

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting August 11, 2016 Approved**

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Herb Childress, C. Fenton, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield, Jim Webber

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Bill Reed, Road Foreman;

PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Hurcomb, Chris Smid

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes: P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 28; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Public Comment: Tom Hurcomb offered comment in opposition to the proposed ATV use of North Street and Spruce Knob Road; with a letter detailing concerns. He noted that in February 2010, this matter was brought before the Select Board and rejected at that time. Danny Hale, VASA executive director, will be present at the August 25th Select Board meeting, and any residents interested in hearing from him are invited to attend that session.

Chris Smid offered comment on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Association to express possible interest in the Rouse garage for fire station use, and raising the question of whether the town might have an interest in purchasing the existing fire building. H. Childress expressed a desire for the Town to develop a facilities master plan to understand the conditions and constraints on existing properties, the needs for further property and facilities, and the possibilities of acquisition of other properties that might better suit the Town's future needs. H. Childress will discuss this possibility with the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

Town Officers: Laura Castle reported that the turnout for the August 9th state primaries was 193 voters, and that the count went smoothly.

Public Lands: The Building Committee met on 8/9 with two energy modelers. Due to a lack of quorum for the second August meeting, the next Building Committee meeting will be the first Wednesday of September.

Emmett Francois has completed the re-painting of the Middletown Springs Cemetery sign on West Street. The Board will send a letter of appreciation.

Highway: Bill Reed has received the approved grant paperwork from AOT for \$92,132.33 as a 90% match for the box culvert project on Garron Road, leaving 10% for Town expense. P. Kenyon moved to accept the Agency of Transportation Grant; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Bill has finished his second round of top coating on Coy Hill and Orchard Road. He is continuing to replace parts on the backhoe. He has been pricing out 5kW generators, at approximately \$1,000.

We have evaluated the workplace injury report filed by Bill, and VLCT will issue a general safety statement to other communities based on this incident. Bill also met with Todd Eaton (Vermont Local Roads) about training for select boards and road foremen about road repair safety for smaller communities, and possible sharing of personnel and equipment for large repair projects.

The Dayton Hill culvert header project is still awaiting final price quotes. Bill has ordered more of the new street signs and hardware. He has also ordered 3,000 gallons of calcium chloride, at approximately 90¢/gallon.

We have received two applications for road maintenance worker; applications close on Monday August 15th.

Solid Waste: We have received a favorable report from the Department of Environmental Conservation on the condition of the transfer station, with commendation for its cleanliness and maintenance. Requested modifications include a new lid for the electronics disposal bin.

Correspondence:

- Terry attended the Ira select board meeting, and returned with a sample of their ATV highway use ordinance;
- Terry has sent a letter to the VT department of Labor to ask forgiveness of a \$100 late charge
- Vermont Division of Policy and Planning 2016 Certificate of Highway Mileage;
- copy of MS Planning Commission's Motion to Intervene with regards to the Wescott Road solar project to Public Service Board;
- notice from VT Public Service Board notifying that the public comment deadline for the Wescott Road solar project has been extended to August 25, 2016;
- statement from Richard Spitalny regarding proposed Wescott Road solar project;
- mis-addressed notice from ANR regarding forestry on Killington Pico Ski Resort Partners land;
- notice of VLCT PACIF reasonable suspicion training;
- notice from BCBSVT of partial payment for health insurance;
- dog complaint filed by Kathye Reed;
- notice of VT Humane Society animal cruelty investigation workshops.

Board Orders: T. Redfield moved to provide Art Castle a \$100 payment in recognition of years of service for elections; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress moved to approve the board orders with the addition of \$100 for Art Castle; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
Meeting adjourned 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk