		
Ronald Radwich	24.00		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc	34,146.37		
Miller'S Petroleum Systems, Inc	599.53	35,083.60	
20422.01 Unpaved Roads Material			-12,895.70
Donovan Brothers	947.57		
The Lane Construction Corp	3,684.53		
John S Lane & Son Inc	2,235.84		
Tonlino & Sons, Llc	4,817.76		
Ray Robert Excavation & Trucking	1,210.00	12,895.70	
20422.03 Town Garage Improvements			-3,025.98
	0.00	0.00	
20422.04 Town Garage Testing			-2,817.00
Commonwealth Of Mass	800.00	800.00	
20423.00 Snow Removal			-45,000.00
Matthew Radwich	4,934.25		
Rodney Savery	6,182.43		
Ronald Radwich	4,576.50		
Mark Couch	2,080.00		
Donovan Brothers	6,140.31		
International Salt Co	20,178.38		
John S Lane & Son Inc	1,772.58		
R.I.Baker Co.	2,700.21		
Zwack, Inc	2,085.00	50,649.66	
20424.00 Street Lights			-406.21
Wmeco	406.21	406.21	
30000.01 Gateway Reg Schl Assmnt			-392,693.00
Gateway Regional School District	392,693.00		
Gateway Reg.High School Choir	0.00	392,693.00	

30000.02 Gateway Reg Schl Transp.			-112,637.00
Gateway Regional School District	112,637.00	112,637.00	
30000.04 Vocational Education			-93,177.90
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School	30,362.00		
City Of Westfield	22,915.50		
City Of Pittsfield	4,292.40		
Lecreenski Bros Inc	26,773.90	84,343.80	
30610.00 Library Expenses			-1,195.74
Baker & Taylor	76.29		
US Postal Service	56.00		
Mary Ann Walsh	269.92		
ADP, Inc	61.55		
MPLC	105.00		
Library Journal	157.99		
Junior Library Guild	429.00	1,155.75	
30610.11 Librarian Salary			-5,200.00
Maryann Walsh	5,200.00	5,200.00	
40543.00 Veterans Agent Salary			-900.00
Central Hampshire Veterans' Service	900.00	900.00	
40543.01 Veterans Benefits			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
40543.04 War Memorials/Playground			-3,068.00
Charles H. Winn Jr	2,600.00		
Donald J. Savery	468.00	3,068.00	
50491.00 Cemetery Expense			-2,989.57
Carrot-Top Industries Inc	351.67		
Donovan Brothers	351.90		
Donald J. Savery	2,286.00	2,989.57	
50492.00 Bell Cemetery Tree Removal			-5,000.00
Liberty Hill Tree Care Llc	4,450.00	4,450.00	
60210.00 Police Chiefs Salary			-1,000.00
Tom Austin	1,000.00	1,000.00	
60210.01 Police Dept Expenses			-10,978.02
Chester Municipal Electric	1,437.87		

Jurek Brothers, Inc	1,506.75		
Ma Chiefs Of Police Assoc, Inc	770.00		
Sentry Uniform & Equipment	862.75		
Tmde Calibration Lab, Inc	65.00		
Us Postal Service	56.00		
Verizon Wireless	98.80		
Western Mass Chiefs Of Police Assoc	100.00		
Expert Tire	2,521.74		
Victoria Sorrentino	300.00		
Sew What Embroidery	538.00		
Robert Hoynoski	0.00		
Smith & Wesson Corp	192.00		
New Boston Crane Service & Sleds	773.57		
Verizon Wireless	1,551.09	10,773.57	
60210.08 Police Officers' Compensation			-5,985.00
Jenny Austin	510.00		0.00
Tom Austin	5,475.00	5,985.00	0.00
60210.11 Constable Salaries			-200.00
Charlie Hunter	100.00		
Edward Vivier	100.00	200.00	
60210.78 Hampshire Sheriff'S Dept.			-505.00
Hampshire Sheriff'S Office	505.00	505.00	
60210.80 Ems Service			-816.42
Moore Medical,Llc	350.85		
Edward Vivier	151.48		
File Of Life Foundation, Inc	259.09		
Arlene Radwich	55.00	816.42	
60210.88 Constable Expenses			0.00
	0.00		
60210.99 Town Radios			-2,846.00
Rocky Mountain Comm Systems Inc	2,846.00	2,846.00	
60220.00 Fire Chief/Forest Wrđ Sal			-500.00
	0.00	0.00	
60220.01 Fire Dept Expenses			-6,101.17

Dicksons Auto Parts	224.47		
Dufour Inc	116.00		
Hinsdale Mobil	83.58		
L.P.Adams Co Inc	115.16		
Moore Medical,Llc	43.28		
Pittsfield Communications Systems	1,637.60		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co	234.50		
Ballard Mack Sales & Service, Inc	468.52		
Robert Hoynoski	0.00		
MES	8.06		
Raven Technology Llc	48.59		
1St Responder Newspaper	130.00		
Heiman Fire Equipment	2,122.05		
Airgas Ussa Llc	719.36		
Arlene Radwich	150.00	6,101.17	
60220.02 Fire Dept Insp Salary			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
60220.04 Fire Dept Dispatch Srv			-13,320.00
Berkshire County Sheriffs Comm. Ctr	6,956.68	6,956.68	
60220.08 Forest Fire			0.00
Robert Hoynoski	0.00	0.00	
60220.12 Civil Defense			0.00
Robert Hoynoski	0.00	0.00	
60220.15 Fire Dept.Turnout Gear			-25,000.00
Mes	25,000.00	25,000.00	
60241.00 Building Inspector			-8,370.00
Geralad Garner	2,010.00		0.00
Gerald Garner	6,360.00	8,370.00	0.00
60241.01 Bldg. Comm.Expenses			-1,468.89
Gerald W. Garner	718.89		
Idyllogic Systems, Inc	750.00	1,468.89	
60245.01 Electrical Insp Expenses			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
60245.02 Asst. Electrical Insp			0.00

	0.00	0.00	
60246.00 Plumbing Insp Salary			-300.00
	0.00	0.00	
60246.01 Plumbing Insp Expenses			0.00
60292.00 Dog Officer'S Salary			-200.00
Terry Andrews	100.00		
Janice Hines	100.00	200.00	
60292.01 Dog Expense			-300.00
Terry Andrews	150.00		
Janice Hines	150.00	300.00	
60292.10 Animal Inspector Exp			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
60294.01 Insect Pest Control			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
70231.00 Ambulance			-1,500.00
Hinsdale Fireman's Assn.	1,500.00	1,500.00	
70431.00 Disposal Area			-23,214.14
Kathy O'Brien	3,171.00		
Dave Wickles Trucking	3,773.95		
Hilltown Resource Management Co	1,969.24		
HRMC	14,134.84		
WMECo	51.37		
Scott Artioli	113.74	23,214.14	
70431.01 Capping Old Dump			-31,095.40
Hrnc	0.00	0.00	
70431.04 Hilltown Resource Mgmt			-1,605.01
Hilltown Resource Management Co	1,605.01		
Hrnc	0.00	1,605.01	
70431.10 Transfer Station Building			-14,091.79
	0.00	0.00	
70519.00 Bd Of Health/Insp Salary			-2,018.75
Jackie Duda	2,018.75	2,018.75	
70519.01 Board Of Health Exp			-82.78
Jackie Duda	82.78	82.78	

70519.02 Health & Sanitation			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
70522.00 Lee Visiting Nurse			-1,102.50
Porchlight	1,102.50	1,102.50	
80751.00 Building Project Loan			-17,002.63
United Bank	17,002.63	17,002.63	
80752.00 Short Term Interest			-3,745.34
Verizon	3,745.34	3,745.34	
90192.01 Insurances			-27,477.75
Miaa Property & Casualty Group Inc	16,408.95		
Travelers Ci Remittance Center	454.00		
Chubb & Son	7,383.00		
Wmeco	608.35		
Miaa Workers' Compensation Gr, Inc	2,623.45	27,477.75	
90192.02 Maint Public Buildings			-36,308.18
Carrot-Top Industries Inc	91.52		
Dicksons Auto Parts	100.56		
Fastenal Company	15.20		
Hampshire Council Of Governments	445.82		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co	256.50		
Turley Publications, Inc	0.00		
Verizon	2,811.00		
Whiting Energy Fuels	15,651.30		
Lee Audio & Security, Inc	470.13		
Richco Products Inc	221.05		
Holyoke Lock Company	90.00		
Osterman Propane Llc	4,707.44		
Freadman Steel, Inc	105.00		
Stephen Harris	47.34		
Home Depot Credit Services	43.66		
Wmeco	7,694.69		
Verizon	2,042.26	34,793.47	
90192.11 Town Hall Custodian			-3,192.75
Jack Baylis	2,967.75		

Jack Bayliss	180.00		
Kathleen O'Brien	45.00	3,192.75	
90192.99 Website/Technology			-2,500.00
Stephen Harris	116.25		
Cartographics Associates, Inc	1,800.00	1,916.25	
90195.00 Printing			-1,069.15
Paradise Copies, Inc	1,019.15		
Alan Vint	50.00	1,069.15	
90541.00 Council On Aging			-1,500.00
L.P.Adams Co Inc	50.31		
Rainbow Distributors	7.49		
Henry Roberts	40.35		
Us Postal Service	44.00		
Whiting Energy Fuels	721.57		
Susan Baker Donnelly	90.00		
Freadman Steel, Inc	40.00		
Home Depot Credit Services	11.28		
Kristen M. Horning	495.00	1,500.00	
90630.00 Recreation Expense			-122.37
Tracy Gero	122.37	122.37	
90691.00 Historical Commission			-199.32
Jack Cobb	199.32	199.32	
90691.08 Agricultural Commission			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
90911.00 County Retirement			-30,004.00
Hampshire County Retirement Sys	30,004.00	30,004.00	
90912.00 Hampshire Council Of Gov.			-511.68
Hampshire Council Of Governments	511.68		
Hampshire Co Purchasing Dept.	0.00	511.68	
90913.00 Unemployment Insurance			-400.00
	0.00	0.00	
90916.00 Social Security -Town Share			-5,981.09
US Treasury	669.34		
IRS	5,311.75	5,981.09	

90919.00 Health Insurance			
Hampshire County Group Ins Trust	8,584.02		-29,580.50
Hampshire County Group Ins	20,996.48		
Acsa Group Insurance	0.00	29,580.50	
90947.00 Pioneer Valley Planning			-78.15
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm	78.15	78.15	
95781.00 Reserve Fund			0.00
	0.00	0.00	
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TOTALS		1,488,945.18	1,633,480.50



The Paper Mill at Bancroft circa 1900

ON THE MIDDLEFIELD HILLS.

**Many Seek Relief From Hot Weather
There—Events of the Week.**

Correspondence of The Republican.

MIDDLEFIELD, Wednesday, July 27.

Middlefield has proved especially attractive in the extreme hot weather. There were 60 guests at the Golden Glow house Sunday.

Mr and Mrs I. DeWitt Weed of New Haven, Ct., and Miss Florence A. Howe of Newton are spending several days at Arthur D. Pease's.

George Suriner of Springfield spent Sunday at C. H. Ferris's.

An Early "Gossip Column" excerpt (circa 1910). These were mainstays of pre 1950 Middlefield Social Life.

Annual Appointments

Accountant	Beverly Cooper
Administrative Assistant	Duane Pease
Animal Inspector(s)	Jan Hines, T. Andrews
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor Doyle
Auditor	
BOH Agent	Jackie Duda
Building Commissioner	Gerald Garner
Building Maintenance	Kathy O'Brien
Counsel	Kopelman & Paige
Electrical Inspector	Eric Main
EMS	Ed Vivier
Emergency Preparedness	Robert Hoynoski
Fire & Forest Warden	Ron Radwich
Gas Fitting Inspector	William Zeitler
Highway Supervisor	Skip Savery
HRMC	Joeseeph Kearns

Librarian	Maryann Walsh
Lumber Surveyor	(not filled)
Meal Coordinator (COA)	Suzanne Lemieux
Pest Control - Elm	(not filled)
Plumbing Inspector	William Zeitler
Police Chief	Thomas Austin
Recycling Coordinator	Joeseeph Kearns
Recycling Center	Kathy O'Brien
Alarm/Burner Inspector(s)	L. Pease, R. Radwich
Tax Collector	Mary Ann Pease
Treasurer	Jane Thielen
Tree Warden	Skip Savery
Wired West	Joseph Kearns
Wired West – Alt.	Howard Knickerbocker
Wood Bark Measurer	Edward James

Appointed Boards

Agricultural Commission	
(unfilled)	
Maureen Sullivan	2014
Mitchell Feldmesser	2014
Glennis Austin - Chair	2015
Cheryl Harper	2016
Communications Committee	
Howard Knickerbocker	2014
Joe Kearns	2015
Steve Harris - Chair	2016
Conservation Commission	
Kim Baker	2014
Wayne Main	2014
Alan Vint - Chair	2016
(unfilled)	2016
Mitch Feldmesser	2016
Council on Aging (1 yr)	
Judy Artioli	2014
Kim Baker	2014
Judy Hoag	2014
Howard Knickerbocker - Chair	2014
Laura Lafreniere	2014
Marge Pierre	2014
Tom Ryan	2014
Priscilla Suriner	2014
Ed Vivier	2014
Judy White	2014

Cultural Council	
Judy Hoag	2014
Ruth Feldberg - Co Chair	2014
Charlene Gero	2015
Terry Gero	2016
Maryann Walsh - Co Chair	2016
Historical Commission	
Marjorie Batorski	2014
Howard Knickerbocker	2014
John Savery	2014
Jack Cobb - Chair	2015
Maryann Walsh	2015
Rita Docktor	2016
Registrars of Voters (1 yr)	
Marjorie Batorski	2014
Anita Myers	2014
Cyndy Oligny	2014
Tamarin Laurel-Paine	2014
Town Center Comm. (1 yr)	
Judy Artioli	2014
Scott Artioli	2014
Mitch Feldmesser	2014
Judy Hoag	2014
Dale Hoag	2014
Howard Knickerbocker	2014
Maureen Sullivan	2014
Jay Swift - Chair	2014
Alan Vint	2014

Elected Officials

Select Board	
Mitchell Feldmesser	2014
Alan Vint - Chair	2015
Howard Knickerbocker	2016
Board of Assessors	
Gita Jozsef - Chair	2014
(unfilled)	2015
Laura Lafreniere	2016
Cemetery Commissioners	
Larry Pease	2014
Tim Pease	2015
Mark Doane	2016
Town Clerk (1 yr)	
Marjorie Batorski	2014
Constables	
Ed Vivier	2015
Charlie Hunter	2016
County Commissioner	
Joseph Kearns	2015
Finance Committee	
Judith Hoag	2014

(unfilled)	2015
Joseph Kearns - Chair	2015
Scott Artioli	2016
Ed Vivier	2016
Library Trustees	
Ruth Feldberg	2014
Eleanor Doyle	2015
Chris Bresnahan	2016
Moderator (1 yr)	
Joseph Kearns	2014
Planning Board	
Terrence Crean	2014
Michael Hale	2014
Alan Vint - Chair	2015
(unfilled)	2015
Cam Mcneill	2016
School Committee	
Sarah Foley	2015
(unfilled)	2016
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Judith Hoag	2014
Terrence Crean	2015
Mitchell Feldmesser	2016