

## **Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Special Budget Meeting • December 3, 2020**

**BOARD PRESENT:** via Zoom: Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon. At the Town Office: Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Carl Haynes.

**TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT:** via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor. At the Town Office: Bill Reed - Road Commissioner

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** none

**CALL TO ORDER:** T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**HIGHWAY OVERTIME HOURS ANALYSIS:** Discussion about the highway hours study and what our options might be for the future. Currently there does not seem to be enough work to justify an additional full-time crew member. Looking to the future, options included Bill going to part-time and us hiring an additional full-time person or finding a young person who has a CDL and would be willing to work part-time until Bill is ready to retire.

There was also discussion about what we might do if one of our highway crew tests positive. RRPC had some discussion about this at one of their recent transportation meetings. Bill will reach out to Devon Neary to see what they learned through talking to other towns. Once we have some more information, we can plan so that we are not left in the lurch if the unforeseen happens.

**FY 2021/2022 BUDGET PREPARATIONS:** General discussion about the budget to start things off giving some brief background information to Heather and Neil as this is their first budgeting experience.

Generally, the consensus is to be as frugal as possible this year... in every category, but not to under-budget for things we know we will need or be facing. The board went line by line through the general town expenses. Will tackle the highway portion at the next gathering as well as fill in the blanks left for need of more research or consultation with other town officials.

### **Upcoming meeting Schedule**

Regular meeting Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7pm.

Next budget meeting Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7pm.

Christmas week meeting Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 7pm.

**BOARD ORDERS:**

Terry moved to approve the orders for our regular monthly payments as presented, Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried. Signed by Neil, Carl, Terry present at the meeting.

**OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:** none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any):** none

**ADJOURN:** Carl moved to adjourn at 9:17pm, Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk