

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Regular Meeting • February 11, 2021

BOARD PRESENT: via Zoom; Patty Kenyon, Heather Grier. At the town office; Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Buddy Russell (SB therapy dog), Carl Haynes at 7:13pm.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor, Laura Castle - Town Clerk. At the town office; Bill Reed - Road Commissioner.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Terry called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/28/2021 Regular Meeting

Neil moved to approve the minutes of the 1/28/2021 regular meeting as presented, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Rutland County and Bennington County case counts are up by a large percentage. Stay safe out there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: None

TOWN OFFICERS:

2021 Town Meeting Preparations -

Schedule Poll Workers - Elizabeth & Leslie have volunteered to take on scheduling of poll workers.

Nora Sargent in Wells wants to be able to start counting school ballots asap and requests that a representative from Middletown Spring be at here polling station at 7pm in order to proceed as soon as she is ready. Ballots from Middletown Springs will be counted when they arrive. Patty volunteered to go to Wells by 7pm so that they can begin the school count asap.

Patty recapped the BCA subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday. Planning is moving along. The subcommittee recommends and is working on a post card that will be sent to all townspeople with information on absentee ballots and this year's virtual Information Meeting.

The subcommittee also confirmed the next BCA meeting for Thursday, February 18 as a trial run for Town Meeting. They request that every Selectboard member join from their own homes via computer or phone so that we can all practice and get familiar with the process.

The subcommittee will also be holding another training session on Monday, February 21 in order to help the general public get familiar with signing on to

Zoom and as a way to answer questions for those who would like to join but are worried about how to use the technology.

Patty moved to approve the BCA create and send out a post card mailing to residents providing information on virtual town meeting and absentee ballots. Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

BCA meeting and test run next Thursday, February 18 at 7pm

Tabulator Testing - Laura reported that the tabulator has been serviced, but not tested, as we don't have the program card yet. When ballots and the program card arrive she will let us know and we can set up the tabulator test.

Town Clerk / Treasurer / Auditors / Listers - None

TOWN HIGHWAY:

Road Commissioner Report -

- No definitive news on the 2016 Freightliner Insurance Repair
- Municipal Complete Streets Certification Form need to be filled out. Bill will call in and see what we need to do to get it filled out. Due date is tomorrow.
- Reimbursement for the Spruce Knob Grant in the amount of \$39,728 has been received.
- The crew has been using the grader to recover sand and push back the snowbanks. They have remained busy with the small storms.
- We have another possible storm forecasted for Sunday.
- Bill reported an issue with a FedEx truck on Norton Road near the class 4 road section. The truck was blocking the road and the driver was uncooperative.
- He also reported continuing to have issues with people parking in the roads, blowing snow in the road, and walking/skiing in the roads during the small storms, making road clearing dangerous. Would like someone to put up a post on FPF asking people to be mindful of their actions during storms.

TOWN LANDS - Terry contacted Geoff Metcalfe and informed him that we were ready to begin moving forward. He'll begin work soon and will keep us updated.

SOLID WASTE: Terry filled out the annual Solid Waste report and submitted it to Pam at SWAC. Our income \$24,000 and expenses \$15,000 for trash only (reporting standards).

Terry also reported that the Town of Castleton is once again voting on leaving RCSWD. If the vote passes and is not overturned by their Selectboard, Castleton would join the SWAC district, which would reduce overall member costs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Casella Recycling Invoice - goes to Jenny
- Music Mountain Compost Invoice - goes to Jenny
- Email from Bill - Re - 2021/22 Homeland Security Grant Info
- Email from Bill - Re - 2021/22 VT Town Hwy Grant Info
- Check & question from Jenny regarding what this check might be for
 - \$1000. from Pinnacle Public Finance Inc - Miami Lakes FL - this has to do with the new truck. The financing was put in at \$1000 over what it should have been. So, they reimbursed us.

Patty moved the \$1000 from Pinnacle Finance in Highway Equipment Fund account # 1-1-02-01, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved that the board sign the annual financial plan for the Agency of Transportation. Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

BOARD ORDERS:

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

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

BCA Meeting - February 18, 2021 at 7pm

Regular Meeting - February 25, 2021 at 7pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary) -

Heather moved to enter Executive Session at 8:25pm inviting Bill - Road Commissioner, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Heather moved out of Executive Session at 8:54pm, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

No action taken.

ADJOURN: Carl moved to adjourn at 8:55pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Kenyon, Clerk