

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
January 8, 2015 Special and Regular Meeting Approved

CALL TO ORDER, SPECIAL MEETING: 6:10 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jenny Talke Munyak

BUDGET: The Selectboard conducted its third work session on the 2015-16 budget, focusing on the highway budget.

CALL TO ORDER, REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sally Achey, Matt Crossman, Lois Dansereau, Pat Hemenway, Kristal Haynes Hier, David Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Bill Reed

MINUTES: T. Redfield moved to accept the minutes for 12/18 as presented; S. Moyer 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. T.Redfield moved to approve the minutes for 12/29 as presented, M. Lamson 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield; Abstain—S. Moyer; motion carried*].

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Listers:** Sally Achey and Pat Hemenway presented the State's analysis of listings' accuracy. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) was 17.79%, up very slightly from 17% last year. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 102.7, again up slightly from 101 last year. Both of these remain below the levels that would require the Town to do a townwide reappraisal. The Town has roughly \$46,000 in the reappraisal fund, added to each year, so if a reappraisal becomes necessary in the future, the fund would be roughly equal to the task. The Listers also asked for an increased computing budget for 2015-16 for replacement of both hardware and software.
- **Library:** Kristal Haynes Hier and Lois Dansereau presented a 2015-16 Town Library budget of \$22,600, and a request for a Town contribution of \$17,150, up from \$16,300 in 2014-15.
- **Fire Association:** Terry Redfield reported that the Volunteer Fire Association will be placing a request for \$80,000 onto the Town Meeting ballot. This represents level funding from last year, along with the addition of the replacement of four sets of turnout gear.
- **Town Lands/Parker Site:**
 - David Munyak reported that the PCB and basement cleanup are complete, and all invoices received. He is seeking an additional \$10,945 from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to cover final costs.
 - The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has provided a Notice to Land Records indicating the record of work conducted, studies completed, and confirmation that conditions do not

represent significant risk to human health or the environment. The DEC must be notified prior to any future excavation on the site.

- The Building Committee continues its outreach and communications, with a booth at the December Holiday Craft Fair and a planned food sale at the 2015 Town Meeting.
 - The Building Committee unananimously voted to request that the following article be placed on the 2015 Town Meeting Ballot: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the Town Office? H. Childress moved to place this item as presented onto the March 2015 Town Meeting Ballot; M. Lamson 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield; Nays—S. Moyer; motion carried*].
- **Town Lands/Other:** Carl Haynes reported having had a conversation with realtor Sarah Haley about the possible sale of the West Street property. A discussion ensued about the possible sale of other Town properties, as well as the potential additions to Town properties subsequent to the January 2014 tax auction. The Board will invite Sarah Haley to a future meeting to continue discussions.

TOWN OFFICERS: Treasurer Jenny Talke Munyak submitted unofficial end-of-December (half-year) reports. Shirley Moyer resigned from her role as a trustee of the Louis Fund and other public monies as of 1/8/2015; her seat will be posted for election at town meeting, along with the other vacant seat.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Bill Reed discussed the road conditions caused by the highly variable weather conditions over the past few weeks. Some mudding/rutting has not been repaired as yet, since the mud froze before all roads could be trimmed. Two culverts had separated, and temporary repairs have been made, awaiting warmer weather for permanent repairs. Bill proposed prioritizing the central stretch of Spruce Knob Road for significant rebuild in 2015.

Bill proposed that the Town purchase an additional 500 cubic yards of road sand at the next thaw, to ensure adequate winter supply. He will investigate prices for the 1/12 special meeting.

The 2015-16 highway budget will require the Board to make decisions about vehicle repair and replacement. Bill and Laura Castle are getting information from surrounding communities regarding their plow-truck replacement plans. M. Lamson moved that we authorize Central Vermont Truck Repair to complete the engine overhaul and repairs required for inspection of the 7400 based on their quoted price of \$10,016.13; H. Childress 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nays—C. Haynes; motion carried*].

H. Childress will draft a letter from the Selectboard to the Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding icing conditions on 133/140 (East Street, near Tinmouth turn) for the Board's consideration at the 1/12 meeting.
Matt Crossman was present to discuss his application for mechanic work.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed the correspondence summary; no action was needed.

SOLID WASTE: Mike has had a conversation with Pam Clapp (SWAC) regarding the Transfer Station's handling of leaf and yard waste, which the town will be responsible for by July 1 2015. We can use as small as a 30-gallon tote at the Transfer Station, but ultimate disposal remains unclear. We also have changes needed to our handling of electronic waste.

BOARD ORDERS: H. Childress moved to accept board orders as presented, T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

SPECIAL MEETING: The SElectboard will hold a special meeting on Monday 1/12 at 6pm to discuss budget completion, the purchase of additional sand, the sale of town lands, the letter to VT Agency of Transportation regarding 133/140, and the recruitment of new trustees of public monies.

ADJOURN: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk