

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • June 24, 2021**

Board Present: Zoom; Heather Grier, Town Office; Terry Redfield, Neil Russel, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman at 7:27pm.

Town Officers: Zoom; Sarah Grimm, Saley Achey

Public Present: Zoom; Art Castle, Peter & Aileen Stevenson, Ron Masleh.

1. Call to order: Terry called the meeting to order at 7:20pm
2. Approval of minutes from 6/10 Regular Meeting

Neil; change minutes...add he feels two reason number one, I believe statements are liberal, political statement, don't think the board should take a position, add in Neils position. Table To adjust minutes.

Terry mentioned reconsidering, in other towns and most towns have done it as well.

3. Emergency Management: Nothing at this time
4. Public Comments/Guests: None

Town Officers – Listers:

Sally Achey, Lister E&O, Davis property; change of assessment, reduction 472,200 from 491,500. Discuss reassessment, the best way is through E&O.

2nd property; solar array, confusion of inventory until after abstract, now have inventory, income approach to assess the array, And the land that it sits. Land value increased for property and also of 127,000 for lease of the land. 14 days to grieve. Calculate by State formula. Assumed average used. All listers signed the form, next to selectboard.

Motion to approve E&O changes

Moved by Robin, Second Heather, all in favor, Terry abstained

Town Clerk: None

Treasurer: None

DTC: None

Salary discussion increase of 2.2% for employees, listers same, auditors same. Casual labor, transfer station and road crew all increase.

Robin moved to increase, road crew (foreman Bill, secondary Brent, Bobby) and transfer attendants a 2.2% salary increase. Heather second, all in favor. Effective July 2021.

5. Highways; Bill Reed, email complaints...will respond by service request form, budgets are slim, potholes, ditches, erosions ...roadSide mowing...working all the time. Helped someone with a culvert fix, as they were not able to get out. Standards are important to understand, permits, grants and aid with guidelines. We have to follow the guidelines, like Spruce Knob, it had to be brought up to standard to receive the grants.

Dudley road, washout all across 133, very dangerous work has been done, near cross cover, adding a drop basin helped but using guidelines adding check dams over 5% grass lined, 10% must be stone. Dudley is 15%! Under guidelines, had to have them come to see project to cut cost, the grant wouldn't have covered. There are reasons that we do what we do... it's important to understand.

Discussion of road conditions, keeping up as best the crew can. Old telephone poles, overgrown. How to maybe help with pulling poles, for aesthetic and overgrown areas. How can Bill help, he will email and ask for help finding the answer.

Mountain road issues, complaint from land owner, garbage in stream, sign missing. Discussion of SVT designation of gravel road ride up coy hill west and mountain road. Safety concerns for increased traffic.

Grading, calcium in dusty areas, maintenance as needed.

6. Town Lands; In information meetings, possibly meet in person can be possibly start 7/22 for discussion

Town office survey...meeting in person, work on town office, discussion of thoughts from town people survey, voter approval informational help to support the project. Discussion, presentation, reactions, helpful information.

Aileen Stevenson ...Information out about old information and new...educating about why, what has happened, what we need.

7. Solid Waste; Saturday October 9

West st property, under contract informed dump was being moved, backed out. Discussed plans of adding trees. Border buffer. Tree discussion.

8. Correspondence; health officer looked into Dot Reed letter, Overweight permit , Sherif contract, property value and review hold harmless estimate 54,478 for the calculation, budget estimate 46,000.

Robin moved to approve sherif contract, Terry second, all in favor.

9. Board Orders;

Robin moved to approve board orders as presented, Neil seconded, all in favor

10. Legal;

11. Other Lawful business; Discussion of in person meeting, zoom capability if required by law, try to schedule building meetings in person.

12. Executive Session;

13. Adjourn; motion to adjourn, Terry, moved at 9:53pm Neil second. Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm

Submitted by,

Heather Grier
Acting Clerk