

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
August 13, 2015 Meeting Approved**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Hurcomb, Joanne Mickowski, Jenny Talke Muniyak, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the July 16 special meeting, J. Webber 2nd [*Aye—H. Childress, J. Webber, T. Redfield; Abstain—M. Lamson, S. Moyer; motion carried*]. T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the July 23 regular meeting; M. Lamson 2nd [*Ayes—4; Abstain—J. Webber; motion carried*].

Public Comments: Joanne Mickowski commented on the letter she received from the Board Chair about a check returned for transfer station fees.

Tom Hurcomb reported that the Planning Commission has been notified of the FY2016 Municipal Planning Grants cycle, including funding priorities for projects related to designated village centers, with deadlines due September 30 2015. Tom also reported on the Creative Economy committee work, with a meeting with the Board and Planning Commission coming in September to discuss progress and draft outcomes.

Town Treasurer: Jenny Talke Muniyak reported that the Current Use payments will be \$35,498 rather than the budgeted \$40,000, which will impact budgets for the year.

A proposal has been received from People's United Bank for a 1.25% loan to cover the interim costs of the North Street culvert project until the State funds the grant that will pay for the project; the grant should be funded in October 2015, and the loan repaid December 2015. H. Childress moved that the Town apply for a loan from People's United Bank for \$68,960 for the North Street culvert project; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

First quarter tax payments are beginning to arrive; all first-quarter payments due September 15.

Town Lands: Mike Fannin has submitted a proposal for two phases of stone repair and resetting in the Old Cemetery. The first project is straightening and re-gluing roughly 35 stones to their bases; the second is reassembling 8 broken stones and surrounding them with stainless steel compression bands. The Town would need to provide a labor assistant for this project, which could be done in late September or October. The total cost of both phases, including the Town's paying of a laborer, would be roughly \$5,500. The Cemetery reserve fund currently contains \$6,200, and H. Childress will complete a proposal for grant funding assistance from the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association. M. Lamson moved to hire Mike Fannin to conduct all of the quoted cemetery work; S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Road Commissioner Report: Bill conducted a site meeting with AOT, Better Back

Roads and representatives of other districts within Vermont at the Whites Road site. Bill had prepared a grant proposal for roughly \$9,000 to do that drainage and erosion control project; this grant has been awarded, and will be funded based on reimbursement of expenses.

The road infrastructure inventory program funded by VTTrans has now shifted to direct funding of RRPC, rather than paying individual towns.

Current highway crew work: ditching, brush cutting of overhead limbs, building and equipment maintenance, culvert replacement.

The north footing and north wing wall of the North Street box culvert are done, and the other forming and pours are underway this week.

Correspondence: a proposal from Cargill for road salt at \$79.06 per ton; a notice from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation regarding new requirements for materials accepted at transfer station.

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

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm.