

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Special Budget Meeting • January 21, 2021 • 7:00PM**

BOARD PRESENT: via Zoom: Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon. At the Town Office: Terry Redfield, Neil Russell & Buddy Russell (SB therapy dog)

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor, Laura Castle - Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER: T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

TOWN OFFICERS / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES: none.

FY 2021/2022 BUDGET PREPARATIONS:

Review of the budget filling in blanks in revenues and expenses. Finalization of the numbers in flux and are ready to move forward.

Heather moved to approve the budget as presented and discussed tonight. General Government expenditures \$351,597 with \$270,897 to be raised by taxes; Highway expenditures \$450,300 with \$319,050 to be raised by taxes. Patty 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

We'll approve the warning at our next regular meeting on January 28. Patty will send notes and warning again.

Upcoming meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting Thursday, January 28 at 7pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any): None

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:

Terry reported that 2016 Freightliner is most likely not totaled, so it looks like we will be getting it repaired. At this time, the cost to repair is about \$28K and the value of the truck is about \$75K.

Heather reviewed the discussions at the joint Fire Association and Selectboard meeting regarding the firehouse lease. It's a complex project with a lot of moving pieces. Ultimately the Fire Association would like to own the piece of property instead of lease and would like to see the town functions moved out. More discussions to come as the Fire Department gets more information regarding the recommendations from their

building study.

Terry wanted to make sure that board members were aware that Gov. Scott signed H.48 Tuesday, January 19, 2021, authorizing Mail-in Ballots and optional delay of in-person gatherings for Town Meeting. Members are aware and don't see the BCA changing our approach at this time.

There was also a discussion about the plans for the corner property and the next steps for moving that forward as well as some of the other projects that need to be tackled at some point soon. We have a lot of needs and will have a lot of work to do as we move ahead.

ADJOURN: Terry moved to adjourn at 9:35pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk