

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Thursday, March 14, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting Approved Minutes**

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

**TOWN OFFICERS:** Laura Castle, Town Clerk; Tom Hurcomb, Planning Commission;  
Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer (arrived 8:30 pm) Hilary Solomon, Planning  
Commission

**PUBLIC AND GUESTS:** Peter Blekis, possible Planning Commission member;  
Sarah Young, possible Planning Commission member

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:02 p.m.

Mud Season has begun!

**Minutes:** P. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of the February 28 regular meeting;  
T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes  
of the March 7 special meeting; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Town Officers:** Tom Hurcomb and Hilary Solomon appeared to discuss the Planning  
Commission's proposal to expand its membership from three to five members. Tom's  
term ends in 2020; Hilary was by far the majority write-in recipient at Town Meeting, for  
the 2019-2022 term; the Selectboard can appoint others to serve until the next town  
meeting.

H. Childress moved that the constitution of the Planning Commission be increased from  
three members to five; C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. All terms of the  
Planning Commission are three-year terms. C. Haynes moved to appoint Peter and  
Sarah to the two seats newly created for the planning commission, for the first year of  
terms concluding in 2021 and 2022; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The terms are:

- Tom Hurcomb, expiring 2020
- John Arsenault, expiring 2021 (John is expected to resign, leaving this seat open)
- Hilary Solomon, expiring 2022
- Peter Blekis/Sarah Young, expiring 2021
- Peter Blekis/Sarah Young, expiring 2022

H. Childress moved to name Sarah Young as the Town's representative to the RRPC  
for the 2019-20 cycle, with Tom Hurcomb as alternate; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor,*  
*motion carried*]

**Public:** Hilary Solomon also appeared as the director of the Poultney Mettowee Natural  
Resources Conservation District, asking for support for their application for an  
ecosystem restoration grant in support of water quality improvements. P. Kenyon moved

to approve the Town's letter of support; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress will draft and sign that letter on behalf of the Board.

**Highway:** Bill has spoken with Ryan at LifTech about the labor charge related to annual service, and Ryan agreed with Bill that some of that labor should have been covered within warranty. LifTech will provide a more itemized labor breakout.

Bill and Brent are working tonight to work through some of the mud problems, but the weekend should be difficult. We encourage everyone to drive carefully, and as little as possible.

**Town Lands:** P. Kenyon discussed the consulting firm's feasibility study and whether it should be delayed to encompass the other possible building projects. H. Childress provided a draft RFP for engineering services for the West Street property; we hope to vote on issuing that RFP at our 3/28 meeting.

T. Redfield discussed the fire house lease with the fire association at last night's meeting; we may develop some form of interim lease to cover the period between now and construction, and then a new lease as part of the new project.

**Treasurer's Report:** the Treasurer discussed the audit meeting of Friday 3/8, as well as the conversation with the Library about their status as a Town entity (which would include their financial materials in the audit). The Library board may ask the Town Treasurer to prepare the Library's payroll and accounts payable checks beginning with the start of Fiscal Year 2020, even while the Library board continues to sign its own board orders. P. Kenyon moved to include the library in the current professional audit; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]

**Solid Waste:** The recertification has been delayed due to State backlogs, and will be processed at a later date; operations will continue under the current certification. There is a waste management training on April 12 that both T. Redfield and Glen Moyer will attend.

**Correspondence:**

- two bills for school sidewalk plowing; passed to treasurer
- Bill from Rudy Polwin Architects for conceptual firehouse plans; passed to treasurer
- Certificate of insurance on behalf of Camp Precast Concrete Products
- Notice of VT Health Officer trainings
- Notice of VLCT Selectboard Institute 3/30 in Rutland
- VLCT News March 2019
- ads

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

**Other business:** We will ask the newly elected Delinquent Tax Collector to forward her policies to the Board for review. H. Childress will contact Dan McKeen about his willingness to serve as trustee of the Copeland Church Fund and the Copeland Cemetery Fund. The Selectboard will work to try to fill the other openings at coming meetings; see the table below.

Office	Term	Write-ins?	Action
Town Agent	1yr elect	No	
Grand Juror	1yr elect	David Munyak	David has agreed to serve
Trustee Copeland Church Fund	1yr elect	Daniel McKeen	Ask Dan if he's willing to serve
First Constable	1yr elect		We will not appoint a constable for this year
Trustee Copeland Cemetery Fund	1yr elect	Daniel McKeen (6), Terry Redfield (4)	Ask Dan if he's willing to serve
Trustee Copeland Milk Fund			
Planning Commission	3yr elect	Hilary Solomon	Hilary has agreed to serve; the Board has appointed Peter Blekis and Sarah Young until the next town meeting.
Planning Commission	The P.C. will ask for 2 new members; John Arsenault will resign		
Fence Viewer	1yr appoint		
Service Officer	1yr appoint		
Emergency Mgmt Director	1yr appoint		
Rutland Regional Planning Commission rep	1yr appoint		Sarah Young will serve as Town's representative on RRPC; Tom Hurcomb as alternate
Rutland Regional Transportation Council	1yr appoint		Ask Bill if he's willing to serve
SWAC	1yr appoint		T. Redfield, G. Moyer will continue as representatives

**Adjourn:** T. Redfield moved to adjourn; C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].  
Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk