

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting October 27, 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; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Election preparation is going well. The vote tabulator has been tested and confirmed, and sealed prior to use on election day.

Public Lands: There was no meeting of the Building Committee last week. The Town received an e-mail from its insurance carrier regarding insurance against the Town's Coy Hill Road dam; it was decided that the 2016 policy conditions were sufficient for renewal in 2017.

Highway: The backhoe will be returned on Friday 10/28 after service at Winmill Equipment.

Winmill has a loader with a price reduced to \$25,000 (1987 Dresser 520B, approximately 6,000 hours, bucket capacity 2.5 CY). Bill would like the town to consider purchasing it for sand and gravel use, to reduce wear and tear on the much smaller front-end-loader capacity of the backhoe. Winmill is currently using it as rental equipment, and asked if the Town could rent it for one week at \$1,400 to use for this season's salt and sand prep and as a possible pre-purchase test. Winmill has agreed that if we rent it, the amount paid in rent would be deducted from the purchase price. HC moved to authorize the Road Foreman to rent and use this equipment for one week during November 2016; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The combined projects for Coy Hill and Dayton Hill Roads have approximately three work days remaining. Bill is preparing grant materials to the Better Back Roads project for possible 2017 culvert replacements on Spruce Knob and Norton Roads.

Bill has noted an increase in parking within town property and road right-of-ways, and has asked the Board to consider a winter roads policy to facilitate safer and more efficient snow management. H. Childress will investigate similar policies in other Vermont communities.

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

Solid Waste: P. Kenyon attended a recent SWAC meeting, much of which was focused on compost and compost-collection contractors. Once food-waste collection goes into effect (July 1, 2017), the Transfer Station will be required to accept compostable food scrap, and that cost must be included in the Town budget. The overall budget for solid waste must be self-balancing; that is, all expenses for personnel, equipment, tipping fees and so on must be covered by collection fees charged to solid waste users, and may not be subsidized by Town general budget revenues.

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

Other Business: As the second Select Board meeting of November will always fall on Thanksgiving, the Board decided that the second Select Board meeting of November should be perpetually rescheduled for the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving; for 2016, that makes the November Board meetings Thursday 11/10 and Tuesday 11/22.

There was a dog incident on West Street near McIntyre Road; T. Redfield contacted the Sheriff's Department, who has since been in communication with all parties involved.

Executive Session: T. Redfield moved that the Select Board enter executive session; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 9:01 PM

H. Childress moved to re-enter regular meeting; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular meeting re-commenced at 9:54 PM. No decisions were made nor actions taken during executive session.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Select Board Clerk