

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2013 Approved**

CALL TO ORDER: C. Larson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes (arrives 7:15)

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Colvin, Sally Achey, Bill Reed, Glen Moyer

Approval of Minutes of January 24, January 31, February 2, February 14

- C. Larson moves to approve the 1/31 regular meeting as presented. S. Moyer 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried*]
- J. Webber moves to approve the 1/24 regular meeting as presented. C. Larson 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson abstain, motion carried*]
- S. Moyer moves to approve the 2/2 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried*]
- C. Larson moves to approve the 2/14 regular meeting as amended. J. Webber 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, motion carried*]

Public Comments

- Sally Achey – Regarding backup of NEMRC software (lister's files) - \$1,070/annually to back up both systems. Service keeps 2 years of data online and then it is archived. Sally will research other software backup options to compare costs.
- Sally presents copies of letters received from W. Pepperman indicating dissatisfaction with valuation. C. Larson recommends we pass the letters on to Gary Kupferer for review.
- John Colvin – has had 5 cars on his lawn coming off Daisy Hollow Road. Bill Reed has noticed other cars off the road in other areas as well, might be the type of winter we are having. John requests repairs or cost of materials to repair. Discussion regarding responsibility – individuals who caused the damage could be pursued however the town is not responsible for actions of individuals/residents to personal property.
- John Colvin presents an invoice for fence posts. He feels when the road repairs were completed dirt was taken away from the base of the posts now requiring them to be driven further into the ground. The fence posts needed to be replaced and John feels the town should pay as the posts have deteriorated. Bill Reed states that a motion was made by a previous Selectboard to not to pay for the replacement of posts. C. Larson wants everyone to be treated equitably and doesn't want to set precedent replacing anything damaged in the right of way. Carl points out the town replaced fence posts in the past on Dudley Road after road work. Shirley also recalls a fence replaced on Haley Road after repairs. M. Lamson moves to pay the \$404 to replace the fence posts. C. Haynes 2nd. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – nay, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson aye, C. Haynes - aye, motion carried*]

Parker Property

- Carl inquires if cut brush can be taken from the property for sugaring. Will confirm with D. Muniyak.

Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster

- None

Road Commissioner Report

- Bill presents some upcoming classes and recommends members of the Board attend a Road Drainage class in March.
- Bill will be hosting chainsaw class through VT Local Roads.
- Flagger training course in Rutland. Tyler Manning and Roger Brown would like to attend.
- Will be ordering 1 more load of salt which is 2 loads over what was used last year.
- Carl attended Transportation Forum. Inquired with the Deputy Secretary if any money was available for Route 140. There are 23-25 state roads in the state under local control. It was indicated that the funding for Route 140 may be available on a 3 year cycle.

Financials/Board Orders

- C. Larson moves to approve the board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, - motion carried*]

Correspondence

- Agency of Transportation – Certificate of Highway Mileage

Other Business

- Carl has some questions on the town report on Selectmans orders, Aldermans shows \$1252 (feels that is low). Gerald Parker \$10,009 (inquires what this was for), and has other questions on what appear to be inaccuracies. C. Larson asks Carl to speak with Jenny to clarify costs.
- Chris inquires if Board can meet next Thursday 3/7 for Selectboard organization and to discuss attendance at mediation meeting regarding Garron Road.
- Chris points out that we will need to come up with a new recording device.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm. Mike Lamson, Clerk