

Middletown Springs Select Board
Regular Meeting August 24, 2017
Approved Minutes
Town Office - 7:00 PM

Board Present: Chris Fenton, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield

Public Present: Laura Castle - Town Clerk, Sarah Grimm - Town Auditor, Bill Reed - Road Commissioner, David Wright, John Arsenault, Michael Bowen, Burt Harvey

Call to Order - Chris Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Approval of Minutes - 8-9-2017 Regular Meeting - T Redfield moved to approve minutes of August 9, 2017 as presented, C Fenton seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments: Public & Guests - Mike Bowen returned to resubmit his complaint about his property boundaries being encroached upon by his neighbor. He questioned what the board had done to address his initial complaint back in December 2016. The board did have the listers go out and review the boundaries. Their report back was that nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Mike would like the board to revisit and to get more details about the lister's visit. The board agreed to set up a site visit to walk the property boundaries in the capacity of fence viewers, preferably with a member of the board of listers. After that visit the board will submit a letter of their findings to Mr. Bowen for his records.

Cemetery Task Force: John, Nora, and David presented a report to the board on their progress to date. They are continuing to research solutions for the Gardiner monument and the pine tree issues as their first priority. Their intent is to get recommendations for those two priority items before winter and then to focus on the job of long term planning for ongoing maintenance and preservation. Including the following items:
Mapping of the Cemetery - working with Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Finding the Copeland Cemetery Fund original charter documents.
Creating a database of people buried in the cemetery with references and links to where they lived in town and some history on families and individuals.

Town Officers - Sarah Grimm reported that the Auditors met yesterday 8/23/17 and are continuing to work on their tasks.
Laura reported that she would like to buy a laptop before town meeting for working elections.

T Redfield moved that to authorize the Town Clerk to purchase a mobile computer for town meeting election services. C Fenton seconded and the motion carried.

Laura will connect with Herb Childress to determine the best device for the job after researching the options and technology needs.

Town Lands: West Street Property - The board discussed the possibility of donating the post and beam house frame to the Historical Society to be re-erected in town for Historical Society storage needs. D Wright will connect with Dan McKeen to see if he would be interested in helping to investigate the feasibility of such an undertaking.

Building Committee - P Kenyon reported that things are progressing with the engineers and consultants and they are working to have enough information to the estimator by September 15 for him to begin work on a preliminary estimate for the building. The required second round of water samples were taken today.

Town Highway - Road Commissioners report -

- Bill reported that the crew is working on general maintenance and grading. Grader had some issues this week and repairs are in the works.
- The temporary road is in for the Garron Rd project and that project is underway.
- New backhoe will be delivered the end of this week or the first part of next week.
- Credit application for the backhoe loan needs to be filled out. C Fenton will connect with the Town Treasurer to get that piece of paperwork completed and sent in.
- HP Fairfield Mower available for rent but probably not until October - board not interested in doing this now, but would like to get on the list for next summer end of June first of July so we can be sure to get it done next year.

Solid Waste: HHW - No report

Correspondence -

- Invitation RSVP & The Volunteer Center 44th Annual Recognition Event
- VLCT Municipal Budgeting Workshop - Tuesday Sept 26, 2017 notice
- American Red Cross Thank you for town meeting appropriation
- Invoice from Winmill Equipment for grader repair 7/10/17
- Swimming lessons - participation list and list of out of town checks. T Redfield will check with Cheryl Mahoney on the status of payment for this.

- Two service requests regarding two separate dog incidents on Spruce Knob Road with the same dog. The board will ask that H Childress send a formal letter to the dog's owners and include a copy of our dog ordinance.
- VLCT annual business meeting - invitation and delegate designation.
- Kirby Built catalog
- Bobcat sale flyer

Board Orders - T Redfield moved to approve board orders as presented, P Kenyon seconded and the motion carried.

Legal - None

Other Business -

- Possible date for site visit on Prospect and in-depth meeting with the Road Commissioner including site visits suggested as Saturday, September 9. Estimate that this will take half a day to thoroughly address these two items.

Adjournment - C Fenton moved to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by P Kenyon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Patty Kenyon
Acting Clerk