

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
October 23, 2014, Regular Meeting Approved**

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H, Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Tom Hurcomb, Sally Jones, David Munyak, Thad Omand, Bill Reed, Mike Valentine

Approval of Minutes. M. Lamson moved to table review of October 9 minutes, C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Public comment:

- Sally Jones: would it be possible to move the broken concrete from the Parker lot to her property on West Street for use in the Poutney River as bank stabilization? The Poutney riverbank has eroded since Irene, and needs to be stabilized. Dave Munyak says that the concrete debris was tested for hazardous materials and could just be hauled away as construction rubble. M. Lamson notes that the VT Agency of Natural Resources would want to review putting material in to stabilize the river; Bill Reed added that the ANR requires contractors to cease work in riverways by October 1 at any rate. The Poutney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District would have the best advice for bank stabilization.
- Mike Valentine (executive director of PEG TV) and Thad Omand (president of PEG TV board of directors): PEG TV video-records meetings for 27 different town and school boards in Rutland County, both for broadcast and on their website. They can do meetings, parades and festivals, sporting events, political forums, and are working with emergency management organizers to be an info hub during emergencies and disasters. Comcast had contracted with PEG TV to be the local public access provider two years ago. There are only 24 Comcast customers left in Middletown Springs, and Comcast has to date waived their 5% public access fee. Comcast may change that and begin charging the 5% public access fee as provided for by state regulation. VTEL is about to designate PEG TV as the Middletown Springs official public access provider, and VTEL subscribers already pay the 5% public access surcharge as part of their television bills. PEG TV would like to renew their Comcast designation; they'd need a Board letter to do that, and will provide a draft.

Building Committee:

- David Munyak reported that the bid date for the sub-slab cleanup has been extended to 10/29. The asbestos pipe insulation has required Health Department review of the cleanup specifications. David requested the Board to hold a special work session on 10/30 to review the received bids and make an award. If we award on 31st, work can commence on

11/3 and finish by 11/19. H. Childress moved to hold a special meeting of the Selectboard at 6pm on Thursday 10/30 to consider issues related to the Parker site; C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

- The wastewater and potable water application still needs additional info, and David will bring the draft application at next week's special meeting as well to review and sign. The Board also has to sign a letter to say that the person who signs the application is authorized by the town to sign that application, as well as an Act 145 form to contact adjacent town property owners.

Other Town Lands: C. Haynes has had a conversation with George Stannard regarding the survey of the town lot off North Street; Mr. Stannard has suggested that we contract with someone else, because he won't be able to complete it this fall. He will forego any fees, and will turn his research over to someone else once we hire them. Mike will e-mail Ray Page to follow up, since Stannard's field employee who had done most of the work now works for Page.

Bill Reed has been asked by school bus drivers whether the Parker lot will be plowed this winter for bus loading and unloading; at this point, the plan is that it will be plowed/cleared.

Road Commissioner's Report

- There had been some problems with Cargill receiving our purchase order on salt, but the issue has been resolved and we've already received our first 50 tons.
- Coy Hill project done except for seeing and mulching.
- Bill is working on grant for hazmat storage and eyewash station per VOSHA recommendations.
- Bill will add gravel to Orchard Road for winter prep.

Whites/Moyer Acres Discontinuance: Gary Kupferer requests clarification for final wording of the discontinuation order. C. Haynes will work with him to finish up, and the Board will review and sign at the special meeting on 10/30.

Correspondence.

- The Town's employee health plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT is due for renewal. The Board will consider 2015 renewal at the 11/13 regular meeting.
- 2015 Green Up Day. The Board will ask Hillary Solomon to continue to be the town's Green Up representative, and forwarded the \$50 financial request to Laura for inclusion on the March ballot.

Board Orders. H. Childress moved to approve board orders as presented; M. Lamson 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Other business:

- Laura bought a rack at for storage of the town map books.
- The microfilm contractor of property books (Goodway Documents) has told us that our old films are breaking down. Laura will ask them to check on the status of the documents.
- Laura would also like us to investigate having survey maps recorded; M. Lamson questions whether we should have documents digitized rather than filmed.

Legal:

- There will be a Garron Road status conference mid-November, at which the parties involved will try to come to some agreement. Town has not been involved.
- Carl visited with Robert Zorn on Monday 10/13 about his legal concerns, and discussed with Gary afterward.

At the October 30 meeting, the board will consider issues related to the Parker property, the discontinuance of Town roads, and the contracting of a new surveyor.

Adjourn: HC moved to adjourn; M. Lamson 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
Meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk