

**Middletown Springs Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2016 • Approved Minutes**

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: H. Childress, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: John Arsenault, Laura Castle, Elaine Huber, Tom Hurcomb, Gary Lindorf, Shirley Moyer, David Munyak, Bill Reed, Neil Russell, Ellen Secord, Richard Spitalny, Aileen Stevenson.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: J. Webber moved to approve minutes of May 26; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. J. Webber moved to approve minutes of June 2 informational meeting, P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Public Comment: Richard Spitalny thanked the Board for arranging the groSolar informational meeting last week, and expressed a number of ongoing concerns. P. Kenyon has talked with staff at the Department of Public Service; the Select Board might hold a special meeting in conjunction with the Planning Commission to determine which, or both, or neither body might file for interested party status. We might be able to ask groSolar to post their petition for Certificate of Public Good in a publicly downloadable or accessible place. The Select Board or Planning Commission could also ask for an Agency of Natural Resources to conduct a review based on arsenic and other materials already in the soil from the orchard history.

Gary Lindorf added his concerns regarding the decommissioning plan.

It is uncertain whether filing for interested party status should be reviewed by the Town's attorney before filing; that may impact the cost of filing.

Town Officers: Tom Hurcomb brought copies for the Board of the final report of the Creative Economy project, as presented to the state's grant administrators on Tuesday 6/7. Thanks to Patty Kenyon for design of all artwork/graphic design on the project. The Board offered appreciation to the Creative Economy team for its project organization and diligence.

James Reed has not submitted any hours for his constabulary work; we need to clear that up by the end of this fiscal year.

Town Lands: David Munyak reported that the temporary electric service for the well project is still under consideration. Long Trail Engineering has billed us for the well siting survey.

The Building Committee received a presentation at its last meeting from Bensonwood Builders regarding panelized construction techniques, and will send the Building Committee a pair of estimates on general construction and construction plus fit-out.

Road Commissioner: The backhoe is being gradually refurbished with pins and bushings. The front bucket is worn thin and will need a rebuild or replacement.

The VLCT PACIF insurer was in town today, and determined that the workplace accident related to the plow frame was operator error; the Town had done its commissioning and instructional work correctly. We may add language to the safety policy to add instances where hardhats must be worn.

The North Street project is just underway, with an example of the ultimate ditching design that can be seen in front of Dorothy Reed's home. The paving project may begin in early July, with ditching work in advance. We will put out a Front Porch Forum posting alerting people to the project.

The Daisy Hollow project at 133 is nearly completed, with ditching and stone lining; the project will be completed within the next week. Bill will add gravel to the upper part of the hill to be able to crown the road appropriately. The Board may send a letter to adjoining property owners reminding them that Daisy Hollow is a three-rod road, and that the Town has jurisdiction over design and maintenance within that right of way.

There are sufficient potholes to require the purchase of one load of cold patch.

The roadside mowing will take place before the 4th of July. We might consider mowing twice a year, but other communities are going to herbicide-based management. Bill will raise the question at the next regional road foreman meeting.

Correspondence: Cell tower notification of non-substantive change, changing the sizes of the antennae to be mounted to the tower; an ANR finding that vehicle washing and hazardous material storage at Parker Water Wells may not occur in the same room as the floor drain.

Board Orders: There are no board orders for tonight's meeting; Town Treasurer Munyaiak will have them prepared for this weekend, with the Board chair and other interested board members reviewing on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Other Business: a new contract has been received from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. T. Redfield moved to approve and sign the proposed law enforcement contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Office, to be effective July 1st 2016; H. Childress 2nd (*Aye—H. Childress, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield; Nay—J. Webber; motion carried*).

Executive Session: T. Redfield moved that the board enter executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 8:55 pm.

J. Webber moved to close executive session; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Open meeting entered at 9:32 pm, no decisions made.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk