

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Regular Meeting • May 14, 2020

BOARD PRESENT: Patty Kenyon and Heather Grier via Zoom, at the town office Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Carl Haynes arrived at 7:12pm.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Emergency Management Director - Herb Childress, Auditor - Sarah Grimm via Zoom; At the office: Road Commissioner/Road Foreman - Bill Reed

PUBLIC PRESENT: Peter and Aileen Stevenson, Elizabeth Cooper - Conservation Commission via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/23/2020 Regular; 5/7/2020 Special

Terry moved to approve the minutes of 4/23/2020 regular meeting and 5/7/2020 special meeting as presented, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Herb Childress - The state is moving toward gradual retail openings starting on Monday May 18. Herb gave a brief review of what's open, what's not, and basic modifications people are making to open. Grant's Store is going to attempt to open with a max of 3 people inside, requiring masks for anyone who wishes to enter and offering window service for people who are not wearing masks. Sissy's is planning on curbside and porch delivery all summer. The porch will be closed to diners, but picnic tables will be available in the back yard.

Herb updated us on the status of the mandatory training certificates - we are in good shape with just a few still outstanding.

Herb has ordered us 250 masks and 200 pair of gloves from United Way for town employees.

Cases have been flat over the last week

During this gradual opening the health department will be continually monitoring how we are faring and can dial everything back if we see a dramatic increase in cases.

We touched on the new pop up testing programs for anyone who wants a test that is not exhibiting symptoms.

COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan - Herb sent us a draft plan last week for review, he would like the board to adopt the plan tonight so that we have that in place moving forward. After a brief discussion,

Patty moved to approve the COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan as presented, 2nd Neil. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS:

Elizabeth Cooper - Conservation Commission - joined the meeting to talk about Green Up Day and to get input from the board on logistics and safety for the event. Safety measures were discussed and options brainstormed. Elizabeth will take this info to the commission members to finalize the plans for a safe and effective event.

TOWN OFFICERS: None with comments

TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report -

- Bill updated the board on the status of summer work grants - the deadline for the grant we have open has been pushed back to the end of September. The Haley Road grant he applied for this winter won't be awarded until later in the year.
- Bill shared a folder of drawings and information he's gathered on building ideas with Heather, who will scan the information and share digital copies with the rest of the board. Included is a list of things that Bill believes could be worked on now at low or no cost to set the table for future without making any huge decisions.
- Bill, Brent and Bobby are taking advantage of the opportunity to catch up on regular maintenance work.
- Bill also noticed that the West Street house is deteriorating quickly. He would like to install some caution tape to serve as a warning that rotting floor boards and supports inside the house make it generally unsafe. Dismantling will need to happen soon. Terry will get some caution tape and get it installed at the site.
- Bill fixed some potholes on the old section of 140 heading to Poultney.

Other Town Highway

- Neil brought up the new truck replacement and his ideas on how to move forward. Bill weighed in with his ideas and reasonings. There was a discussion about the future and what will be best for the town. In the near future, Bill will get some information on the specs of the different vehicle options to Patty who will compile the information in a way to compare the differences in order to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the options so that the board can make an informed decision.

TOWN LANDS:

- Peter talked about West Street house and demo and state regs regarding lead paint and asbestos removal. Bill is aware of those regulations.
- Lengthy discussion on budgeting, other possible options, and general ideas. Potential new properties that might fit. These are things that we will be looking at during the dedicated facilities meetings.
- Homework for the board is to bring some potential existing properties on the market that might work for a town office.

SOLID WASTE:

- Green Up Day - Saturday, May 30th - conservation commission will be leading the effort based on discussion above with Elizabeth.
- Big Dumpster Day - Saturday, June 6th – Glen has ordered 5 dumpsters - 1 metal and 4 trash that are supposed to be pre-delivered to West Street to avoid bottle

necks of delivering new dumpsters the day of. Glen, Bill or Brent, Patty, Terry, Neil, will work at West Street, Herb has committed to work transfer station. Terry will see if Richie Miller is available to work West Street as well. Everyone will be required to wear masks and work gloves.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Overweight Permits
 - UNFI w/\$10 ck & Cert of Ins.
 - Cardinal Logistics w/\$10 ck & Cert of InsMotion made by Terry to approve and sign Overweight permits for UNFI and Cardinal Logistics, Carl 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- RSVP Spring Newsletter
- MSHS May Newsletter
- Display Sales Brochure

BOARD ORDERS: Carl moved to approve the board orders as presented, Neil 2nd. Motion carried. Ayes - Carl Haynes, Neil Russell, Terry Redfield. Abstain - Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon due to our physical absence in order to sign the warrants.

LEGAL: none

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Schedule Property Line Review** - Dorothy Reed requested the board to review a property in the back of her property. Bill says they are intending to clarify and make a determination regarding a newly erected fence they believe is on Dot's property. Dot is not asking them to move the fence but wants to establish the line to avoid a potential adverse possession issue in the future. First step agreed upon is that Heather will meet with Bill to take a look.
- **Gold-headed Cane Update** - The Selectboard extends its thanks to Emmett Francois for his work on putting together the gold-headed cane photo for the post office and the presentation photo for Mary Parker to have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Terry moved enter into Executive Session at 9:27pm, Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Carl moved the board exit Executive Session at 9:40pm, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved to request that the treasurer create and maintain duplicate copies of tax bills to have on file at the town office for ease of accessibility for town residents or their designated agents beginning with the 2020/2021 tax cycle. Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Carl moved to adjourn at 9:42pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Kenyon, Clerk

