

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting February 25, 2016 Approved**

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Chris Fenton, Carl Haynes, Patty Kenyon, David Munyak, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of the February 11th meeting and the Liquor Control Board meeting; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Town Officers: We will prepare a list of vacant positions or positions requiring appointment, so that we can reach out after the Election if there are not sufficient write-ins for the open positions. Treasurer Munyak has given us an updated balance for employee overtime and flex-time balances.

Town Lands: The Building Committee has written a response to the Select Board's decision to not write the town facilities funding into the fixed budget; that letter is attached to these minutes. David Munyak clarified the intention of the Building Committee, and requested that the Select Board post a budget clarification on Front Porch Forum. H. Childress will draft a response, and get approval from Board and Building Committee before posting. The message is as follows:

At its January 28th, 2016 meeting, the Select Board decided to retain the \$50,000 request for the Municipal Facilities Reserve Fund as a separate ballot item for voter approval rather than build it into the Town General Government budget as a fixed line item. The \$50,000 request for the facilities reserve fund is Item 7 on this year's ballot.

The Building Committee will have boards with the design scheme at the Election Day bake sale, and be available for public discussion.

Road Commissioner: We have had a difficult week with equipment; all three trucks have been down at some point or another. Bill was able to patch together bed chain for the 7400, a clutch issue with the 7600, and an electrical problem still unresolved on the one-ton, at Alderman's. We will need to replace leaf springs on 7600 later in the spring; Bill has parts price (roughly \$1200), and is getting pricing for labor. H. Childress moved to approve the purchase and installation of the leaf springs for the 7600; M. Lamson 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Rodney Tarbell served as on-call backup, though his services were not needed.

There has been some shoulder damage, mostly patched with replacement gravel. Three culverts had plugged, easily cleared. The recent major projects came through with no deterioration.

Bill has had training on the controls for the new truck, scheduled for delivery in roughly two weeks. T. Redfield moved that we accept Charlebois Trucking's trade in offer of \$17,000 for the 7400 when we receive the new truck. [*Ayes—H. Childress, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—M. Lamson; Abstain—J. Webber*].

The Town has to file state certification forms for the ways that we house possibly hazardous materials and fluids; Bill is working with Mary Lamson to complete these.

Bill will build a proposal for a heated cleaning shed to be placed at the West Street property for vehicle and equipment cleaning.

Solid Waste: we should communicate again to the public that the Transfer Station is collecting household batteries for separate storage at no charge. The state has approved a small pool for grant funding related to towns' recycling facilities and equipment; Pam Clapp has asked whether MS would be interested in applying for such funds, and if so, for what purposes.

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

Other Business: The Board would like to express its appreciation for the work of the Creative Economy steering committee in the development of marketing materials that can be employed by businesses and projects at no cost to the Town.

The Board would also like to appreciate Mike Lamson for his six years of service to the community, and to appreciate Shirley Moyer for her ___ years of service to the community. Their presence on the Select Board will be missed.

Town Meeting Preparations: The School will be first in this year's Town Meeting, the Town second.

Adjourn: M. Lamson moved to adjourn; S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk

Attached letter from Building Committee to follow: