

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2013 Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** L. Castle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Nominations for Chairman:

J. Webber nominates C. Larson. M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

C. Larson nominates Carl Haynes. C. Haynes declines.

*[all in favor, motion carried]*

S. Moyer nominates C. Haynes for Vice Chair. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*[all in favor, motion carried]*

M. Lamson nominates J. Webber for secretary. J. Webber declines.

C. Larson nominates M. Lamson. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

M. Lamson nominates S. Moyer for secretary. S. Moyer declines.

*[all in favor, motion carried]*

C. Larson moves to adopt latest edition of Roberts Rules for Small Boards. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

**BOARD PRESENT:** Jim Webber, Chris Larson, Shirley Moyer, Mike Lamson, Carl Haynes

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Laura Castle, Bill Reed

**Approval of Minutes of February 28**

- C. Larson moves to approve the 2/28 regular meeting as presented. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]*

**Public Comments**

- Bill Reed feels the Selectboard made a poor decision in paying for the fence posts for John Colvin. In his opinion the posts were old and does not want taxpayer dollars paying for personal property.

**Liquor Control**

Move into Liquor Control Meeting.

- L. Castle presents liquor license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. M. Lamson moves to approve the liquor license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. S. Moyer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- L. Castle presents tobacco license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. C. Haynes moves to approve the tobacco license renewal application for Grant's Village Store. C. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- C. Haynes moves to approve the board order for \$50 for the liquor license. M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- Move out of liquor control and into regular meeting 7:12.

**Election Results and Appointments**

- Laura Castle presents list of those to be appointed and write-ins.
- Laura will extend request to T. Lamberton for Town Moderator. Jon Dickerson received ample votes for Town Constable however spoke with C. Larson and may have a conflict

accepting the position with his current police position. Will wait to confirm and possibly ask Joe Castle if he is not available. D. Munyak received the most write-ins for Grand Juror. Laura will ask if he will accept. Fire Warden – Carl will ask Jason Cook. Fence Viewer – Chris Larson suggests asking Robin Chestnut Tangerman. Laura will ask Terry Redfield to continue as Tree Warden. Service Officer – Ellen Secord. Emergency Management Director – Tara Kelly. SWAC Rep – James Webber, Mike Lamson, Jim Dudley. Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Thomas Hurcomb, Jon Arsenault alternate.

- C. Larson suggests advertising open town planning commission positions on Front Porch Forum. S. Moyer will post.
- Regional Transportation Council – Carl Haynes. Conservation Commission – will send letter to existing.
- Copeland Milk Fund – Laura will ask Byron Moyer.

### **Parker Property**

- None

### **Solid Waste/Fort Dumpster**

- Bill points out the gaylords need to be moved. C. Haynes suggests asking Hubbard for a dumpster for recyclables.
- C. Larson will ask Ron Dufour if he is willing to chip brush on the corner property in exchange for metal barrels.

### **Road Commissioner Report**

- Bill presents report from VT Local Roads and from VLCT.
- Grant deadline for paving is April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bill will submit with Wilk quote numbers. Inquires if we will put the paving out to bid. Bill will prepare the bid packet and present to the board.
- Will be meeting with Chet McCullen and Keith Dunn about processing sand.
- Drainage Class – March 19 at Howe Center.
- Inquires about posting of roads. Discussion of merits of posting vs. not posting. C. Larson feels posting the roads protects the town in certain instances. C. Haynes points out Poultney doesn't post the roads due to time issues. C. Larson moves to post the roads. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. [*S. Moyer – aye, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber – aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – nay, motion carried*]
- Bill inquires about needed repairs to the grader. Have quote from Windmill. Could get additional quotes. Bill will get quote from Nortrax. Carl will speak with Turunen. C. Larson will speak with Jenny regarding funds.
- VLCT – recommends not using manlift for trimming, removing trees from Daisy Hollow, action plans with additional recommendations (eyewash stations, fire extinguisher service, others)
- VT Local Roads – Presents concerns and best practices. Safety concern dead trees on Daisy Hollow (safety/liability), establishing a plan to address trees on schedule, road fabric best practice, Coy Hill and Mountain Road would benefit from fabric/proper construction techniques for drainage.

### **Ventrella/Riedinger Lawsuit**

- Court denied town's motion to dismiss parts of case. Rescheduling mediation (tentatively 5/5). Will be working on response to discovery requests.
- Riedinger lawyer requested jury trial.

### **Financials/Board Orders**

- J. Webber moves to approve the highway general board orders as presented. M. Lamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*
- J. Webber moves to approve the highway salary board orders as presented. C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[S. Moyer – nay, C. Larson – aye, J. Webber –aye, M. Lamson - aye, C. Haynes – aye, motion carried]*
- C. Haynes moves to approve the remainder board orders as presented. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. C. Haynes recommends numbering the board orders next fiscal year for reference/record keeping and drawing a line under the existing board orders to finalize the order. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

### **Correspondence**

- Webber Chapman and Kupferer – invoice for legal \$2,117.80
- Bob Zorn correspondence – response from IRS noting identity theft claim
- VLCT – notice of Selectboard/Treasurer’s Institute
- Vermont Agency of Transportation – request for list of Class 2 roads scheduled for repair prior to marking
- Fleet requests/payment from the following: United Natural Foods Inc., Camp Precast Concrete, Newport Sand and Gravel/Carol Concrete, Markowski Excavating. C. Haynes moves to accept the highway weight permits and authorize C. Larson to sign on behalf of the board. J. Webber 2<sup>nd</sup>. *[all in favor, motion carried]*

### **Other Business**

- Chris will not be at the next scheduled meeting
- Recording – discussion of best method to record meetings, digital or analog.
- C. Haynes inquires if the board would want to include question on tabulator.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm. Mike Lamson, Clerk