

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

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Sarah Grimm, Auditor

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

The Select Board recognized and appreciated Patty Kenyon's birthday today.

Minutes: T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 1/11 as corrected; P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Town Officers: The annual veterinary rabies clinic has been set for mid-March , and the date will be published in the Town Report. The Town Clerk attended an election preparation meeting put on by the Secretary of State's office.

The Auditors expressed their appreciation for the Board having addressed several action items requested in prior years.

Highway: The 7600 is waiting on clutch parts, but the brakes have been done. The ice has been difficult for road maintenance, and the road crew has been focused on making the morning and evening commutes as safe as possible. The Board asks all members of the community to exercise caution on the roads, and to minimize unnecessary travel in poor conditions.

The Town has received its State reimbursement for the Garron Road project, amounting to just over \$83,000. The Board would like to recognize Bill for his substantial work on grant proposal writing; he has brought in over \$200,000 in external funding for each of the last several years, allowing us to do major road repair without added burden to the community.

Town Lands: The Building Committee has received its preliminary work from the estimator, but he is working beyond the original scope of his request, and has asked for a small additional fee. H. Childress moved to authorize Henry Erickson to conduct additional estimation work up to an added \$700 fee; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Terry has contacted Green Mountain Timber Frame (Luke Larson and Dan McKeen) regarding the timber frame in the old house on the West Street property; Luke is interested in a walk-through to investigate salvaging the frame.

Solid Waste: Glen has revised the electronic waste storage, which has been approved and praised by Karen Knaebel, e-waste manager of Vermont Waste

Management. The Board recognizes and appreciates Glen's for bringing the e-waste storage to state standards, especially in the midst of a hard winter season.

The Town has to inform the State on the annual financial status of the pay-as-you-throw program; the State requires us to make at least as much money from bag fees as we pay for commercial disposal tipping fees, so that the taxpayers aren't subsidizing waste disposal. P. Kenyon is working on that report.

Correspondence:

- Fleet request from Carroll Concrete/Newport Sand & Gravel, with \$10 check enclosed. H. Childress moved to approve the fleet overweight request from Carroll; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

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

Legal: The Town's attorney Gary Kupferer is at work on organizing the delinquent tax sale, likely in late March or early April. The Delinquent Tax Collector now has a template to notify owners of tax-delinquent properties that the sale is pending.

Other Business: H. Childress moved to set the 2018 dates for large waste and metal collection: Saturday May 6, and Saturday October 6, 2018. We will charge \$5 per vehicle load for trash at both events; scrap metal will be collected for free; approved Green-Up bags will be collected for free at the May event.

T. Redfield moved to approve the 2018 Warning for Town Meeting; P. Kenyon 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. The Warning was signed by the Board and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Executive Session: C. Fenton moved to enter executive session; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Executive session begun at 9:04 p.m. H. Childress moved to exit executive session; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Regular session re-entered 9:31 p.m., no action taken.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk