

**Middletown Springs Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016 • Approved Minutes**

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Castle, Shirley Moyer, Bill Reed

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

Minutes: C. Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the March 24th regular meeting; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield; J. Webber abstain; motion carried*]. P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the March 26th special meeting; C. Fenton 2nd; [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield; J. Webber abstain; motion carried*].

Public Comment: Given that we currently have no animal control officer, the Board had a general discussion of dog ordinances or animal control issues. We will continue to address dog complaints ad-hoc in the absence of an officer.

Town Officers: there has been interest in the open seat on the Planning Commission (see Correspondence); no other open positions are receiving inquiries. The Board members will continue to do outreach and ask for interest. P. Kenyon, T. Redfield and L. Castle will share responsibilities for Emergency Management Officer in the short term, until a replacement is named.

Town Lands: The Building Committee met on April 6th, at which Peter Stevenson offered his estimated cost of construction for the proposed town office and library, although the details of materials and construction methods are still to be determined. The Building Committee will now be working to bring further detail to the materials and methods so that we can hire a full and detailed estimate. The Board would like to express its appreciation to Peter for the work that he's conducted, and will reach out to him to ask his recommendations for the most significant possibilities for savings.

H. Childress will work with L. Castle to investigate insurance claims for the Library after the April 13th fire next door.

Road Commissioner: Bill is applying for highway three grants: for safety equipment; for replacing a culvert replacement and erosion control projects on Dayton Hill Road and Coy Hill Road; and for a proposed box culvert on Garron Road. T. Redfield moved that the Board sign the AOT Highway Financial Plan and the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory; H. Childress 2nd [all in favor, motion carried].

Bill will take the new truck in for adjustments and small new-vehicle glitches. We will make a decision on warranty protection for the new truck at the 4/28 meeting.

We have purchased the utility trailer for use with the pressure washer; Bill has set up the pumping station at the West Street property, and finds it to be a great benefit. He

has also ordered all of the tires for the grader and backhoe, with installation to be scheduled soon.

Bill has begun spring grading, and will place gravel for needed repairs wherever road fabric is visible.

We continue to explore ways of managing runoff and gravel control on Daisy Hollow Road, and Terry will set up a field visit to consider next steps.

Solid Waste: The one-sort compactor has a leaking hydraulic cylinder. It is likely to be repaired by Hubbard during the week of 4/18. The cost for that will be anywhere between \$700 and \$2700, depending on whether it's just a replacement of seals or a full replacement of the hydraulic mechanism.

Laura will be creating a new Green-Up Day poster to direct roadside cleanup to the West Street site. H. Childress and C. Fenton have volunteered to be additional waste staff as needed on May 7th.

Household Hazardous Waste is Saturday April 16th, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Correspondence:

- notification of an annual registration fee for the Coy Hill dam
- an incorrect invoice from Viking for the plow-equipment installation; that amount was actually included in the Charlebois invoice as a passthrough, and will not be paid directly to Viking
- an NSF notification from People's United for a tax payment
- a request from Leon Corey Trucking for overweight permit, including a payment and certificate of insurance. C. Fenton moved to approve the overweight permit; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- notification by groSolar of their intent to file a Certificate of Public Good application for their proposed power generation project on Wescott Road
- a letter from the Planning Commission requesting that Hilary Solomon be named to the open seat on the Planning Commission. T. Redfield moved to approve that request, H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
- a bid for roadside mowing from Bruce Orchitt, to be done at or near the 4th of July, at a total cost of \$3,960. H. Childress moved to approve contracting with Bruce Orchitt for mowing; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

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

Legal: T. Redfield moved the following; H. Childress 2nd:

Based upon the site visit and the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing; and pursuant to 19 V.S.A. 710, the Select Board hereby determines that the public good, necessity and convenience requires that the portion of the Town

Highway #21 (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, which Survey is incorporated to this decision by reference, are hereby discontinued.

[Ayes—H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield; J. Webber abstain; motion carried]

Other Business: The Selectboard will hold a special meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday May 3, having to do with the issue of junk and junk vehicles. H. Childress will ask Town Moderator Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson to moderate at that meeting.

Rutland County Sheriff Bernard will appear at the April 28th Board meeting to discuss options for law enforcement.

Personnel evaluations will occur within the next month.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk