

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
June 11, 2015 Meeting Approved**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, David Munyak, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve minutes from May 28, J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Town Officers: Listers have requested an independent telephone line. Based on the expense of installation and billing, we will wait to consider any action on that possibility.

Town Lands: Bill Reed has spread the topsoil and gravel at the Parker site, using the Road crew's gravel supply; David Munyak reports that the next step is grass-seeding and haying, Jim Siemens will do this for roughly \$200. Bill will also bring some topsoil for planting at the corner near the power pole. T. Redfield will bring in more short lengths of power pole for parking/driving barriers.

The Town's West Street property has been re-appraised by the Listers from \$124,700 down to \$63,100 based on increased physical depreciation.

We have received a final survey of the North Street town lot. This will now allow the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District to move forward with planning of the rain garden groundwater project.

Road Commissioner Report: Bill has started to collect cost information on replacement plow trucks. Green Mountain Kenworth (Pittsford) for a cab and chassis, plus subsequent set-up (plow, wing, side dump bed, bed-sander, lighting) for town use by Viking: single-axle \$143,417, tandem \$172,434. International (S. Burlington) 7600 single-axle \$145,950, tandem \$180,800, fully prepared (probably also by Viking, though the International dealer contracts for set-up rather than the Town contracting independently). If we purchase in July, we'd likely be looking at January delivery because of being late in the queue for set-up. The general sense of the Board and Bill are to go with the single-axle, to better fit the Town's patterns of use. T. Redfield moved to advise Bill to focus research on single-axle trucks for possible mid-summer purchase; H. Childress 2nd; [*Aye—H. Childress, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*].

Bill has received a letter from Brian Sanderson, District 3 manager of the VT Agency of Transportation about recommended Town work to prevent water runoff from Dudley Road, but when AOT did a site visit, they agreed that they had their own work to do in moving a culvert and catch basin as well. Bill will work with them to coordinate work between 133/140 and Dudley Road work. He also worked with Brian to review some other State road work that should be pending.

There is money remaining in FY2015 budget for culvert material, and Bill will order extra stock before the budget year ends. Current road crew work is culvert replacement, grading, and small gravel patching.

White's Road repairs/reseeding: Terry has discussed the grass seeding of the former entrance to White's Road with Margaret Fowler. Bill has applied for a grant for erosion control of that whole area of Coy Hill, and we should know whether we've been awarded by late June.

North Street Box Culvert: There will be an on-site review for potential excavation bidders on Monday 6/15 10am; bids will be due 6/25 before Selectboard meeting. A representative from State Natural Resources will also be at the viewing to answer questions about state river management.

Solid Waste: A substantial load of electronic waste was picked up from the Transfer Station this morning. The State requires local transfer stations to collect yard waste beginning July 1st; H. Childress will pick up a yard-waste container sufficient to meet State requirements.

Poultney River Walk Update: steering committee has met on Monday 6/1; no update offered.

Correspondence: Listers' re-assessment of West Street [see Town Lands], and VT AOT form for certification of compliance on roads and bridges. The Board completed and returned the AOT form.

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

Other Business: T. Redfield has moved forward on the Rileys' dog bite complaint—investigated the complaint, assigned the matter to the Constable and Health Officer. T. Redfield will send an official Town letter to Rileys', Fograshys', and State Board of Health. The Fograshys have already built up the low portion of their fence where the dog escaped the property. As a reminder, the Town's Animal Control Policy adopted 9/7/2001 indicates that all animals not on private property shall be in a crate/kennel or leashed on a not more than 8' lead.

Executive Session: H. Childress Moved to enter executive session to discuss confidential legal and personnel matters; J Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 8:48 pm. H. Childress moved to exit executive session, T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session ended at 9:15 pm, no action items necessary.

Personnel Reviews: Board members will study the personnel review forms and develop preliminary recommendations to bring to the 6/25 meeting for collective discussion regarding the annual reviews of Bill Reed and Jim Dudley. Bill has already

completed his reviews of Steve Geno and of Robert Parker, and will provide those to the Board for review.

Adjourn: S. Moyer moved to adjourn; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
Meeting adjourned 9:23 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk*