

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, December 13, 2018
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C, Fenton, C. Haynes, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield

TOWN OFFICERS: (Listers Sally Achey and Pat Hemenway for the Budget session); Sarah Grimm, Auditor; Elizabeth Cooper, Conservation Commission

PUBLIC AND GUESTS: None

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m. for budget preparation, 7:06 for regular business

Budget Preparation: the Board began work on the 2019-2020 budget, focusing on the Town General Budget.

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the November 20 meeting; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Elizabeth Cooper presented the Conservation Commission's plan to re-establish and maintain the trail in Sullivan Educational Woods, including brush clearing and river crossings. The proposal is to budget for \$1500 for the 2019-20 fiscal year. There is a Conservation Commission line in the budget, although it's been zero-funded for the past few years; we might be able to use a bit of money from the town's facilities improvement pool to do work during the current fiscal year (before June 30, 2019).

Highway: Thanks to Bill for cookies at tonight's meeting.

The question of snow maintenance on the School Road sidewalk has been raised. T. Redfield will contact Rodney Tarbell to see if he has the right equipment for sidewalk maintenance.

There are a lot of frozen ditches and culverts; the crew is trying to keep up.

Bill will investigate paving for VT140; we have a grant for approximately two miles, and may be able to get a better price if we do the whole West Street stretch from the four corners to Poultney.

Town Lands: The Building Committee reviewed the report from Shana Trombley's listening tour. The fire station and town yard projects are not fully enough fleshed out for a lot of community members to have confidence in moving forward on the full bundle of proposed projects. The Building Committee made the following recommendation:

In light of the information gathered during the listening tour, the BC supports the bundling concept to establish a fund to meet a variety of town infrastructure needs which takes the bonding capacity of the town into consideration.

The Board will hold a special meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday 12/20, in conjunction with representatives of the Fire Department, Highway Department, Transfer Station, and Building Committee, to discuss the funding requests for building projects.

Solid Waste: T. Redfield has submitted the State's recertification application for the Transfer Station.

Correspondence: none

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

Other Business: We received two proposals to do the layout for Town Report 2019, from Sean Ruck (\$2,500) and Beth Miller (not to exceed \$2,105). T. Redfield moved to award the town report contract to Beth Miller, based both on her experience and her lower fee; C. Haynes 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The Board will have a special budget meeting at 6pm on Thursday 12/20.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk