

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting, November 12, 2015 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laura Castle, Dietra Davis, Bill Reed, Hillary Solomon

Approval of minutes: J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of the October 22 meeting as amended; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. J. Webber moved to approve the minutes of the November 5 special meeting; S. Moyer 2nd; [*H. Childress abstained, all others in favor, motion carried*].

Public Comments: Dietra Davis came to discuss the Poultney river walk, asking about its status and its cost. She feels it will negatively impact her home and land. M. Lamson gave an overview of the project's history. She also feels that property taxes are increasingly untenable, and worries about expense of a possible trail, as well as expressing concerns about the kinds of people who might use such a trail. J. Webber also indicated that this is a long-term project, not something that will be completed in a year or two.

Hillary Solomon brought the current state of the rain garden drainage project involving the church and town lands. She would like to have Bill's assistance in conducting perk tests on the Green for stormwater and for the Church's backup septic field. Frank Parent is the consulting engineer, and will already have field drawings related to the former Parker corner site, which will help us coordinate projects. J. Webber moved to allow Town equipment to conduct excavation on the Green in support of this project; H.Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Town Officers: T. Redfield and Laura Castle have begun planning for the production of the 2016 Town Report. A letter will be sent soon to alert people to deadlines for inclusion in the report.

Town Lands: VLCT Insurance has contacted us with regards to the reservoir on the Coy Hill property the town acquired through property tax surrender. The addition to the Town's liability insurance would be roughly \$400 per year, but we need to arrange for a field inspection before VLCT will agree to underwrite it. The State has grant programs for dam removal which we will investigate.

Road Commissioner Report: The backhoe required a tire replacement, Bill has temporarily used an old casing with adequate tread for use. Bill will also investigate the cost of full reconditioning in preparation for budget construction. The red truck is having small problems with the injectors, but continues to work well enough for use. Backup lights have failed on the pickup, and need shop repair.

The new truck is built, and will be brought north for winter equipping once Viking's schedule opens up.

The crew has been doing ditching, hauling sand and gravel. Next week Bill will set up the red truck for winter, the green truck the week after that.

Guardrail installation will be Monday November 16. Bill is working on reimbursement for the grant for Coy Hill and North Street projects, assembling receipts and work orders. The drop inlet has been installed at the foot of Dudley Road, awaiting VT AOT inspection. The driveway culvert on Dayton Hill Road has been replaced. The Daisy Hollow ditch has been rock lined, but the asymmetrical grading to pitch the water northward looks to be a more considerable project than expected.

Solid Waste: Electronic waste was picked up on Monday November 9th. The National Center for Electronics Recycling is terminating their agreement to pick up electronic waste, effective November 29th. The Town can elect to opt out as a designated electronics drop-off site, or we can continue to collect and pay 28¢/pound for electronics removal. We will discuss options with Pam Clapp and make decision at future meeting.

Glen Moyer has done considerable cleanup at the transfer station.

Poultney River Walk: the committee has not made a decision about whether to proceed with the grant; one concern is that the feasibility study would result in a trail design that would be unaffordable. The committee will meet again on Tuesday 11/17 at 7:30 with Hillary Solomon discussing riverside remediation and Chris Larson to discuss legal issues.

Correspondence: VLCT News; service request form from Gene Bertsche, Garron Road; notice of open enrollment from BCBSVT for town employee health insurance; request to participate in June 2016 Americade Scavenger Hunt motorcycle tour.

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

The Thanksgiving week Select Board meeting has been moved to 7pm on Tuesday November 24.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; M. Lamson 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk