

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
October 8, 2015 Meeting Approved

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve minutes from the September 24th meeting; J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the October 1st emergency meeting; J. Webber 2nd [*M. Lamson abstained, all others in favor, motion carried*].

Town Lands: Cemetery work is moving along at good pace; most of the leaning stones have been straightened, and the remainder should be completed before snowfall.

Road Commissioner: Bill reports lots of projects. North Street is finished except for a little cleanup. The crew has built headers for pending guardrail installation; will be hydroseeding the Whites Road corner and putting in stone drainage; furthering the culvert inventory; putting in the drop inlet on Dudley Road; will ditch and stone-line the base of Daisy Hollow and re-grade the road. McCullen has not yet brought the sand and gravel, hoping for this coming week. A few culverts are ready to be installed as time allows.

Solid Waste: Terry offered his appreciation to Bill for excellent service at large waste and metal collection day on 10/3. The day was difficult because Hubbard had never picked up either Transfer Station compactor in advance of Saturday, so household trash customers were diverted to the West Street collection site along with all of the large-object customers. Laura Castle recommends keeping a record of each call for service from Hubbard, to ensure adequate and timely collection. M. Lamson will make a call for electronic waste collection.

H. Childress will place the Transfer Station position ad in Front Porch Forum each week, and post the position at the Town's physical posting locations. This is a permanent part-time position paying up to \$12/hour, with no benefits.

H. Childress and S. Moyer will work the transfer station on Saturday 10/31; T. Redfield will work Saturday 11/7.

Poultney River Trail: The committee met with Wolf Lender, the director of the Mad River Trail. The VTrans method would require the town to meet a variety of construction standards; a second route would be to do a privately funded trail, which would open a broader variety of construction modes. The feasibility study does not tie us into one or the other mode.

There will be a public meeting next week, likely Thursday 10/15, to discuss and inform the community about the proposed study. M. Lamson has taken the Board's recommendation to directly inform the potentially impacted landowners, and will communicate that recommendation to the Trails committee.

Correspondence: A note from the Treasurer accounting for the Transfer Station receipts collected on Monday 10/5.

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

Policy: The Board discussed the proposed purchasing and contracting policy, and will bring proposed modifications to our next meeting at 10/22.

Adjourn: J. Webber moved to adjourn; S. Moyer 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk