

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
May 28, 2015 Meeting Approved**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, David Munyak, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: J. Webber moved to accept the minutes of May 14; M. Lamson 2nd [*Ayes— H. Childress, M. Lamson, T. Redfield, J. Webber; Abstain—S. Moyer; motion carried*]

Building Committee: David Munyak reported that topsoil has been trucked in from the West Street property, laid out for grass planting. T. Redfield is waiting to hear from GMP with regards to donation of used power poles for parking boundaries. The planting layout will retain some pull-through space for school bus drop off.

Town Lands: M. Lamson has asked for quotes on mowing for the West Street property, has received no interest yet. He has asked the realtor to put summer photos of the property on the MLS website; she is urging the Board to consider a lower price.

Road Commissioner Report: Steve Geno was mildly injured at work on May 22nd; he had no missed days, but is on restricted duty until physician approval. We have received a proposal from Bruce Orchitt regarding roadside mowing: he could do the work by late July if we commit now. M. Lamson moved to accept the proposed mowing contract from Bruce Orchitt for the fee of \$3,960; S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Highway Equipment: Bill has done a complete service on the grader, including repair of leaking hydraulic line. The 7600 will need service, estimated at \$3500 on parts and \$1500 on labor: transmission bell housing, air lift assist, valve cover gasket, ABS sensor, air tanks & straps, PTO cover. It is possible that we can have the work billed to the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Other Highway:

- Bill is reviewing two plans for guardrail projects, 300' on Buxton Avenue and about 150' on Coy Hill Road near Pepperman's. Bill will investigate who might do small jobs like these, and whether we could accomplish any of it within the 2015 fiscal year.
- Bill has received some bids for truck replacement, but it's already late for most dealers to prep a truck for Winter 2015 service; he will push for more bids to bring to the June 11 meeting.

North Street Box Culvert Update: The bid specification package has been prepared but we have yet to receive permits from VT Department of Water Resources for our proposed design. He intends to have the call for bids out by the end of the first week of June.

Poultney River Walk Update: The next meeting of the investigating committee will be Monday 6/1. VT AOT will have grant funding for a number of bike and walk projects this year, and M. Lamson will investigate those.

Correspondence: VT AOT call for proposals on bicycle and pedestrian planning, passed to M. Lamson; VT Dept of Taxes bill for access to CAMA appraisal cost tables, passed to Treasurer.

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

Legal: VLCT has offered their opinion on our questions about vacation benefits; HC will confer with the Treasurer about implementing it.

Any Other New Issues: The Board discussed but did not take action on possible law enforcement contracting after the Town's recent break-in.

Personnel issues: T. Redfield moved to enter executive session, inviting Bill Reed and Laura Castle to be in attendance; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session opened at 8:56 pm. T. Redfield moved to conclude executive session; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session concluded at 9:18 pm.

T. Redfield moved that the Road Foreman should develop a comprehensive list of duties for highway employees, for use in monitoring their health or physical capabilities and adjusting work assignments accordingly; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk