

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes  
Regular Meeting • August 25, 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: Bill Reed – Road Commissioner/Foreman, Via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** At the town office: Leslie Silver, Ron Masleh. Via Zoom - Peter & Aileen Stevenson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Heather called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

Robin moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting as presented, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:** Herb Childress – nothing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS:** Leslie Silver came to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Town-wide gathering scheduled for Sunday, September 11 from 3 to 5:30pm at the Springs Park. The event is about making this community stronger. She will invite all town officials to come and encourage others to come. The best way to gain attendance is through personal invite. People had a great time last year and she is hoping this year will also be good.

The board thanked Leslie and her group of volunteers for spearheading this event again this year.

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

Patty gave a brief overview of the primary election – the new equipment worked well, and everything went smoothly. Other than election work she's been working on verifying and correcting the digital indexing that was done several years ago.

**TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report –**

- Working on General Maintenance – ditching, some rock lining.
- Working on the Orchard Road grant this week, will work on the Daisy Hollow sections next week.
- Tandem is at Earl's for some repair work
- Has had Richie a few days to work on equipment maintenance and hauling materials.
- Bill is working on getting an estimate from Tom Fuller for an overlay of pavement on the west end of West Street. The overlay would get us 4 or 5 years of service and would last much longer than patching.

Terry noticed some damage from the rain the other day. Bill has done some fixing, will continue to do more.

Terry talked to David Wright about moving the HS sign. He will communicate with David on his options.

**Other Town Highway – see above.**

### **TOWN LANDS - New Building Project – In progress:**

Robin reported that we received revised estimates from Naylor & Breen a couple of days ago. Peter did a deep dive into the pricing. This afternoon there was a video meeting with Geoff Metcalfe, Peter, Robin, Patty, and Taylor & Miles from Naylor & Breen. We are making progress on getting the project off the ground.

Everyone would like to move ahead with the project. At the very least they'd like to do the site remediation and if possible, foundation frost walls done this fall, and then come back to full build in the spring.

Robin requested that we discuss specifics in bids and pricing further in executive session later in the meeting.

### **Other Building Projects: MSVFD, MTS Library, 577 West Street site –**

**SOLID WASTE:** Big Dump Day is October 1<sup>st</sup> – 6am to noon. Terry would like to take tires this time and has pricing for those mapped out separately. By consensus the board agrees to add tires to this collection day.

Patty is not able to work that day. Bill is not able to work. Terry will reach out to see if Richie can work. Robin & Terry will work, Neil tentatively can make it. We will need at least one more and possibly two more people to ensure things run smoothly. Terry will work on filling out the work crew. Patty will work on a poster with the updated information.

Terry reported that we were approached by a company (Apparel Impact) to host an apparel donation box. They are a veteran owned company, and they pay a stipend per pound for materials collected. After a short discussion the board agreed to give this a try. Terry will reach out to try to get this set up.

Terry also reported that we received an email from Pam about another company that buys and sells transfer station equipment. He will reach out to them to see if they might be interested in buying our old baler.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 2022 Price sheet from Jim Mars
- VLCT Town Fair Flyer
- FEMA Letter Re: Watershed Mapping – (Hilary Solomon is willing to attend this meeting and keep the board informed – Patty forwarded her the email we all received.)
- Service Request Form – RE: Animal Control – Dog incident on Spruce Knob Road. Form was scanned and emailed to animal control. Complainant would like

a written response as to what action was taken after reporting the incident directly to the animal control officer. Neil will look for the email and respond in writing on the service request.

- Letter from VT Agency of Administration – Racial Equity Director – soliciting participation in new IDEAL Vermont program. IDEAL stands for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, and Leadership. The board reviewed the request and feels that the small size of our community precludes us from participation since the scope of our community services are little to none.

### **BOARD ORDERS: Processing Payroll / Municipal Bills –**

Robin moved to approve board orders as presented, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes - Robin, Terry, Patty. Abstain – Heather, Neil.

**LEGAL:** No legal

### **OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:**

The board set a date for the ARPA Public meeting – Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7pm.

Patty will work to get this event into the next town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

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

**Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7pm

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)**

Terry moved to enter Executive Session at 8:27pm to discuss the bids and building options inviting Peter Stevenson for that discussion, at conclusion of that discussion the board will dismiss Peter and discuss current highway job opening applications, Patty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Patty moved to exit Executive Session at 9:45pm, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Taken: The board authorizes Terry and Neil to offer a position to a highway applicant.

**ADJOURN:** Neil moved to adjourn at 9:50pm, Patty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:50m

Respectfully Submitted  
Patty Kenyon, Clerk