

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting October 13, 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: Shirley Moyer

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes: P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 8; 2nd; C. Fenton [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: T. Redfield will contact the Auditors about the current status of the Lewis Fund and other public monies.

There are no current volunteers for Town's representative to the RRPC transportation council.

H. Childress will reach out to Front Porch Forum to ask for a formal letter of request so that their request for towns' contributions can be added to the 2017 Town Meeting.

Laura Castle reports that she still does not have an assistant clerk to cover for vacations and holidays.

Public Lands: There was no formal meeting of the Building Committee last week.

The Sherrif's department has advised that there is a significant traffic problem with school bus pickup on weekday mornings, several drivers not complying with the flashing red stop bus warnings. The Board reminds all residents that buses with flashing red lights may not be passed in either direction. Bill will order "No Overnight Parking" signs for the corner lot, so as to keep the gravel area clear for buses in the early morning.

Highway: The backhoe is at Winmill for front end bearings and seals. The heater core and some hydraulic hoses are leaking on the grader; it is operable, but Bill will take it to Winmill for service in November. The 7600 is going in for service and inspection next week, also installing a new bed chain in advance of sand/salt season.

Bill is receiving more gravel to grade the upper section of Norton Road, having graded sections of Dudley and Coy Hill roads last week.

There has been little response to the advertised position for highway maintenance crew.

Solid Waste: Large waste and metal collection day went very smoothly on October 1st. The collection of the \$5 per vehicle fee was received well by all who came, with a total of \$340 collected.

Correspondence:

- Bill from VLCT PACIF for \$500 for the deductible for legal services regarding the Garron Road settlement.
- BCBSVT 2017 health plan enrollment forms
- Notice of sale of Adirondack 2-Way Radio to CVC Communications
- VTrans notice that they have not received communication about the offered grant in support of trails feasibility study. T. Redfield will contact them to confirm that we have declined the grant.
- Notice from Dunkiel Saunders law firm on behalf of groSolar, in response to notice to intervene in the proposed Wescott Road solar project by a group of residents and by the Historical Society.
- VCLT policy papers on self-governance, transportation, land use & energy, and public safety

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

Other Business: the Town's vote tabulator will be tested and Laura will receive further training next week. A discussion of Governor Shumlin's proclamation that Columbus Day was designated Indigenous Peoples' Day for 2016.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk