

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting September 8, 2016 Approved**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon (arrived at 8:55), T. Redfield, J. Webber (departed at 8:00)

**TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT:** Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Jenny Talke-Munyak, Town Treasurer; Bill Reed, Road Foreman

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Kathy Feeley, Tom Hurcomb, Joe King, Mary King, Shirley Moyer, David Munyak, Phil Nietupski, Ed Skwirin

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Robin Miller, Poultney

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

**Minutes:** C. Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 25; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Public Comment:** Ed Skwirin has done considerable work on Dayton Hill Road (with permission of the select board in 2014), at substantial personal expense. He believes that the proposed ATV use will damage the work done on this road. As a landowner, he opposes the project for road maintenance, safety and noise concerns.

Other community members agreed on their opposition to ATV use. Dust, noise pollution, safety, litter, liability issues were most frequently named.

Issues raised in favor included possibilities of increased tourism, increased supervision of freelancers, and the desire to allow one's neighbors to enjoy recreation that they themselves don't participate in.

Bill has had bad interactions with ATV freelancers, but always good relations with the ATV club. He believes that there will be positive outcomes from communicating with the club.

By both time and number of commenters, the public comment was strongly opposed to approving the requested ATV use of roads.

**Town Officers:** Jenny Talke Munyak thanked Terry for managing the VT Department of Labor registration. Starting to receive first-quarter tax checks, with a first-quarter due date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jenny has contacted VMERS to find out what they need to formally remove Steve Geno from the insurance and retirement plans.

**Public Lands:** David Munyak reported that Jerry Parker is prepared to do well drilling at the corner lot for materials only, all labor and set-up donated. H. Childress moved to approve the presented contract with Parker Water Wells for drilling the well at the town office lot; C. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Highway:** Bill received a receipt from Rodney Tarbell to purchase stone tailings. The Board declined to be involved in selling road materials.

Bill has received two quotes for culvert footings and walls within the maintenance grant. Dayton Hill Road— Concrete Professionals: \$5,800; Waite Construction \$2,520. Coy Hill Road— Concrete Professionals: \$2,500; Waite Construction \$1,490 (if both jobs) or \$1,940 (if Coy Hill only). C. Fenton moved to accept Waite Construction's quotes for both projects; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The highway maintenance position has been posted once again, with a deadline for applications of September 20. Bill has been grading in preparation for winter, applying calcium for dust control (used about half of the town's supply in the past few weeks).

Bill has been replacing road signs whenever he has time. He has notified the State that there are three stop signs onto 133 that are faded and need replacement.

**Solid Waste:** The board is preparing for the October 1<sup>st</sup> large waste and scrap metal disposal event. As a reminder, this event will have a \$5 per vehicle-load charge for drop-off at the large waste event. We will try to have the property brush-hogged in preparation for the event. P. Kenyon will work with Glen to develop a handout on appropriate materials for general and special solid waste collection, to be publicly distributed.

**Correspondence:**

- received an e-mail in preparation for the debate between Jonas Rosenthal and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman.
- Comment period extension for the Wescott Road solar project to September 6 (received 8/23);
- Middletown Springs Historical Society has filed a motion to intervene in the Wescott Road solar project;
- Service request for dust control on Garron Road;
- VT Department of Labor waiver of overdue penalty;
- Notice from Comcast of message centers for emergency network repair;
- Notice of VLCT 2017 municipal policy.

**Board Orders:** H. Childress moved to approve the board orders; P. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Other Business:** Laura is preparing the vote tabulator and reporting software for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. We have received a request for fence viewer service from both Marie Louka and Amanda Carter to clarify a boundary; the town has no fence viewer. Laura will search to see whether a survey has been filed for either or both properties.

**Adjourn:** C. Fenton moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].  
Meeting adjourned 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk