

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes  
August 21, 2014 Special Meeting Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:08 pm

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

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** John Arsenault

**Petition for Special Town Meeting and Special Election:** The primary purpose of tonight's meeting was to act on a petition received by Town regarding a proposed article for special election. Deputy Secretary of State Brian Leven has indicated that the petition may be accepted and acted upon; since the petition was received by the Town Clerk on August 7, 2014, that leaves 15 days for the Selectboard to warn a special meeting and vote, which must occur not fewer than 30 days nor more than 40 days after posting.

M. Lamson moved to warn a special meeting at 7:30 pm on Monday September 22, 2014, to precede a vote on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 7am to 7pm; HC 2<sup>nd</sup>. [Aye—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—C. Haynes. Motion carried]. The motion to be discussed and voted upon is as follows:

*Shall the Town of Middletown Springs vote to raise, deem necessary and appropriate, and expend the sum of \$30,000 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department to be used for replacement of the roof of the existing firehouse, determining that these improvements benefit the town with fire protection services?*

The warning was created and signed by all Selectboard members, to be posted 30 days prior to the special meeting.

**Town Lands:** John Arsenault asked that the Selectboard approve moving forward with the planning grant from the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District. T. Redfield moved to approve that the Volunteer Fire Association and Community Church pursue design solutions for drainage which may potentially affect Town lands; M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried].

**Employment Policy:** When Highway employee Steve Geno was made full-time in March 2014, this made him eligible for enrollment in the Town's retirement plan. However, he was not enrolled immediately upon eligibility, so the Town and Steve both owe back contributions for his retirement plan. H. Childress moved that the town will pay the State retirement plan for both the Town's and the employee's components of the contribution for Steve Geno through August 2014, due to the error in his enrollment; beginning September 1, 2014, the Town will contribute 4.0% of his salary and Steve will contribute 2.5% of his salary. M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried].

The Selectboard then worked on revisions to the proposed Town Employment Policy; H. Childress will compile those revisions and bring them back to the Board at its next regular meeting on August 28.

**Adjourn:** T. Redfield moved to adjourn, M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [all in favor, motion carried]. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.