

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Approved

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Bill Reed, James Reed, Ashley Waite

Approval of Minutes: S. Moyer moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 26 with the amendment of “special” to “regular”, T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the April 1 special meeting, S. Moyer 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Abstain—M. Lamson; motion carried*]

Town Office Positions: Carl Haynes has agreed to continue as the Town’s Health Officer and Regional Transportation Representative.

Town Lands: Sarah Haley has received paperwork regarding a possible offer on the West Street property, but their financing is not yet secured, so no action needs to be taken until a secured offer is received.

Road Commissioner: Six frozen culverts have been opened, and the ditchline has been cleared in most places, so drainage should be prepared. The crew has laid some stone in muddy areas on Norton, Coy Hill and Spruce Knob. There are two culverts that have split below grade, and we’ll discover the status of others as the thaw continues; those will be excavated and replaced this spring.

From Spruce Knob, there are three sections (from .6 miles to 1.4 miles west of origin) that need to be dug out and rebuilt. Bill has prepared cost estimates and measurements for each.

There are some pavement and sidewalk disruptions on School House Road. Bill will investigate who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance, and whether the contractor bears any ongoing responsibility for its stability.

Highway Equipment: We still have not received a bill from Central Vermont Truck Service for the red truck engine rebuild.

Bid Opening North Street Box Culvert. The Town has received three bids for the construction and installation of the North Street box culvert project.

- Ashley Waite, Waite’s Foundation Inc.: two options, \$25,424 (A) and \$25,470 (B), both poured in place.
- Camp Precast: \$41,855
- S.D. Ireland: \$18,765
- Michie Corporation: \$33,337.80 (but 1507.80 indicated as tax, which shouldn’t be charged, making the total \$31,830)

Bill would like to take the bids and specs to the Agency of Transportation District 3 office for their review, since it would need to be VT AOT approved to fulfill grant requirements. A working meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday 4/16 6pm, to review bid details and also to work on job descriptions.

Solid Waste: Household hazardous waste collection at Transfer Station from 10:30 to noon on 4/18. Sue Miller has volunteered to manage metal collection on May 2, and will provide proof of insurance before that date.

Poultney River Walk Update: first meeting will be next week, with five people interested in being part of the steering committee.

Correspondence: H. Childress moved to accept the excess weight permit application from Gould Drilling, M. Lamson 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

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

Personnel: H. Childress moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, and to invite Laura Castle and Bill Reed. T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*] executive session entered at 7:59 pm. H. Childress moved to end executive session, S. Moyer 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session closed at 8:30 pm

Constable: James Reed has accepted the Constable election with the responsibilities of noise complaints, as well as animal control after completion of a Police Academy course on animal management. All other issues will be referred to State Police.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn, T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk