Middletown Springs Select Board Approved Minutes July 11, 2022 Town Office

Board members present: Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Others present: Bill Reed (Road Commissioner)

On Zoom: Peter and Eileen Stevenson

Called to order by Terry at 7:06.

Robin moved to approve the minutes of July 28, Neil 2nd. Approved

Town Officer's reports:

Emergency Management - no report

Town Clerk - no report

Treasurer - Jenny sent out July financial statements prior to the meeting.

Delinquent Tax Collector - Robin noted that the Treasurer's July statement showed great work by the DTC. Thank you Deb.

No other reports.

Public Comment: None

Highways:

Bill has been doing general equipment maintenance, applying liquid calcium in spots, grading, ditching, and replacing and extending culverts.

Has started work on Orchard Road using GIA funding (Grants In Aid)

Has been awarded a GIA grant for 2023 in the amount of \$16,500.

Is switching oxy/acetylene purchasing and tank rental from AirGas to MaineOxy to save money.

Roadside mowing has been completed, (slightly under budget). Thanks to Neil for mowing sections along Rte 140 on his own at no charge to the town!

We have had one inquiry about the road crew position. Terry spoke with him and encouraged him to fill out and drop off an application.

Bill will begin calling around for prices on winter sand.

Solid Waste:

Terry wrote to Hubbards asking for clarification that Hubbards has indeed been paying the state the \$6/ton "franchise fee" on our trash. He asked that in the future that expense be itemized on Hubbard's invoices for auditing purposes.

Correspondence:

When Brian Sanderson (of VTrans) was here last week to discuss sidewalks at the new Town Office Terry asked him about the bridge on Rte 133 at Montvert Road. Brian inspected the bridge and sent a report indicating that it is structurally sound and not in need of major repair or replacement.

We received notification of the GIA award for 2023. Robin moved to authorize Terry to sign for the town to accept the grant. Neil 2nd. Approved and signed.

We received a letter from the VT Dept of Housing and Community Development Approving and extending designation of the Middletown Springs Village Center through 2030. This designation makes us eligible for certain grants and aid.

We received informational notices from Lake Champlain Sea Grants and VLCT.

At approximately 7:40 Robin noticed that the video was not recording and began recording the meeting.

Board orders:

Robin moved to approve the Board Orders as presented. Neil 2nd. Approved

Legal: None

Other Business: We need to schedule a public meeting for input on use of ARPA funds. Waiting until Patty and Heather return to take action.

Executive session: None

Robin moved to adjourn. Neil 2nd. Adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday August 25th at 7:00 at the Town Office and accessible remotely.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman