

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
March 5, 2015 Special Meeting Approved**

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed.

Town Clerk Laura Castle called the meeting to order, after the swearing-in of Jim Webber and Terry Redfield after their recent election to the Board.

Election of Selectboard Officers: Jim Webber nominated Terry Redfield as Chair of the Board; H. Childress 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried.*] Terry accepted the nomination. J. Webber nominated Herb Childress for clerk, S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried.*] Herb accepted the nomination. H. Childress nominated Mike Lamson as vice chair; T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried.*] Mike accepted the nomination.

Review of Election Results: The Board welcomed Bill Reed for a new term as Road Commissioner. The Board will address the job descriptions of the Road Foreman and Road Commissioner in forthcoming meetings. The Board will set the responsibilities of the Town Constable in forthcoming meetings. From the Selectboard Handbook:

If, however, the town so votes, the constable only has the power to:

- *serve civil or criminal process;*
- *assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties;*
- *destroy dogs when so ordered;*
- *kill injured deer;*
- *remove disorderly people from town meeting; and*
- *collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected*

There is no requirement that an elected constable have criminal justice training, however the voters can restrict the law enforcement activities of those constables who are untrained. 24 VSA § 1936a.

Other Business: There was a ballot petition inadvertently omitted from the ballot regarding Mentor Connector; we will discuss whether to fund this item directly. We will also discuss whether to contribute \$5,000 directly to the Town Audit reserve fund, as was approved by voters at 2014 Town Meeting. We may also discuss whether to do a reduced contract with the Sheriff's Department from Town budget.

Adjourn: J. Webber moved to adjourn, M. Lamson 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried.*]
Meeting adjourned 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk