

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Special Facilities Meeting • June 18, 2020
Site Inspection/Visit**

BOARD PRESENT: Patty Kenyon, Heather Grier, Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Carl Haynes

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Bill Reed - Road Commissioner/Road Foreman, Pat Hemenway - Lister

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Masleh, Michael Beattie, Peter Stevenson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Art Castle, Don Hemenway, Kevin Eaton

CALL TO ORDER: T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

RESEARCH/INSPECT FORMER “PARKER” CORNER PROPERTY: Peter Stevenson brought some handouts of rough sketches he had done regarding placement and size of a potential building if the site could accommodate an on site septic system (mound system). The group reviewed the drawings, took measurements at the site to physically map out what had been sketched. Measurements were taken of the potential septic field, the set backs from the boundary lines, the driveway entrance point, and the size of the building.

The conclusion was that there seems to be room for a system if all tests and conditions can be met but it limits the size of the building and the parking areas.

There was discussion about holding tanks and the frequency and cost of pumping if we had to go with the tank only system. Pump trucks can haul 4,000 gallons at a time. Michael had a rough estimate that the building would use 12,000 gallons a year. Peter had an estimate of 26 cents per gallon to pump and dispose of tank contents. Tanks for the previously proposed building were sized at 3500 gallons each (\$910 per pumping).

Peter will check with Frank Parent to find out if any of the septic components could be rearranged on the site.

Heather will check with the town of Pawlet to see how they are managing with their pump tank system and what their actual yearly operating costs are so that we can get a real-life example of a pump tank system currently in use.

FIRE ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Kevin Eaton and Art Castle reported on the current Fire Association status regarding the suggestions made at the last board meeting. The majority of the association members concluded that the roof was not strong enough to hold a layer of protective materials and therefore did not think that the idea to shore up the roof to get through a couple more years was going to work. But with that said, they

were going to connect with a structural engineer to get advice as to how they might address the immediate needs in a temporary fashion.

Art also discussed that at the association meeting they made changes to their bylaws, were continuing to work on Engine 2 repairs, and that they wanted to wait to give their presentation to the Selectboard and Facilities Committee until after Engine 2 was back in service.

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS: Terry presented the board with an issue at Fort Dumpster in which a former resident continues to bring their trash to the transfer station despite Glen's assertions that he cannot use our facilities because he no longer lives in town. This has been an ongoing issue for a few months. At this point Terry and Glen recommend a No-Trespass Order be served to the former resident specifically for the Transfer Station on Firehouse Lane and for 577 West Street (Large Trash day location).

Terry moved that the board authorize and sign a No Trespass order against said former resident prohibiting entry to the Middletown Springs Transfer Station and the property at 577 West Street, Middletown Springs, Neil 2nd. Motion carried, with 4 ayes (Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Heather Grier) and 1 opposed (Carl Haynes)

Terry also advised the board of additional unapproved ditch work by a homeowner on North Street and suggested that board members take a ride by to see the issue themselves. The next steps on this issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Patty at 8:35pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk