

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Regular Meeting • October 8, 2020

BOARD PRESENT: Patty Kenyon, Heather Grier 6:15pm via Zoom. At the town office, Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Carl Haynes at 6pm

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: via Zoom; Sarah Grimm - Auditor, 6:50pm. At the town office; Pat Hemenway, Laura Castle - Town Clerk, Bill Reed - Road Foreman/Road Commissioner, all at 6pm

PUBLIC PRESENT: Via Zoom: Peter & Aileen Stevenson, Michael Beattie at 6:30pm At the town office; David Wright, Ron Masleh, Geoff Metcalfe, all at 6pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Redfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm for the building walk through.

6PM Walk-through Adams House w/ Geoff Metcalfe - Building walk through with architect Geoff Metcalfe.

After the walk through, Geoff Metcalfe shared his observations with the full group. There were some technical issues with the town office computer that hampered effective communication. Issues were solved after about 10 or 15 minutes.

Questions that were touched upon with the architect included:

Do we actually need a vault or could we simply purchase fire proof cabinets?

- Geoff said it was purely a matter of cost effectiveness. His experience is that building a vault is actually more cost effective in most cases.

What do you see as our next steps for moving forward on exploring whether this option makes sense?

- Connect with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to see what types of grant funding might be available.
- Do some basic code research to determine what codes would impact a project like this.
- Research the cost to do a feasibility study.
- Define the overall scope of work.

Geoff will put together a summary of items that we should be thinking about in terms of achieving a workable efficient space. He can have that summary to us within a week or so.

Geoff, David, Pat and Ron left at 7:45pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/24/2020 Regular

Heather moved to approve the minutes of the 9/24/2020 regular meeting as presented, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: (if any) - Herb Childress - EMD - nothing from Herb this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: (if any) - see above.

TOWN OFFICERS:

BCA Report - November Election Prep - Patty & Heather gave an update on their experience this week beginning entering ballots.

Next FPF post needs to be done and include explaining to people what to do if they haven't received their ballot yet.

There was a brief discussion about the need to establish a system for dealing with returned ballots in order to make sure people get their ballots in plenty of time to mail them back.

The next BCA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020

Town Clerk / Treasurer / Auditors / Listers - Nothing beyond elections.

TOWN HIGHWAY:

Road Commissioner Report -

- Spruce Knob Project - footings should happen on Tuesday - hoping to have the project complete in two weeks.
- Salt pricing - Cargill - \$68.50 ton - estimated tonnage 275 ton - other quotes were higher.
 - Carl moved to sign contract with Cargill for Rock Salt (up to 275 tons available to us) at \$68.50 ton. Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Letter from the state regarding grant programs for 2021. They are suspending individual project grants but will allocate \$7,000,000 to the overall highway support budget.
- Letter of intent to apply for Municipal Roads, Grants and Aid program.
 - Patty moved to participate in the Municipal Roads Grants and Aid Program. Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2nd notice for the Stormwater Municipal Road annual fee at \$1350. Bill is investigating this further as he was aware of the fee but didn't remember that it was going to be that expensive. Patty will also do some investigating so that we can better understand it.
- Report from Dubois and King for Daisy Hollow Road work. Will be in Correspondence so we can review. Report was paid for by a Grant from RRPC. Bill will email a copy of the report to board members.
- Need tires on the grader. Pricing on tires range from \$10,200 to over \$11,000.
 - Board would like to see a couple more quotes. Our full repair budget for the grader is only \$5K.
 - How long before this is a safety issue? More of an inconvenience than a safety concern.
 - Bill is worried about volatility of pricing and availability in the middle of

- the winter or if we have a failure.
- Board wants to wait at least until next meeting to see if we get any other prices or can find something cheaper online or somewhere else.
- Garron Road complaint on FPF - Bill is aware and will take a look and see what they can do.

TOWN LANDS: Corner Property New Building Design Preferences -

What can we accomplish on this project while we explore the possibility of expanding at the Historical Society building?

Peter will do some work on updating his former pricing given the rise in building product costs since the start of the pandemic. As well as explore in more detail pricing on the mechanical systems.

There was more discussion on the possibility of the historical society building option including the opportunity for grants when re-purposing a historic building and that the greenest building is the one you don't build.

SOLID WASTE: Compost hauler updates - New compost hauler - Terry connected with Zach Cavacas of Music Mountain Compost who can start picking up compost this week.

Terry moved to send Wheaton Squier \$250 for compost pickup for the last few years, Heather, 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved that we contract Music Mountain Compost - Zach Cavacas - for compost pick up at \$25 per week, \$50 per month. Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Big Dump Day Results/Critique - Discussion on the amount of cardboard and household waste we received. We need to do a better job of making sure people understand that cardboard is recyclable and household trash should not be brought to Big Dump Day, both these things should go to the transfer station during regular hours. We also need to be more vigilant with weeding out those folks during the event. Glen reported that his receipts dipped just before big dump day, so people seemed to be saving up and bringing their trash to us for a better deal. Might be a good idea to do a FPF post explaining what Big Dump Day is for, and not for.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BCBS 2021 Renewal Info
- Certificate of Insurance - Cardinal Logistics
- Flyer from Street Decorations
- Quote from American Rock Salt of Fort Ann NY - \$70 per ton for salt
- AutoSaver Ford - Club Membership card and Coupon book (New one ton)

BOARD ORDERS:

Neil moved to approve board orders as presented, Carl 2nd. Ayes - Terry, Neil, Carl

Abstain - Patty, Heather (not physically present at the meeting).

Note to Jenny - Highway orders - Kimball Midwest bill - we were charged tax \$18.03 we should cut a new check and send tax certificate.

LEGAL: none

OTHER BUSINESS: MSFR Organization Status - no updates

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)

ADJOURN: Patty moved to adjourn at 9:36, Heather 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Kenyon, Clerk