

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Special Meeting  
Approved Minutes • October 3, 2019**

**Selectboard Present:** H. Childress, C. Fenton, C. Haynes, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield  
**Town Officials:** Bill Reed, Road Foreman (for about two minutes, at 8pm)  
**Guests:** Art Castle, Joe Castle, Don Hemenway (MS Fire Association)  
**Called to Order:** 7:05 pm

*chilly mornings...*

**Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** H. Childress moved that the Board adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress will file that plan with the Town Clerk and RRPC.

**Town Building Financing:** Members of the Fire Association presented their estimates for firehouse construction, totaling roughly \$725,000. They've been able to take advantage of a number of good-will relations with local contractors and engineers. The intention is to site the new building on the current footprint, roughly 20' shorter east-to-west and roughly 20' deeper north-to-south, with three bays facing North Street and three bays facing the current salt and sand storage.

The Board examined preliminary budget implications for the new buildings, and believe that we can manage the new construction and maintenance responsibly. We will vote at our regular 10/10 meeting to authorize the vote and warn the ballot item.

It's important to communicate that the November 19 vote is not directly obligating the voters to any specific amount; it is obligating the Selectboard to not exceed a specific amount, once a project is found to be viable. For any project, we may be able to borrow less than that ceiling; or we may find that one or more projects isn't viable within the five-year window, which means that the Board would not borrow any funds against it.

**Other Business:** We need to move forward with the planning on property tax delinquency sale, with verification of properties that are two or more years' delinquent, and more than \$1,000 delinquent balance, and do not have an approved payment plan in place. We will ask the delinquent tax collector to send 30-day notices to all such properties, in hopes that they will clear their balances before we move to tax sale.

**Adjourn:** Everyone just left, at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk