

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, June 14, 2018
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

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

TOWN OFFICERS: Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Sarah Grimm, Auditor; Bill Reed, Road Foreman

PUBLIC AND GUESTS: Joe Gunter, Donohue Road

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the May 24 meeting; T. Redfield 2nd; [*C. Fenton abstained, all others in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Auditor Sarah Grimm reported that she and Terry Redfield went to the Sheriff's meeting. Among the things they learned are that the Town receives no money from inspection violations, cell phone violations, and other "non-moving violations," so the overall balance of fines assessed will not relate all that closely to the fines collectable by the Town. The online activity report will show our deputy's activity across all four towns. The Board will review the activity report and make a decision at the 6/28 meeting about making that link public on the Town's website.

The new contract begins July 1. The Sheriff would like us to provide a list of known public events so that they can plan coverage (Memorial Day parade, MapleFest, Strawberry Festival, Pie for Breakfast). We will ask the Library to send a copy of the Town Newsletter to the Sheriff's Department to alert them to coming events.

Highway:

- Service request forms are being fulfilled as they arise, mostly having to do with grading. One request was to avoid plowing onto the corner garden at the four corners, but a lot of that comes from State maintenance of Route 133 and out of our control.
- We need to order signs for many roads (street markers and information/code signs)
- The roadside mower will be available to us the week of June 18. T. Redfield will put a note on FPF to let folks know that mowing is occurring, and that they can mark important plantings for us to try to avoid. However, no plantings within the highway right of way can be guaranteed to be avoided.
- P. Kenyon moved to allow Bill to hire temporary workers at \$13 per hour as needed; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- Guardrail installation has not yet occurred, and no new date has been set.
- Ditching and tree trimming needs to be done, but won't be until after mowing.
- Small culvert replacement needs to take place around town. He just received 120' of culvert material today.

- Need to notify VTEL about Norton Road construction and the need to protect fiber optic installations. H. Childress will send an e-mail to Judy Patone of VTEL to request a technician on site by July 1 to locate their service.
- Bill has been trying to get prefab culvert material for the Spruce Knob replacement, made to state specs. The project must be completed by October 1.
- Bill met with Josh Carvajal (ANR) on stream alteration for Norton Road; can be done under a single permit, saving \$200. The bid spec was for the most expensive probable solutions, and the project may be completed for less than the bids.
- We received a Route 140 paving grant of \$140,000, with a required match from the Town for \$35,000, with no provision for in-kind contribution. C. Fenton signed that contract, which has a two-year window for completion.
- We received a \$32,190 grant for Buxton bank stabilization grant from Better Back Roads, with only a 10% match from the town, including in-kind. C. Fenton signed that contract.

We opened bids for the Norton Road culvert replacement project at 7:25 p.m. We received four bids:

1. Ashley Waite Foundations, Pawlet VT—\$117,800
2. Taconic Excavations, West Haven VT—\$98,000
3. Belden Company, Rutland VT—\$151,895
4. Myron White Concrete, Poultney VT—\$112,850

We will consider the four packages, and make a decision to award a bid at a special Board meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm, with work intending to be begun by July 1. The Board will likely have to authorize the Treasurer to borrow short-term funds for project completion.

Town Lands: The Town's attorney supported the transfer of Town property adjacent to the school to the new Wells Springs Unified Union School District. As noted in the joint operating agreement, if the Middletown Springs School ceases to be operated as a school, the building and surrounding property would revert to Town ownership. P. Kenyon moved to sign the Warranty Deed transferring the property to the WSUUSD; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress will look into the language for public posting with the 30-day public notification period.

The Building Committee continues to investigate grant opportunities with two Vermont funding agencies.

Solid Waste: Pam Clapp has issued notification that Goodpoint Recycling will begin charging 15¢ per pound for non-covered electronic waste, but the start date for that surcharge is not yet known.

Correspondence:

- Recycling bill from Casella— fwd to Treasurer
- Notice from Efficiency Vermont for Free energy assessment
- Ad for workplace training: Managing Emotions Under Pressure. We probably all ought to go.
- Bill for Rutland Herald for advertising re: Norton Road bid solicitation— fwd to Treasurer
- Flyer from Sam's U-Save Fuel
- VLCT Delinquent Tax Collector's Workshop, July 11, Montpelier
- VLCT News June 2018
- Overweight permit request from Tarbell Enterprises, with \$10 application fee. H. Childress moved to grant overweight permit to Tarbell Enterprises; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- VT ANR requirement to submit Notice of Intent for Municipal Roads General Permit
 - processing fee \$240, due 7/31/18
 - application review fee \$400, due 6/1/2019
 - annual operating fee \$1,350, due 6/1/2019
- Still waiting on a \$10 permit request for Camp Precast Concrete fleet permit
- Draft of Warranty Deed for the transfer of Town property to the Wells Springs Unified Union School District
- VLCT notice of Delta Dental coverage plan for FY2019

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

Executive Session: H. Childress moved to enter executive session, with the road foreman present; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session begun at 9:19 p.m. H. Childress moved to exit executive session; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular session rejoined at 9:44 p.m., no action taken.

T. Redfield moved to sign the 2018-19 Sheriff's contract; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9.48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk