

**Middletown Springs Selectboard Special Meeting  
Approved Minutes • Thursday, December 20, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Herb Childress, Chris Fenton, Sarah Grimm, Carl Haynes, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield

**Called to order:** 6:08pm

**Topic A: Budget work.** Chris contacted board members from Tinmouth and Ira to investigate their interest in continuing Sheriff's shared patrol; Terry spoke with a board member from Danby. All three communities intend to continue with the joint patrol project, and we will consider our contribution later in the budget preparation sequence.

Budget work for the meeting was focused on the Town General Government budget.

**Topic B: Facilities planning.** Along with all of the above, people in attendance for discussion of Town facilities were Michael Beattie, Kimberly Bushnell, Art Castle, Joe Castle, Brent Clark, Kristal Haynes Hier, Dave Munyak, Jenny Talke Munyak, Joe Parker, Bill Reed, David Wright.

We discussed the bond attorney's recommendation to ask the voters for a borrowing limit to be accessed as individual projects come ready to build. The Building Committee is prepared to make their request for roughly \$1.2M, with the balance to be contributed by existing savings and planned fundraising. The other projects aren't as far developed, and will need greater detail before we present them to taxpayers for their consideration. The consultant's listening tour was an important step in helping us prepare for public questions about the projects, and about the process.

It seems likely that we will put the projects before the voters in a special election later in Spring 2019 rather than at Town Meeting, to allow us more time to finalize and communicate our plan, and to hear and accommodate public responses. The Board will build out an information checklist for each of the projects that will allow us to do accurate pricing and voter financing requests.

H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk