

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

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

BUDGET SESSION CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04 PM

Budget: The meeting began with a working session on the 2017-18 General Government budget. The December 22 meeting will begin at 6:00 pm for further budget work.

C. Fenton moved to exit special budget meeting, H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*] budget meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM. Public in attendance: Mike Bowen, Ron Masleh, Chris Smid.

Minutes: P. Kenyon moved to approve minutes of November 22 as presented; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Public Comment: Terry spoke with Nina Dubois about her interest in being Animal Control Officer, but she has not attended this evening.

Mike Bowen came to speak regarding his property dispute on Prospect Road. Mr. Bowen has a property dispute with a neighbor who has built on Bowen's property with intention to claim ownership through improvement. He came to this meeting to have public record of his dispute. Board members advised him to file a grievance of his tax assessment, so that the Listers have an opportunity to review the facts of the case.

Ron Masleh came to ask progress on the junk vehicle ordinance. He asked that we have a separate informational meeting prior to Town Meeting that lays out the planned ordinance for discussion; the Board agreed.

Chris Smid came on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Association for further discussion of the firehouse property. T. Redfield spoke with town's attorney Gary Kupferer, who recommended that loans should be available based on the lengthy remaining duration of the lease.

Town Officers: Treasurer Munyak provided a November trial balance and budget recaps.

The Board received one proposal to design and lay out the 2016 Town Report, from Patty Kenyon, for \$35 per hour (estimated cost of ~\$1,400). H. Childress moved to

accept the proposal from Patty Kenyon to design and lay out the 2016 Town Report; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, P. Kenyon abstained, motion carried*].

Public Lands: T. Redfield has gotten no trespassing signs for the Coy Hill Road dam property, as per PACIF recommendation.

Building Committee requested that the Select Board include \$50,000 for the Town Municipal Facilities fund as a line item rather than a separately funded item.

Highway: No urgent items from Bill's update. We welcome our new Highway Maintenance Worker, Brent Clark of Castleton.

Correspondence: ANR document re: Orchard Road soils testing, finding no hazards. Vermont AOT request to file special weight restrictions for roads and bridges.

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

Executive Session: T. Redfield moved to enter executive session, inviting Treasurer Muniyak; 2nd H. Childress [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 8:41 PM.

Treasurer Muniyak departed at 9:02 PM; executive session continued onto another topic.

T. Redfield moved to exit executive session; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular session re-entered at 9:13 PM

As a result of deliberations during Executive Session, the Board members in attendance noted that Select Board Member Jim Webber has not attended Select Board meetings since the meeting of September 8th. We have, in person and by mail, asked him to return to service or to resign, and have gotten no firm response. Board members in attendance regret that we must now publically request the resignation of Jim Webber from his seat on the Select Board. T. Redfield moved to ask Jim Webber for his resignation; H, Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Other Business: The Select Board will hold an informational meeting in January to have broad public discussion of the two ballot articles that the Board will present for Town Meeting, having to do with ATV use and with junk and junk vehicle ordinances.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*] meeting adjourned 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk