

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 24, 2014 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, David Muniyak, Bill Reed, David Wright

Approval of Minutes: T. Redfield moves to approve minutes as submitted, M. Lamson 2nd.
[Aye: H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield. Abstain: S. Moyer. Motion carries.]

Public Comment — None

Town Lot/Church Water Intrusion — No further reports of water in church basement. Surveyor on site 4/10, and surveyor's staff conducted search of town records.

Building Committee Report — David Muniyak

- Building Committee has received Agency of Commerce reimbursement for lead/asbestos abatement for full amount requested (\$20,665.22).
- No meeting held 4/17 as a quorum would not have been attained. Thus no report yet from statewide library planning workshop attended by Kimberley Matthewson and Michael Beattie on Saturday 4/12. Next Building Committee meeting Wednesday 5/7.
- Building Committee will propose schedule for meeting with site engineer re: septic system location and implications for neighboring properties.

Town Properties — Discussion of future uses or possible sale of town properties on West Street and Coy Hill Road. M. Lamson will get quotes on engineering and flood-zone assessment of West Street property. H. Childress will verify VT procedures for disposal of town property.

Road Commissioner Report — Bill Reed

- One-ton truck is repaired and back in use.
- Bill continues to collect price quotes for replacement of backhoe.
- Board requested Bill to work on lower end of Orchard Road.
- Board requested Bill to obtain price and availability of roadside mowing contractor, with mowing to be completed before July 4th.

Maintenance of Cemetery

- David Wright informed Board of possible plans to re-set old headstones, in consultation with Vermont Old Cemeteries Association. One large stone is leaning significantly, and David has received recommendations on methods of straightening it—he will investigate contractors.
- Town highway staff currently maintain the cemetery. This work has been moved in the budget from highway to the general Town budget.

Energy Committee

- David Wright informed Board that Green Mountain Power is ready to proceed with replacement of 28 existing streetlights, using energy-efficient LED luminaires. New luminaires can be installed on any existing power pole; Board will structure public-comment opportunities for possible relocation of lighting.

- The streetlights that are fully depreciated will be replaced by Green Mountain Power at no cost to Town. However, there is some small amount of value remaining in two luminaires, and Efficiency Vermont has offered a grant for the full remaining cost (roughly \$900) to complete the installation at no cost to Town. EV's grant will expire September 2015, so work must be completed by then to receive grant.
- H. Childress will work with Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to assemble current streetlight inventory and draft language for public comment.

Solid Waste

- M. Lamson informs that we do not need a special permit for large waste day because that work is already part of the Town's solid waste recertification plan.
- Laura Castle will order sufficient dumpster capacity for May 3 large waste collection.
- M. Lamson has arranged for a container and pallet for proper storage of electronic waste. C. Haynes will work with Jim Dudley to investigate relocating electronic waste storage into one of the existing sorting sheds.
- Transfer Station gate is torn away from supporting structure, and needs repair to operate and lock properly. Town has received a quote for repairs, and will investigate other options.

Vacant Town Positions

- H. Childress posted vacancies on 4/15 for Health Officer, Town Agent, and Planning Commission. No inquiries.
- Board will invite Rutland County Sheriff's Department to send a representative to a May Board meeting to discuss law enforcement options.

Emergency Management Plan — Town has received Emergency Management Plan from Tara Kelly. M. Lamson moves to allow Chair to sign plan, S. Moyer 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

Correspondence

- Letter from Rutland Regional Planning Commission regarding Regional Plan public review meeting May 20, 7pm
- Letter from VT Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board regarding forthcoming survey of Board Chairs regarding Town tobacco licenses.
- Letter from MS Energy Committee regarding streetlighting plan.
- Letter regarding VT Constable Training at State Police Academy, May 9.
- Request from Bob Parker for personnel evaluation review and possible raise.
- Annual summary of Town insurance from Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Financials/Board Orders

- M. Lamson moves to approve the board orders as presented. T. Redfield 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

Legal

- C. Haynes moves to enter executive session, T. Redfield 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]* Executive session begins 10:09pm.
- T. Redfield moves to conclude executive session, H. Childress 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]* Executive session ends 10:44 pm.
- T. Redfield moves to provide a copy of Bill Reed's personnel file and job descriptions to VLCT as requested. S. Moyer 2nd. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

Adjourn — T. Redfield moves to adjourn, M. Lamson 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 10:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk