

# Middletown Springs Select Board

Approved Minutes, February 13, 2020

**Board Present:** Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield, Chris Fenton

**Town Officers Present:** Laura Castle - Town Clerk, Bill Reed - Road Commissioner/Foreman, Sarah Grimm - Auditor

**Public Present:** Art Castle, Peter Stevenson, Sara Young, Nate Lewis, Rick Beal, Jenny Coltey, MSES students - Dylan Dickerson, Kiara Larson, David Robinson, Nate Worland, Bailey Hier, Avery Lewis

**Call to order:** Chris Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes | 1-23-20 Meeting:** Terry Redfield moved to approve the minutes of 1/23/2020 as presented, Patty Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Public comments & Guests:** Presentation by MSES / Sullivan Woods Outhouse implementation Committee (OIC). Students presented a powerpoint slideshow outlining their proposal to fund and build an outhouse in Sullivan Woods. Students would like to see project happen late spring with fundraising starting as soon as possible. The group is requesting permission to build the outhouse. The board and the students each agreed to investigate the need for any state permits and move forward from there as to Selectboard support and requirements/expectations surrounding the building and process. Mr. Beal will be the point person for communications between the board and the OIC. Board members thanked the students and their advisors for their initiative and enthusiasm for making improvements to Sullivan Woods, for their excellent presentation and their attendance at our meeting. Will try to communicate any information we can find with Mr. Beal.

Art Castle spoke briefly on behalf of the Fire Association

- Engine 2 is out of service - needs a new tank - the estimated cost for a new tank is \$20K and they are researching getting a loan for this project.
- The Fire Department is having a community information meeting on February 29 from 5 to 7pm to review their budget and answer questions on the survey prior to Town Meeting.
- Art also asked about the status of the lease. Board noted that we were waiting for a new draft from town lawyer

**Town officers - Clerk, Treasurer, Auditors:** Town meeting ballots are in, sample ballots are posted, absentee ballots will go out tomorrow. Laura hasn't

thought about scheduling yet... but will start soon. Tabulator is set up. Town Report is here in boxes. Plan is to get them in the mail by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

We will need to hold a Liquor Board Meeting tonight for Grant's Village Store's license.

**Town Highway | Road Commissioners report:** Bill heard lots of good reports on Brent's work in his absence. Some issues with the one-ton during the recent ice/snow storm. Everyone who pitched in to help is very much appreciated by Bill and by the Selectboard. They are still working on backroads with the ice pack. Using the grader to cut through some of the ice on the backroads. They'll be back on the road in the am to do sanding and address the potential for ice as the temperatures drop tonight to single digits.

Bill would like to place some material up on Spruce Knob for the project that needs to be complete by the end of June, if he had material he could start that project in April earlier than normal if materials are on site. Grant window will close on us if we are late getting the project done. Board agreed that this was a good idea.

The road crew continues to have some issues with the solar workers parking on the roads and interfering with the road clearing and maintenance crew. Bill has talked to them but the issues still continue. Patty will reach out to GroSolar people to see if we can impress upon them the need to be conscious of their impacts.

Town Treasurer asked for pay rates for our recent substitute Highway workers - Rich Miller and Michael Holden. Bill recommends same payrate for Rich as we paid previously and for Michael he recommends we pay the same as we paid Todd Mason a year or so ago.

Herb asked that the board consider the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

Terry Redfield moved to approve the the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Chris Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Town Lands:** Herb emailed with to report that Scott Gurley of VTRANS has accepted the Otter Creek Engineering final report, and that Jenny and Herb have started the process of reimbursement.

- The board received an email from Michael Beattie containing more detailed town office only building drawings for the board to review.
- Peter Stevenson reported that he and Eileen have done some preliminary work on a few different building designs and that he is also working with Michael on costing his new drawings.

**Solid waste:** Terry shared part of his annual solid waste snapshot for 2018/2019 as required by SWAC.

**Correspondence:**

- Application for employment for part-time Highway Crew member from Michael Holden the board will review and talk about at a future meeting.

**Board Orders:** Terry Redfield moved to approve the board orders. Patty Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Terry Redfield moved to adjourn 9:06pm. Chris Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>, regular meeting adjourned.

**Board of Liquor Control Meeting - 2/13/2020 Unapproved Minutes**

Chris Fenton called the meeting to order at 9:06pm

Purpose of the meeting to review Grants Village Store 2<sup>nd</sup> class liquor license renewal application and proof of education completion.

Terry moved to approve and sign the 2<sup>nd</sup> class liquor license renewal for Grants Village Store. Patty Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Adjourn: Chris moved to adjourn at 9:15pm. Patty Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Acting Clerk