

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, November 8, 2018
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

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

TOWN OFFICERS: Bill Reed, Road Foreman

PUBLIC AND GUESTS: Sean Ruck

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting as amended; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*P. Kenyon abstained, all others in favor, motion carried*].

Highway: Culvert and roadside projects are wrapping up. The guardrails for these projects, to be installed next year, will be pre-paid so that we can file for reimbursement of projects that have otherwise been completed. We've received half of our order of sand, which includes some small stone that will aid us in ice storms. We've had lots of rain-related small damage to road surfaces, ditches and culverts, as well as numerous trees down; the crew is keeping up as quickly as they can.

Bill filed a complaint with the Sheriff's department about construction-zone signs and other highway signs being shot up.

First snow will be on Tuesday, with possible accumulation. The Freightliner is ready to go, with the 7600 back from Earle's tomorrow. The one-ton needs some repair to the sander. The throttle cable broke on the grader, but that's been repaired. The backhoe tore a hydraulic hose and fitting.

Bill has gotten garage construction information on recent projects in Rutland Town and Mt. Holly.

Public: Sean Ruck attended to discuss the ballot initiative that asks the Town to write an advisory letter to the State urging renewed attention to the 2050 Comprehensive Energy Plan; that item passed by a vote of 303-141. P. Kenyon moved to follow the will of the voters and send such a letter to the appropriate state officers and agencies; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Lands: P. Kenyon discussed the work of the Building Committee as it intersects with the possible bond issue for Town Meeting 2019. The consultant is scheduling meetings with various community and constituent groups over the next week. The Fire Association is having its dinner on Tuesday 11/13 at 6pm, where they will present the current state of planning for the new firehouse.

Solid Waste: T. Redfield is launching the process of transfer station permit renewal.

Correspondence:

- 2019 funding requests
 - \$1500 from VNA and Hospice
 - \$975 from Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- Ads

We discussed adding a funding request to the Town Meeting 2019 budget for support of Front Porch Forum. We will revisit this in more detail during the December budget-writing process.

Board Orders: T. Redfield moved to approve the board orders as presented; H. Childress 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. We will advise the fundraising consultant to bill to the Town rather than to the Library; P. Kenyon has asked her to resubmit with the correct billing.

Legal: We have prepared a draft RFP for the purchase of audit services. The Board will review this draft and act at our next meeting.

Other Business: H. Childress moved to re-schedule the next Selectboard meeting for Tuesday, November 20, at 7pm, in respect of Thanksgiving; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk