

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting January 28, 2016 Approved**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**BOARD PRESENT:** H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield, J. Webber (after approval of minutes)

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Michael Beattie, Fred Bradley, Laura Castle, Lois Dansereau, Chris Fenton, Kristal Hier, Patty Kenyon, Gary Kupferer, David Munyak, Bill Reed, Peter Stevenson.

**Approval of Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all present in favor, motion carried*].

**Public Comment/Legal:** Gary Kupferer presented the final work on the Garron Road project. The settlement is that both historic roads (dated 1799 and 1854) that extend from the end of Garron Road to Wells (neither of which has any active road identity any longer) be discontinued. We need to notify all residents along Garron Road, giving them a minimum of 30 days notice. Public notice will be in the Rutland Herald, the Wells planning commission, and the Middletown Springs planning commission.

M. Lamson moved as follows, with H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup>:

*Shall the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, by and through its Select Board, pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §708(a), discontinue that portion of Garron Road as set forth on a Survey entitled "Proposed Boundary Line Adjustment, Lands of Ventrella et al. and Riedinger" dated October 2013, by On Point Land Surveying commencing just southerly of the Ventrella driveway as set forth on said survey to the town line of Wells, Vermont and also that portion of Garron Road that was originally laid out in 1799 located westerly of said Garron Road depicted on the above-referenced Survey to the town line of Wells, Vermont, where no road currently exists.*

*Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §708, examination of the premises and hearing the persons interested on the discontinuance of portions of Garron Road as set forth above, shall be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 9:00 AM.*

[*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Public Comment/Building Committee:** Michael Beattie presented the current status of the proposed design for the Town Office. The first redesign was based on comments from the October 2014 town open house, and has been scaled down somewhat from there. Immediate next steps would be an engineering study, and the beginnings of fundraising. Peter Stevenson also suggests a near-future cost estimate to inform the Board and the public; Michael indicated that there are substantial materials and structural decisions yet to be made before an accurate cost estimate can be made. H. Childress moved to ask the Building Committee to continue its work including consulting studies and fundraising investigation based on the concept presented at this meeting; J.

Webber 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress moved to expend \$500 from Town facilities reserve fund to produce renderings from these conceptual drawings; M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

David Munyak also requested on behalf of the building committee that the select board restore the full \$50,000 funding of the town municipal facilities reserve fund.

**Road Commissioner:** No delivery date yet for new truck. The Orchard Road guardrail will be repaired as soon as weather permits. The one-ton is at Frank & Joe's to check on a radiator leak. De-icing culverts during the past week. Bill is working on grants for 2016 roads projects.

**Correspondence:** letters from two attorneys who do title searches in favor of added space in town office; VLCT News; request from RRPC regarding any new shoulders & curbs (of which there are none).

**Board Orders:** H. Childress moved to accept the board orders as presented; M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Town Report:** T. Redfield moved that for organizations that submitted their reports, we put a measure on the ballot that requests funding equal to FY2015-16; for organizations that have not submitted requests or reports, we do not include a ballot request; J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]

T. Redfield moved to accept the petitioned article on junk and junk vehicles for inclusion on the town meeting warning; J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

J. Webber moved to take the \$10,000 out of the town budget line item for law enforcement, fund the building committee at \$50,000, and add a town meeting warning item for contract law enforcement for \$10,000; M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. [*Aye—H. Childress, M. Lamson, J. Webber; Nay—S. Moyer, T. Redfield; motion carried*]

S. Moyer moved to remove \$50,000 from the town budget for the town facilities reserve fund, and to add a town meeting warning item for town facilities for \$50,000; J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. [*Aye—S. Moyer, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Nay—H. Childress, M. Lamson; motion carried*]

H. Childress moved to accept the Town Meeting Warning as constructed; J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Adjourn:** J. Webber moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Board Clerk

