

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, February 22, 2018
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Sally Achey, Lister; Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Jenny Talke Munyak, Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 2/8 as corrected; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: Lister Chair Sally Achey presented Form 4157 certifying that there are no lawsuits or protests having to do with the 2017 Grand List. H. Childress moved to sign and approve the closure of the 2017 Grand List; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The Board also discussed the State's pending GIS project. H. Childress moved to apply to participate in Phase 2 of the State's GIS project, and that we recommend Russell Graphics as the Town's preferred vendor for mapping data; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Clerk Laura Castle reported that the Town Reports went out in today's mail. Laura, Terry and Herb will test the tabulator on Saturday morning. Election scheduling has been completed.

The Treasurer has already received some tax checks for the spring quarter, and will be open until 6 pm on Thursday 3/15. She has also begun work on a new system of accounting for solid waste expenses and revenues, to comply with State guidelines. She reported that through November 2017, the Town has received \$717 in recouped traffic fines; however, the Sheriff's Department has notified us that a total of \$7632 in traffic tickets were issued in 2017 in Middletown Springs. We know that not all tickets are paid; not all contested tickets are defended by the Sheriff's department; and some offenders work out a payment plan with the court that allows for a gradual payment. We will recommend that the Auditors do a closer accounting of traffic fines.

Highway: The roads are beginning to show mud season stress, but the highway crew has kept pace. Bill was unable to attend this meeting because he was dealing with a fuel-related failure of the grader (he successfully repaired that and checked in at the very end of the meeting).

Town Lands: The Old Cemetery Task Force has submitted their revised final report. H. Childress moved to accept the Task Force's report and to thank them for their diligent efforts; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. The Board will take up the

implications of that report for budget and project sequencing, taking the Task Force recommendations under consideration, in the coming Board year.

The Building Committee will not meet until March 15th, struggling to make quorum in the face of scheduling and personal difficulties. They are looking to add to the worker pool for fundraising and grant proposal applications.

Solid Waste: As reported by the Treasurer, solid waste financial reporting has been revised for 2018. At the beginning of the next board term, a new SWAC board representative will need to be chosen.

Correspondence:

- two returned NSF checks for Transfer Station cards
- a request for an overweight fleet permit from Leon Corey Excavation, and a \$10 check; H. Childress moved to approve the Corey fleet permit; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]
- info flyers/newsletters from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, RSVP, The Volunteer Center
- VLCT News
- VT State Standard Plan electronic payment record of \$96.84
- Flyers from FreshCoat Asphalt Services; Alderman's Chevrolet; Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group
- Copy of the town's notice of junk ordinance violation re: Clarence Haynes
- U.S. Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey information request

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

Legal: The delinquent tax sale notification letters will go out at the end of February.

Other: Kimberly Bushnell is not able to serve as Moderator for Town Meeting. The Board developed a list of people we believed would be qualified, and will begin by asking Tony Lamberton to serve, given his prior experience.

The Board expressed satisfaction at the conclusion of the 2017-18 Board season, and looks forward to the new session beginning with the March town meeting.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Addendum for Liquor Control

At 8:43, The Selectboard called to order the meeting of the liquor control board to consider the 2018 renewal of the second class license to sell malt and vinous

beverages for Grant's General Store. The store has paid a \$140 licensing fee, \$70 of which comes to the Town and \$70 to the VT Department of Liquor Control. T. Redfield moved to approve the license request; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

H. Childress moved to adjourn the liquor control meeting; C. Fenton 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk