

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2015 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: T. Redfield called the meeting to order 7:00

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sally Achey, Jenny Talke Munyak, Bill Reed, Laura Castle

Approval of Minutes:

- Feb 26 Special: M. Lamson moves to accept as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [M. Lamson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, T. Redfield – aye, J. Webber – abstain, motion carried]
- Mar 1 Special Meeting: Tabled
- Mar 5 Special: M. Lamson moves to accept as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Public Comments

- None

Town Officers:

- Sally Achey, Lister presents Certificate 4157 “No Appeal Pending” form: J. Webber moves to approve Certificate 4157 No Appeal Pending. S. Moyer 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- Sally Achey talks about Homestead Declaration which must be filed by every household before Apr. 15 to Oct. 15. Penalties are 3% or 8% of the education property tax depending on whether Resident or Non-resident tax rate is higher. The Selectboard will discuss at an upcoming meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report – Jenny present month ending financial report

Town Office Positions

- John Arsenault – Accepted Trustee of Lois Fund and 3 year Planning Commission
- Trustee of Copeland Cemetery – Dan McKeen received 24 write-in votes. Laura will contact.
- 1 year auditor – Jim Georg – Laura will contact for interest
- 2 year auditor – Jim Georg, John Arsenault received enough write-ins. Laura will contact for interest
- Open positions: Town Agent
- M. Lamson moves to have Laura send letters of inquiry to people who held positions last year for interest in accepting appointments. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Town Lands:

- Regarding the West Street property: C. Larson offered to assist with drafting easement language to add to the West Street property deed regarding the walking trail.

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill back-bladed some of the high spots on muddy roads. He is anticipating a rough mud season although weather has been cooperating – cold nights and wind to dry
- Has been cleaning up the sand pile
- Bill wants to get the box culvert project (which a bid was awarded last year) on North Street out to bid in March. M. Lamson moves to allow Bill and Laura to move forward

with the bid process for the North Street box culvert project. [M. Lamson – aye, S. Moyer – aye, T. Redfield – aye, J. Webber – abstain, motion carried]

- Bill inquires if we will be posting roads. T. Redfield moves to instruct Bill to post the roads at his discretion. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]
- Brian Sanderson – District 3 Project Manager – Bill/Terry will need to meet discuss MTS highway financial plan

Solid Waste

- Discussion of impending regulations regarding yard and leaf debris collection. M. Lamson will inquire best practice suggestions from Pam Clapp

Poultney River Walk

- M. Lamson will inquire with members of the public via Front Porch and Magnet for interest in joining a committee to begin the feasibility study.

Correspondence

- Bob Zorn correspondence. Will forward to attorney
- Weight permit requests and checks from from Camp Precast, Markowski Excavating.
- VTRANS – letter acknowledging the Selectboards concerns of icing on Route 140
- Granville Rescue squad – letter requesting if the town has a policy on having the road crew respond when there are road conditions inhibiting rescue service. Per Bill he is often called by the VT State Police in emergencies and the road crew responds. Since the dispatch was from New York, there appears to be some confusion. Bill will contact Washington County Control.
- VLCT – Selectboard Institute notice

Financials/Board Orders

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

Legal

- Terry will forward the Zorn correspondence to Gary Kupferer

Other Business

- J. Webber looked at the recently adopted employment policy and inquires if there was input from the employees. Bill Reed has reviewed and provided input.
- M Lamson moves to adjourn. J. Webber 2nd. [all in favor, motion carried]

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:18 pm.

Mike Lamson, Clerk