

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
February 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Approved**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Sarah Haley, Bill Reed.

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve minutes of January 22; M. Lamson 2nd after correction of typo [*all in favor, motion carried.*]

Town Officers: Town Clerk Laura Castle has just received the finished Town Reports, which will be mailed by Tuesday 2/17.

Town Lands: Sarah Haley has done some research on recent listings that are comparable with the Town's West Street property, and recommends listing the West Street property at \$45,000, with consideration of lowering the price if no offers within a month. S. Moyer recommended not selling, due to the future uncertainty around the Town Lot and transfer station; M. Lamson discussed prior findings that development of that site for other Town uses would be questionable due to flood plain determination. M. Lamson moved to list the property with Sarah Haley/New York & Vermont Real Estate Co. LLC and to determine the list price at the next meeting; H. Childress 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield; Nay—S. Moyer; motion carried.*] M. Lamson moved to allow Carl Haynes to sign the Consumer Information Disclosure form on behalf of the Board; H. Childress 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, T. Redfield; Nay—S. Moyer; motion carried.*]

Roads: The 7400 (red) plow truck is back in our possession, with engine rebuild and inspection. Chet McLellan may be able to get us our 300 yards of sand in two weeks; he's facing a lot of demand from other communities for sand as well, and the cold weather has frozen his sand pile. We just ordered another 50 tons of salt; we'd gotten down to 15 tons in stock. Through these past few storms, Bill has been sanding bad hills and corners during storms, and then whole-road sanding during multi-day clear weather.

The 7600 is having a little problem with the posi-track differential; Earle's has ordered the part. The pressure washer has been repaired and is in service.

C. Haynes moved to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for year ending February 10, 2015; T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Solid Waste: The transfer station was closed on Monday 2/2 for inclement weather, opened on Wednesday 2/4 instead.

Correspondence: Bill will examine Garron Road mailbox damage from service request. T. Redfield moves to approve overweight roads permit from Newport Sand & Gravel; M. Lamson 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried.*]

Legal: Rutland Town Selectboard has petitioned the state legislature to change the permitting process for the siting of solar parks so as to give greater weight to town plans, and asks other VT municipalities to sign on as well; Renewable Energy Vermont has responded, arguing against this petition. T. Redfield moved to sign the petition as submitted by Rutland Town: S. Moyer 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nays—M. Lamson; Abstain—C. Haynes; motion carried*].

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

Other Business: A special meeting of the Board will be held at 6pm Thursday February 26th to finalize the personnel policy.

Adjourn: T. Redfield moved to adjourn, H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk