

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, January 11, 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; Sarah Grimm, Auditor; Bill Reed, Highway Foreman

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

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

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 12/28 as corrected; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Town Officers:**

Sally Achey presented the state findings of COD and CLA, showing us consistent with prior years and within general boundaries of acceptable performance.

Laura Castle reported problems with the town office building; a frozen septic system, and snow inside the dining room through a gap in the wall.

She will investigate with Poultney Veterinary about providing the annual rabies clinic.

H. Childress moved that the Town will contribute up to 100% of the 2018 individual premium for a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont gold-level plan as a benefit for full-time employees; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Highway:** The 7600 is at Earle's having brake work done; there are also problems with the clutch throwout bearing that Earle's will investigate.

With the pending storm Friday night and Saturday, the Board decided to close the Transfer Station to allow for safe operation of the sand and salt loading area. The Board urges all members of the community to limit driving on Friday night and Saturday. During commute times of ongoing storms, Bill is sanding only hills and curves, because continuing to plow away the salt/sand mix is ineffective.

The Town's diesel fuel reservoir was very low, with Keyser Energy experiencing shortages. We received a one-time delivery on Wednesday from Marcell Fuels of Pittsford.

Liftech has discussed the November backhoe service bill with Bill; they're investigating the possibility of waiving some or all of the labor charge.

**Executive Session:** H. Childress moved to enter executive session for confidential discussion of personnel matters having to do with the Highway Department, inviting the

Road Foreman, Town Clerk, and Auditor to participate; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session entered at 7:44 p.m.

T. Redfield moved to exit executive session; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session concluded at 7:58 p.m., with no action taken.

**Solid Waste:** The winter weather has played havoc with the transfer station scheduling, but Glen has done well keeping the site cleared and the compactor hydraulics operating under poor weather conditions.

**Correspondence:**

- VT AOT notice to file annual weight limits for highways and bridges, deadline February 10.

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

**Legal:** The Sheriff's Department has yet to provide an enforcement officer's report on the active junk complaint. The pilot program for shared patrol is having an oversight meeting on Friday 1/12 at the Ira Town Hall.

**Other Business:** T. Redfield moved to confirm the current status of the compiled Town Policies, Ordinances and Position Descriptions document; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. This document now becomes the official policies manual of the town, to be printed and kept at the Town Office, as well as posted on the town website.

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk