

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
June 25, 2015 Meeting Approved

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Ernest DeMatties, Kathy Letendre, Dave Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: J. Webber moved to approve the minutes from June 11, T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor; M. Lamson not yet present; motion carried*].

Public Comments:

- Kathy Letendre: Creative Economy Project. Update on project: in final week of input from individuals and groups. 30 individuals in creative work, and 15 groups, so about 100 people. She then interviewed the Board members about four key questions: Creative assets; Benefits to being regarded as a creative community; Challenges to sustaining and growing creative efforts; Goals for creative community work. Findings will be presented to steering committee first
- Ernest DeMatties, Poultney Snowmobile Club. There's an existing trail (133 Trail) that crosses North Road near Ira. The Club requests permission to conduct a couple of days of excavation in order to lower the culvert and level the washout area. H. Childress moved that the Road Commissioner further investigate, and that the Board accept the Commissioner's recommendation; J. Webber 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Nay—S. Moyer; motion carried.*] With Commissioner approval, T. Redfield will complete the Club's permission form for their grant proposal. The Club will also investigate the old snowmobile bridge behind the MS School that washed out in Irene, to consider possible rebuild.

Town Officers: Treasurer Munyak delivered recap reports as we near the end of the fiscal year. We are close to finalizing the FY2015 financial reporting.

Town Lands: David Munyak reported that the soil and grass seed have been completed, and a workday is scheduled this Sunday 6/28 for planting at the corner. The crew will attempt to remove the old security light post and dead tree, for use as parking barriers.

Jordan Martelle will be mowing the West Street property every 2 weeks.

Road Commissioner Report: Bill continues to work on truck specs and is waiting to hear from Western Star and Freightliner. Bill has been continuing to grade after rainstorms, filling holes; the crew has been replacing culverts, clearing ditches, cutting waterbars; Bruce Orchitt will be doing roadside mowing in mid-July. Guardrail contractor will review possible work sites next week. Calcium has been purchased, and applied on some of the gravel roads for dust control. Bill has also just completed supervision training from VT Local Roads. Salt prices for winter 2015-16 are not yet available, as

Cargill is selling their applicable business division.

North Street Box Culvert Excavation Bids: One bid was received from Waite Foundations, for a total excavation cost of \$35,090. H. Childress moved to accept the bid of \$35,090 for excavation; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Bill will coordinate work dates, certificates of insurance; and will move forward with access plans to the upper end of North Street for emergency service. All property owners affected by the work will receive a registered-mail letter informing them of pending work and approximate dates.

Solid Waste: H. Childress and T. Redfield will investigate possible disposal locations for yard and leaf waste collected at the Transfer Station. We will post restrictions on volume of yard waste accepted on any single drop-off.

T. Redfield moved to approve the sample ordinance for variable-rate pricing of municipal solid waste; H. Childress 2nd [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*]. T. Redfield will forward signed ordinance to Pam Clapp of SWAC.

Poultney River Walk Update: steering committee has engaged the director of the Mad River Path to learn their process and documentation; he'll attend next steering committee meeting July 7.

Correspondence: James Reed reports that there was a dog bite by that family's dog, resulting in ER visit for child. Dog will be quarantined for 14 days before any further steps; dog is not registered, vaccination record not current.

Other significant correspondence:

- T. Redfield will reply to Walt Pepperman to add the enclosure that should have been in Board letter of May 14.
- VLCT has sent proposed health care rates for 2016.
- Certificate of insurance from Newport Sand & Gravel for fleet use and excess weight permit
- Certificate of insurance from Leon Corey Excavation for fleet use, plus \$10 check for excess weight request. H. Childress moved to accept the excess weight permit for Corey Excavation; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried.*]
- VT Highway Division soliciting proposals for Park & Ride, due by 8/31/2015

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

Other Business: We have received our PACIF loss report, now on file.

Confidential Personnel Matters: T. Redfield moved to enter executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters, inviting Bill Reed and Laura Castle; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session begun 9:26 pm. T. Redfield moved to

exit executive session; 2nd H. Childress. Executive session concluded 10:06 pm.

T. Redfield moved to increase Bobby Parker's rate of pay by \$1/hour, effective July 1 2015; 2nd H. Childress [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*]

H. Childress moved to enter a new executive session to discuss personnel matters, with only Board members present; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session begun 10:19. T. Redfield moved to exit executive session, J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session concluded 11:16 pm. No action items, continued discussion of personnel issues at 7/9 meeting.

Adjourn: T. Redfield moved to adjourn; S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 11:17 pm.