

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting November 10, 2016 Approved**

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Bill Reed, Road Foreman

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

Minutes: P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 27; C. Fenton 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Election day ran smoothly, with a very high turnout of 493 voters. Several communities reported problems with logging on to the Secretary of State's website to report results. The tabulator technician should have been stationed in the MS polling place, but was in fact only present for a few minutes mid-morning to check in; the Board will request clarification.

Public Lands: The Building Committee met, and is setting interviews for building-energy modelers. Wade Masure from VLCT viewed the Town's Coy Hill Road dam, and confirmed that current risk insurance continues to be sufficient.

Highway: The backhoe has been returned after service, and is operating well. The 7600 has also been serviced and inspected, and is back in use. Bill has a few grading projects this coming week, and will send the grader in for service after that. He hopes to have the rented loader this coming week to load gravel for road work and to build the salt/sand mix.

Bill, Terry and Herb interviewed a candidate for highway maintenance worker, and were impressed by both his qualifications and his demeanor.

H. Childress will bring a proposed Winter Operations Policy for consideration at the 12/8 Board meeting.

Solid Waste: The Vermont ANR is holding a meeting next week in Brandon to train and solicit interest in being certified as a compost hauler, in preparation for the summer's requirement that transfer stations accept food waste. Casella has already declared their interest in compost management, Hubbard has said they are not interested. There may be smaller businesses willing to service town transfer stations, and this meeting is intended to clarify their responsibilities under Act 148.

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

Other Business: The Town continues to solicit interest in doing the design and layout of the 2016 town report. H. Childress will post the RPF again on Front Porch Forum.

Executive Session: T. Redfield moved that the Select Board enter executive session; H. Childress 2nd [all in favor, motion carried]. Executive session entered at 8:48 PM

H. Childress moved to re-enter regular meeting; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular meeting re-commenced at 9:56 PM. Subsequent to executive session, H. Childress moved that the Select Board authorize the Road Foreman to make an offer to the preferred candidate for highway maintenance worker at \$15/hour; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The December 8 Select Board meeting will begin at 6 PM rather than 7, to allow the beginning of work on the 2017-18 budget.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn [*accepted by consent*]. Meeting adjourned 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk