

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • May 26, 2022
Start time 7pm**

BOARD PRESENT: At the town office: Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman. Via Zoom: Heather Grier, Neil Russell.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: At the town office: no one. Via Zoom: Sarah Grimm – Auditor, Deb House – DTC.

PUBLIC PRESENT: At the town office: no one. Via Zoom - Peter & Aileen Stevenson, Ron Masleh, Kathy Reed, Laura Derrenderinger.

CALL TO ORDER: Heather called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Robin moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting as presented, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Herb Childress – Nothing from Herb tonight but Terry noted that Herb has sent us an email to say that the LEMP has been approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: Nothing tonight.

TOWN OFFICERS: Town Clerk / Treasurer / Delinquent Tax Collector / Auditors / Listers –

Deb House – Delinquent Tax Collector informed the board that the tax sale scheduled for last week was canceled. An agreement was reached with the property owner to continue in a modified payment plan. Attorney's fees incurred will be added to the delinquency.

Discussion on ARPA Funds – The board discussed how to move forward on this topic. The decision was made to start the next regular meeting at 6pm to focus on a list of potential uses and to invite other town officials to give their input. A meeting date for a dedicated public meeting on the subject will be set as part of that discussion.

Patty will include town officials and a call for ideas in her regular post meeting email with tonight's unapproved minutes.

TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report – written report from Bill Reed

- Set up truck for spraying
- Equipment Maintenance
- Spot grading
- Strip shoulders
- Fill potholes
- Address service request
- Admin – Dig Safe – VTel

- Scope out new driveway on Spruce Knob Road
- Price Materials
- Will schedule end of year budget & spending review with Jenny
- Will be meeting with contractor to get pricing to patch some areas West Street)
- Have several culverts that need to be replaced

For SB Approval (supporting paperwork in folder)

- Spending up to \$12,000 for 2022 Grants in Aid projects.
 - Robin moved to authorize the Road Commissioner/Road Foreman to spend highway funds up to \$12000 to complete the projects for GIA0128, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- New driveway request on Spruce Knob
 - Neil moved to approve the new driveway cut on Spruce Knob Road, Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Backhoe repair – estimate \$2160
 - Patty moved to approve the backhoe repair with Alta Equipment Co.as quoted, Robin 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Calcium Purchase – 3000 gals at \$1.03 per gal
 - Robin moved to approve calcium purchase – 3000 gallons at \$1.03 per gallon - with All States Materials Group, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Approve OT as needed – after a brief discussion the board, by consensus, approved OT as need for the next two weeks and will talk more about longer range planning at the next meeting.
- Will the board be putting ad out for first mowing on Rt 140? Terry agreed to craft a message for FPF soliciting proposals for a first mowing on 140.
- Please sign GIA letter of Intent for 2023
 - Robin moved to approve the letter of intent for GIA 2023, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. Patty will complete sign and send in.

Also – big thanks to Hilary Solomon, Chris Smid and their kids for plantings on Dudley Road GIA 2021 project.

Any questions or concerns please submit in writing and Bill will respond accordingly.

Other Town Highway –

Terry reported that Bobby is back working in the old cemetery. He’s been taking it easy, but getting the work done. Terry spent a couple of hours last week cleaning up limbs and hauling away debris to clean things up.

Thanks to Terry for doing the tree work and to Bobby for continuing to keep the old cemetery trimmed and mowed.

TOWN LANDS - New Building Project – In progress:

Robin emailed Tanner at Naylor & Breen about builder’s risk policy. He did not hear back. Patty will reach out to VLCT and secure a quote.

Peter is expecting a quote on the water treatment system tonight or tomorrow. He will

forward that on to Patty & Robin as soon as it comes in.

Other Building Projects: MSVFD, MTS Library, 577 West Street site – nothing.

SOLID WASTE: Big Dump Day: Terry thanked Neil for finding Clarence Ritchie who took away our metal free of charge with no hauling fees. Weight of the loads were 4270 and 3720 for Terry's future reporting. There was a brief discussion about how the day went and a couple of suggestions for changes for the fall event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Overweight Permit – Consolidated Communications w \$10 ck & COI
 - Terry moved to approve as presented, Robin 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Rutland County Sheriff's Contract 2022/2023 – to be signed and approved – Rate for the coming year is unchanged.
 - Patty moved to approve the contract with the Rutland County Sheriff as presented, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Heather is willing to continue as the Sheriff's liaison for the coming year.
- Memorial Day Parade Permit from AOT

BOARD ORDERS: Processing Payroll / Municipal Bills –

Terry moved to approve the board orders as presented, Robin 2nd. Aye – Robin, Terry, Patty. Abstain – Neil, Heather. Motion carried.

LEGAL:

Terry reported that the trustees of the Copeland Milk Fund met earlier this week and would like to meet with the town's attorney to come up with a plan for the future of the fund and its beneficiaries.

They want to have a plan in hand if there are no dairy farmers left in town to share in the proceeds. Terry plans to set up a meeting with Gary Kupferer. Any attorney fees incurred in this process will be reimbursed back to the town by the Copeland Milk Fund.

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: (In Person w/Zoom access)

Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 6pm - 6 to 7 PM for ARPA conversation. Regular business to start at 7pm.

Patty will include other town officials in the email so that they can attend or send ideas to be put in the mix.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary) –

Neil moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:26pm to discuss personnel, Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Patty moved to exit Executive Session at 8:41pm, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

No action taken.

ADJOURN: Robin moved to adjourn at 8:42pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Kenyon, Clerk