

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes  
Regular Meeting • August 9, 2017**

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

**TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT:** Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Bill Reed, Road Foreman.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Joe Hurley, Liftech Equipment

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:01 PM

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve minutes of 7/27 as presented; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Public Comment:** Joe Hurley came to discuss the warranty possibilities of the JCB backhoe. They're offering a free five-year annual inspection to help keep us better aligned with best maintenance practices.

Moving from the two-year/2,000-hour to the full-vehicle 5-year/2500-hour warranty would increase by \$5,879. There is a 90-day window to purchase warranty packages. The field vehicle we demo-drove is still available, at approximately 50 current use hours.

**Town Officers:** The new copier has arrived, and is operating effectively.

**Public Lands:** The Board expressed its appreciation for the Building Committee's thorough and thoughtful work, and looks forward to its continued efforts toward our future town office.

Members of the Cemetery task force have met with tree contractors for advice on the pine in the Old Cemetery; no formal written proposals have been submitted.

**Road Foreman:** Bill has the reimbursement paperwork for the Better Back Roads grant for the completed Dayton Hill Road, and a contract for the coming Better Back Roads grant for future work on Norton Road.

The work preparation for the Garron Road culvert construction is being done, including the construction of a temporary road around the job site.

Rutland Regional Transportation may be able to help with a grant for a salt shed; Bill will investigate. AOT will also advise on the flood-plain re-designation of the Town's West Street site, so that we might be able to use it for equipment.

The scheduled rental of the roadside mower is likely to not take place this year; one of the earlier towns using it broke it, and Castleton and Wallingford are still in line ahead of us. Bill is investigating another contractor who may be able to do the mowing.

The following public notice has been posted through town, dated August 7, 2017:

The Middletown Springs Road Crew will be replacing a culvert on Garron Road with a poured-in-place concrete box culvert. This work is expected to take approximately four to six weeks from start to completion.

A temporary one-way road will be installed to allow access on Garron Road. This temporary road will have a weight limit of ten tons and a ten mile per hour speed limit. We ask that if you have large deliveries scheduled such as heating oil, wood pellets, logs, etc. that you reschedule. Please call the Highway Department at 235-2024 if you want to discuss dates for deliveries. We also ask that EXTREME caution be used in the work zone and temporary road.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you, and thank you for your cooperation.

**Highway Equipment:** The backhoe is in the garage to repair the antifreeze leak. The radiator is being repaired by B&B radiator service, and should be back by week's end.

Bill has received a proposal from Viking for a new dump body for the International 7600, totaling roughly \$34,000. We won't make any decision about that until Spring 2018.

The total price for the JCB backhoe, with the warranty and optional equipment, comes to \$125,644; Liftech is offering a \$26,000 trade-in, and 3.1% interest rate for a five-year loan. The trade-in would be counted as our first year's payment, bringing our annual loan cost for years 2 through 5 of roughly \$25,500 per year. T. Redfield moved to purchase the JCB backhoe that we demo'ed, to be financed through JCB, with the extended warranty; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Solid Waste:** The West Street site has been brushhogged in preparation for October's large-waste day. Bill is looking into tire disposal for old Town equipment tires. The Board discussed the possibility of accepting tire disposal at large waste.

**Correspondence:**

- Statement from Winmill Equipment for the recent grader service
- Thank-you from American Red Cross for the town's appropriation
- Dividend statement for \$42.79 from the Credit Union of Vermont
- Registration form for the US Census 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)
- Notice of the VLCT Town Fair 2017, October 4-5.

**Board Orders:** H. Childress moved to approve Board orders as presented; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].  
Meeting adjourned 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk