

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Special Budget Meeting • January 7, 2021 • 7:30PM

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: via Zoom: At the Town Office: Bill Reed - Road Commissioner

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brent Clark - Highway Dept

CALL TO ORDER: T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

TOWN OFFICERS / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES: none.

FY 2021/2022 BUDGET PREPARATIONS: Tabled.

Upcoming meeting Schedule

Budget Meeting Tuesday, January 12, at 7pm

Regular Meeting Thursday, January 14 at 7pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any):

Customer Service issue - Garron Road

Terry moved to enter Executive Session at 7:54pm and invited Brent and Bill to participate. Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved to exit Executive Session at 8:19pm, Patty 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry will contact the resident to follow up.

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:

Replacement truck possibilities - Brent reviewed the trucks he found in a search for a used truck to replace the Freightliner that we expect will be totaled. There were no available trucks worth considering. He then moved to look for new demo trucks that might be available. Buying a new truck was originally scheduled for next year but we were asked to consider moving up the replacement schedule. Brent found a few trucks

available. Brands included International, Freightliner and Western Star. The Freightliner was the best match to their original wish list. It is currently available at Patriot Freightliner out of Westminster, VT. The truck was brought to the garage earlier on Thursday for board members to look at it and talk to the salesperson. These trucks are in high demand right now, so if we want this truck we need to decide tonight.

Heather moved that we enter into a municipal lease for the 2021 Red Freightliner 114SD from Patriot Freightliner of Westminster VT for the base price of \$195,383 with the used plow - contract pending financing. Patty 2nd. Ayes - Terry, Neil, Patty, Heather. Opposed - Carl. Motion carried.

Terry proposed that we put Mary Parker on the cover of this year's town report and would also like to include a photo of Wilma Washburn inside the report as the most recent recipient of the Gold-headed Cane.

Bill reported that the oil burner at the town garage is no longer working and cannot be fixed. He's on the hunt for a used burner unit to replace it so that they can get the heat back on without having to replace the entire furnace.

BOARD ORDERS:

Terry moved to approve board orders as presented. Carl 2nd. Ayes: Terry, Carl, Neil. Abstain: Patty, Heather. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Neil moved to adjourn at 9:20pm, Carl 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk