

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting January 7, 2016 Approved**

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Munyak, Bill Reed, James Reed, Hillary Solomon

Public Comment: David Munyak reports that Building Committee requests that the Selectboard create a line item in their annual town budget for the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities and include a minimum of \$50K for FY2016/17. M. Lamson noted that the voters of the town have confirmed for three consecutive years that they are invested in this project, and that this action would confirm the investment of the Board as well. J. Webber believes that the Town ought to make the decision as a separate line item, to not raise the town budget. H. Childress moved to create a line item in the Town General Government budget for the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities, and to include \$50,000 in that budget item for FY2016-17; M. Lamson 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*].

The Building Committee has considered two options for building entry—at grade from parking, and at grade from East Street—and is divided on which option to pursue. Michael Beattie has developed a new option to split the difference, which may win the support of the full Committee.

James Reed reported that he has been appointed as Fire Warden by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. M. Lamson moved to approve the appointment of James Reed as fire warden; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. He also reports that constabulary calls have been very light.

Hillary Solomon presented the current planning for the drainage and rain garden at the town green. Long Trail Engineering has developed a plan for drainage and water collection off the Town equipment/sand/salt yard, and a rain garden on the Green for further water collection and filtering. She will be meeting with the church board for their approval on Friday 1/8. The Board and Bill Reed considered how and whether Town equipment and highway crew labor might be used to reduce the cost for this project, but do not yet have sufficient information to determine.

Town Meeting 2016: The Town has received a new request for a funding item on the ballot, from the Pleasant View Cemetery Association, requesting \$1,500.

The town has also received a petition from town voters: “Shall the Voters of Middletown Springs be allowed to vote for the Select Board to Enact zoning for regulating outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles?” The petition has sufficient signatures to be considered.

Notice of Deadlines for Town Meeting

- Deadline to file petitions with Town Clerk for articles to be placed in the Town Meeting warning: January 14, 5:00 pm
- Deadline for the Board of Civil Authority to name the location(s) for Town Meeting: January 21, 5:00 pm.
- Deadline to file nominating petitions with Town Clerk for persons running for town office: January 25, 5:00 pm
- Deadline to sign consent form to have one's name included on the town ballot for office elections: January 25, 5:00 pm

Budget FY2016-17: the Budget now includes the funding line for the Reserve Fund for Municipal Facilities-Town as voted earlier in this meeting. The budget work is now complete, and the Board will vote on the General Government and Highway ballot items at next week's regular meeting.

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

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk