

**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SELECTBOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES • JUNE 22, 2017**

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

**TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT:** J. T. Munyak, Town Treasurer; B. Reed, Road Foreman;  
C. Haynes, Health Officer

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Ryan Curtis and Joe Hurley, Liftech Equipment Companies; John  
Arsenault, Nora Rubinstein, and David Wright, Cemetery Task Force members

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:01 pm.

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the June 8 meeting; P. Kenyon  
2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Public Comments:** Joe Hurley and Ryan Curtis from Liftech presented their JCB  
backhoe, which Bill has used for a couple of days for culvert replacement. Bill found it to  
be a strong machine, although it had some features that the Town wouldn't be able to  
take advantage of. The two-yard bucket offers some advantages, and the four equal-  
sized wheels add stability for asymmetrical work without the outriggers deployed. Shaun  
Erickson in Pittsford has used a JCB for a few years, and has had great success. The  
equipment comes with a two-year, 2,000-hour warranty with field service (offices in  
Albany and Burlington).

The Town's current Deere backhoe is 2006, and has been run 500-600 hours per year.

The vehicle is available for purchase or lease. List price \$146K; municipal sale price is  
\$110K (it's a stock machine, which currently has 34 hours of use; brand new would be  
3% higher).

The newly appointed members of the Cemetery Task Force attended the meeting. The  
goal of the task force is to develop a maintenance and prioritization plan for sustaining  
the cemetery. The Task Force is subject to the public records and the open meetings  
laws, and will return with first commentary at the July 27 Selectboard meeting.

C. Haynes appeared as Health Officer. T. Redfield moved to enter executive session; H.  
Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 8:02 pm. T.  
Redfield moved to exit executive session; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].  
Executive session was ended at 8:20 pm; no action taken.

**Town Officers:** Treasurer Munyak presented late June financial statements, with only  
ten days remaining in the fiscal year. This is the time of the season when money is  
shifted into reserve funds, so final surplus/deficit findings will be available in July.

**Building Committee:** A delegation went to visit the Middlebury town office, a net-zero building that may provide ideas for energy savings on our building; the committee will visit the Castleton town office next.

**Road Foreman:** One-ton needs new tires: about \$1500. We've had overheating issues with the backhoe in the past week; the Board asked Bill to get bids for machines comparable to the JCB we just test-operated. Hollis Squier mowed 140 last week; Bill has been grading and replacing culverts. The crew is pricing the lease of tractors so that we might be able to do our own major mowing later this year. The guardrails will not be purchased this year, so the Board will roll that money into next year's highway reserve for guardrails.

**Solid Waste:** H. Childress will purchase a second organics container for the Transfer Station. SWAC is investigating a 2018 vendor for hazardous waste days.

**Correspondence:**

- Southwest Vermont Council on Aging; thank you for 2017-18 donation
- Rutland County Sheriff's Department bill and statement of activity
- VLCT News

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

**Other Business:** We received personnel evaluation forms from Bill regarding Bobby and Brent. H. Childress moved to raised Brent Clark's rate of pay to \$16 based on his successful post-probationary personnel review, as of July 1 2017; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. The Board will complete personnel reviews of Bill Reed and Glen Moyer at our July 13 meeting.

For the FEMA emergency management plan, Chris Fenton will be the "designated debris manager," and Bill Reed the "designated debris monitor." H. Childress moved to approve the annual update of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP); P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn: C. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk