

**Middletown Springs Board of Civil Authority Minutes
January 14, 2016 Approved**

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:07 PM by Town Clerk Laura Castle

BCA MEMEBERS PRESENT: L. Castle, H. Childress, M. Heitkamp, S. Moyer, T. Redfield, N. Rubinstein, L. Silver.

Town Meeting 2016: No changes were proposed to the 2015 locations of Monday informational meeting or Tuesday for election. L. Silver moved that the Monday, February 29th informational meeting be held at the School multipurpose room at 7:30 PM, and that the Tuesday March 1st election be held at the firehouse from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Adjourn: L. Silver moved to adjourn; M. Heitkamp 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Herb Childress, BCA Meeting Clerk

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting January 14, 2016 Unapproved**

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015; J. Webber 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Abstain—S. Moyer; motion carried*]. S. Moyer moved to approve the minutes of December 22, 2015; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016; T. Redfield 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Abstain—S. Moyer; motion carried*].

Road Commissioner: The Town's equipment made it through the snowstorm adequately. The new truck is in the fabrication shop for plow and sanding gear installation, and will likely be delivered to the Town early in February. The red truck's registration expires end of February, and will need a new windshield to be registered. The Board discussed whether to accept the Charlebois' Trucking offer of \$17,000 for trade-in on the red truck.

The Agency of Transportation had an audit with Bill today to review the reimbursement submittals on the North Street Box Culvert project. For future projects, we should bill the use of Town equipment at State or Federally approved rates (the Town's locally calculated rate is lower), and bill the use of Town employees at wage plus benefits rather than merely wages. Both of these will increase our in-kind contribution for future

grants. The next round of grants will be March 2016; a culvert on Garron Road is the most likely target for funded replacement through AOT, and a stretch of Spruce Knob from Better Back Roads.]

Bill wanted to remind the public that the highway crew plows based on the centerline of the road, and that although residents are welcome to put up boundary markers, the Town is not responsible for sod or beds that encroach onto the road right of way, and that even fluorescent flags may not be visible at night during heavy snows. The Town will not be responsible for any repairs to lawns or gardens that lie within the road right-of-way as measured from the road's centerline.

We have received our request for the 2016 Certificate of Highway Mileage from the Agency of Transportation; Bill will review and make recommendations before Board approval.

Solid Waste: Metal collection and large waste collection days for 2016 will be Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, October 1, 6am to noon.

Correspondence: Comcast reminded the Town that they would provide free internet access to one Town location. VLCT News; Rutland County Sheriff's list of services.

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

Discussion of 2016 Town Meeting and Ballot Items: Town Meeting must be warned not before January 21st and not after January 31st, 2016. Draft warning will be voted at 1/28 Select Board meeting. Most requests for funding from local non-profit organizations have been received; five remain outstanding.

T. Redfield moved to reduce the budget allocation for the reserve fund for town facilities from \$50,000 to \$40,000, and to use the remaining \$10,000 for contracted law enforcement services; S. Moyer 2nd. Considerable discussion ensued about the effectiveness of contractual service for limited hours; about recent and past home and business break-ins; about alternatives to law enforcement such as neighborhood watch; and about whether the allocation for paid law enforcement should be voted as an independent ballot item rather than built into the budget. [*Aye—H. Childress, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk