

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, October 25, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting Approved Minutes**

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

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

**PUBLIC AND GUESTS:** none

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting; C. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*C. Haynes abstained, all others in favor, motion carried*].

**Town Officers:** Laura is preparing for the coming election, and the poll workers' schedule is near complete.

**Highway:** T. Redfield moved that the Treasurer establish direct deposit into a Health Savings Account for Brent Clark, and to deposit the equivalent of the BCBSVT individual gold plan premium each month into that account; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*Aye—H. Childress, C. Fenton, T. Redfield; Nay—C. Haynes; motion carried*].

Bill is submitting a Better Back Roads grant proposal for the river culvert on the Upper end of Spruce Knob Road.

**Executive Session:** T. Redfield moved to enter executive session to meet with a candidate for delinquent tax collector; C. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*] Executive session begun at 7:33 pm.

T. Redfield moved to exit executive session, H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*] Regular session rejoined at 8:56 pm, with no action taken.

**Highway, Rejoined:** the culvert is placed and the headwalls poured on the Spruce Knob project. Weather permitting, some roads will be graded and potholes filled in the next week, and sand delivered.

The 7600 will be back in service next week, and the other two trucks are ready for plowing season.

**Town Lands:** The VTRANS TAP proposal has been submitted for study of the West Street property, with outcomes to be determined in early 2019. Luke Larson has looked at the frame of the abandoned house on that site, and is considering whether he can make use of that frame elsewhere.

The Building Committee, Library Trustees and Selectboard had a joint meeting on October 18 with fundraising consultant Shana Trombley. She met today with the Fire

Association, with the Friends of the Library and Friends of Education, and an open drop-in session at Grant's Store. She has scheduled similar meetings with a large number of local organizations.

H. Childress put forth a workplan in preparation for developing a bond proposal for Town Meeting 2019. In order to be prepared for that discussion, we will develop cost estimates for each project, and the resulting bond level and its tax implications. Bill will work with AOT to get State specifications for salt/sand storage and possibly also for highway garages. T. Redfield will be the liaison for the firehouse project; P. Kenyon for the town office/library project; and H. Childress for the West Street projects.

**Solid Waste:** T. Redfield has begun the process of transfer station recertification, due in March 2019.

**Correspondence:**

- 2019 funding request for \$200 from Mentor Connector
- Ads from Vermont Fluid Power, Comcast, DominionTech Computing,

**Board Orders:** T. Redfield moved to approve the board orders as presented; C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk