

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting 7PM January 12, 2017 Approved**

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: John Arsenault, Planning Commission; Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Juanita Burch-Clay, Auditor; Tom Hurcomb, Planning Commission; Jenny Talke Munyaik, Treasurer; Bill Reed, Road Foreman/Commissioner; Hilary Solomon, Planning Commission

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

MINUTES: C. Fenton moved to approve minutes of December 22, 2016; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. P. Kenyon moved to approve minutes of the January 5, 2017 special meeting, C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

TOWN OFFICERS: Treasurer Munyaik presented the final December 2016 financial report. 2017 IRS W2s have been finished for town employees, 2016 IRS 1099 forms have been completed and are to be mailed early next week.

Auditor Burch-Clay shared a draft of the auditors' report for the town report. Since there are only two auditors this year, the work has been somewhat slow until December. The auditors were encouraged by the Board's movement on some policy adoption; still have concerns over small returns on Town investments and recommend investment strategy; and have concerns over processes regarding small cash receipts and transfers from one employee to another. The Board thanked Nita and Jim for their service to the community, and for their report.

Planning Commissioners Arsenault, Hurcomb and Solomon presented the revised 2017 Town Plan. Major revisions include the sections on land use planning, economic development, flood resilience, town office, energy, village center, and transfer station.

The planning commissioners also noted that the new state Act 174 on renewable energy siting will require all communities to develop energy site plans if those communities wish to have more voice in renewable energy project location. A reinvigorated Energy Committee would be helpful in organizing the project.

The Education and Town Office sections of the Town Plan may also need to be revised before the whole plan is revised in 2022. The Town maps need to be updated as well before the plan is approved.

The proposed ballot item is:

Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve the revised Town Plan prepared by the planning commission and proposed by the Select Board?

The Select Board will vote whether to place this ballot item on the warning for Town Meeting at its next meeting, January 26th.

TOWN REPORT: Large waste and metal collection for 2017 will be Saturday May 6 (Green Up Day) and October 7. All items with refrigerants (air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, etc) must be brought to the Transfer Station, where a fee will be charged for the refrigerant handling.

The date for the 2017 Rabies Clinic will be set before Town Report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Patty Kenyon is now the Building Committee Chair, Kimberly Mathewson remains as Clerk.

The well will be drilled at the Town Office site on Tuesday 1/17.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Bill has distributed almost 400 yards of sand in the storms of the last week, averaging 80 yards per full application because of the random and icy weather (an average application during normal snow conditions is closer to 50 yards). We have received the invoice for the loader, the one-ton is back in service, and the sander distributor has been repaired.

The grader will go in to Winmill for service. Other communities are also experiencing grader problems, and Bill will have conversations with them about a possible joint ownership and operation.

SOLID WASTE: C. Fenton moved to raise Glen Moyer's wage at the Transfer Station by one dollar per hour, beginning with the next pay period: H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

CORRESPONDENCE: Vermont Center for Independent Living funding request; VT AOT certificate of highway mileage; DigSafe information for 2017; VLCT News for January 2017. T. Redfield moved to approve and sign the certificate of highway mileage; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

BOARD ORDERS: H. Childress moved to accept the board orders as presented; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

ADJOURN: H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Fenton 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*] Meeting adjourned 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk