

# ***Middletown Springs Select Board***

## **Regular Meeting Approved Minutes**

April 11, 2019

Town Office –7:00 PM

**Selectboard Present:** Chris Fenton, Chair, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon, Carl Haynes at 7:05pm

**Town Officers:** Sarah Grimm – Auditor; Laura Castle -Town Clerk

**Public:** Rutland County Sheriff's Dept - Captain David Fox, Sheriff Stephen Benard

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chris Fenton

Terry Redfield moved approve the minutes from 3/28/19 – Patty Kenyon seconded and the motion carried.

**Public Comments & Guests** - Rutland County Sheriff Department - Sheriff Benard reviewed some statistics he put together for us in regard to infractions in town over the past four years. The trend has been for more calls and incidents responded to by the Sheriff's Department and a decline in incidents handled by the State Police. The board asked the department to make a more concerted effort to update townspeople on a regular basis as to what's happening with the Sheriff in the four town patrol area. Sarah Grimm inquired why the detail on tickets given out was no longer being posted on the Sheriff's website. The Sheriff believes this might be due to their new electronic ticketing system, but said this could be easily fixed and we should expect to be able to see details again soon.

### **Town officers – Clerk, Treasurer, Auditors –**

- a. Town officers and Committees - Town Clerk reports being busy with dog registrations.
- b. Audit update – Short update from Sarah regarding the second visit from the auditors – that visit mostly focused on the Library and town trust funds. The experience continues to be a positive one and we are beginning to put some of their suggestions into practice with success.

### **Town highway**

- a. Road Commissioner report – Bill is on vacation, but left some paperwork for the board to review and execute in his absence. As well as a list of tasks that Brent will be working on in his absence. Paperwork included a copy of a grant application being submitted for paving and reclamation of the westernmost section of Route 140. The

annual Financial Plan for Town Highways and the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards.

Terry Redfield moved to approved and sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. Carl Haynes seconded and the motion carried.

Terry Redfield moved to approve and sign the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards. Patty Kenyon seconded and the motion carried.

Roadside mowing is scheduled for week of July 4, 2019

- b. Other highway - Patty reported conversations with Ryan Curtiss at JCB regarding the outstanding invoice for repair of the backhoe last summer. The board will wait for Bill to be back from vacation to review the latest information and make a determination on how to proceed.

### **Town Lands**

- a. Building committee – Patty reported that the BC is continuing to work on the feasibility study with CPG.
- b. Other – RFP regarding West St Property – Terry Redfield moved to authorize Herb to issue the RFP for the Engineering Study on the West Street property. Patty Kenyon seconded and the motion carried.

**Solid waste – Big Dumpster Day** – Chris offered to check pricing and scheduling with Casella for dumpsters – if competitive we would like to go with Casella. We would like 4 trash dumpsters plus 1 metal dumpster – to be on site prior to May 4 (the Wednesday before). Chris will also investigate and price out a metal dumpster provider who will pay us for tonnage.

### **Correspondence**

- 2 overweight permits – 1. Steve Newton Logging & 2. Brown’s Quarried Slate – with checks for \$10.
  - Terry moved to approve overweight permits for Steve Newton Logging and Brown’s Quarried Slate. Carl Haynes seconded and the motion carried. Laura will issue and mail permits to each and record in our book.
- Price List from Brown’s Quarried Slate – crushed slate & sand
- Flyer from Schoenberg Salt and Chemical Dust Control

- Comcast flyer
- Staples Coupon – HP Ink
- Summer 2019 Carrot-Top.com catalog
- Business card from Rutland Auto Group
- Dog Letter – Terry reviewed a letter he has written on behalf of the Selectboard to Dog Owners, J Bouchard and Amanda Morris on Daisy Hollow Road regarding complaints about their about their dogs and will send that to them along with a copy of the town’s Dog Ordinance.

**Board Orders** – Terry Redfield moved to approved board orders as presented. Carl Haynes seconded and the motion carried.

**Other business**

- a. Local Emergency Management Plan – LEMP – Needs to be approved – Please review and be prepared to adopt at the next meeting.
- b. Other – Carl reported seeing a grader for sale on Craig’s list with a side mounted mower. 2000 model year. Patty sent links to board members and road commissioner for their information. Carl also reported that there is going to be a large equipment liquidation auction at Matt Waite’s Excavation business. Patty sent links to that information as well for review.
- c. Carl updated the board on the options he’s investigated for the future of Middletown Spring First Response given that Poultney will no longer let Middletown operate under their licensure. Carl continues to work on finding a solution that can keep the First Response active and able to provide services in town with the least added cost to the town. One option may be to change the First Response from a private organization to a town agency. Carl will work to bring a recommendation for next steps to the board at the next meeting.

**Adjourn** – Carl Haynes moved to adjourn at 9:30pm, Terry Redfield seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
 Patty Kenyon, Acting Clerk