

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • September 8, 2022
Start time 7pm

BOARD PRESENT: At the town office: Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman at 7:55pm. Via Zoom: Heather Grier, Neil Russell.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: At the town office: Herb Childress – Emergency Management Director. Via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor.

PUBLIC PRESENT: At the town office: Leslie Silver, Steffanie Bourque – RRPC, Peter Stevenson. Via Zoom – none.

CALL TO ORDER: Heather called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

Terry moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022 meeting as presented, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Herb Childress – Steffanie Bourque from Rutland Regional Planning Commission came to present a plan for using the Library as a hot weather relief station. This is a pilot program with the VT Dept of Health. Herb, Patty, Kimberly, Dept of Health Rep Abbey Spiegelman have been working on the plan framework which will eventually become part of our Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

As part of the process, they've identified cooling places in town and outlined a communication plan in the event of a heat advisory or extreme heat warning.

After sharing the details Steffanie recommended that the draft plan be posted for a public comment period and that the board and the public add this plan to the September 22 board agenda for discussion. After that the group will meet and incorporate any suggested amendments and bring it back to the board for approval. Once approved, the plan will become part of the LEMP and will be revisited each year when the LEMP is reviewed and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: Leslie came to invite everyone to the Community Gathering at the Springs Park this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. She especially hopes that the Selectboard members attend so that they can meet folks and give them a sense of what it means to serve the community.

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

Patty did not have much to report, right now clerks are gearing up for the next election, beyond that she is continuing to work on digitization of land records.

TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report – written report from Bill

- Paving Proposal from Tom Fuller – West Street \$60,160.
Board discussion about the proposal the reserve funds, how long it will last,

etc.

- Neil moved to contract with Fuller to skim coat the remainder of 140 West, for \$60,160, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Culvert Inventory Complete- Note from Van Purcell regarding a potential risk on School House Road – Bill plans to address the situation to mitigate the risk.
- GIA Grant projects should be complete next week. Bill needs to purchase 20 loads of gravel to finish up.
- Clean up from storms – lots of downed trees & limbs
- Ditching on all roads in prep for the second round of grading
- Lots of shoulder recovery
- Placing gravel where needed
- Equipment maintenance
- Beginning to think about ordering winter supplies
 - Assembling prices for winter sand
 - Purchased some ½” stone to mix with sand
- Trying to find someone to rebuild the hoist cylinder on the green freightliner – new one is \$3000 a rebuild would be significantly cheaper. .
- Working on rain garden – would like to finish before winter.

Other Town Highway – VTrans Grant Application – Herb came to give the board a heads up regarding the potential for a couple of grants out there this year, either could be used for construction of a new salt-shed.

Environmental Mitigation Grant Program – 80% state 20% local match, maximum contribution of \$500,000. One of the things that VTrans is insistent on is that towns don't try to manage these projects on their own. RRPC has acted as the project manager for 5 or 6 of these in the last few years. – drawback for this grant is a very short turn-around. It's due on October 7. Herb will talk with Tinmouth who got a grant for a salt shed last year.

TAP Grant (Transportation Alternatives Program) - Max is \$300,000 with a 20% town match. That grant is the program Tinmouth got last year. This grant program has not been confirmed yet.

Either way the process is similar. Herb's job will be to get some information together from Tinmouth and RRPC to try to get us as much information as possible for our next meeting and to try to get some budget numbers and scoping together.

Board thanked Herb for being willing to work on this project and try to get us going on one of these.

TOWN LANDS - New Building Project – In progress:

Peter Stevenson discussed and reviewed with us the details of the updated contract that Naylor and Breen presented this week for signature. The contract has been reviewed by the town's attorney and the board and now includes the revised bids, value-added items and other details we discussed at the last meeting.

Neil brought up the potential for approaching the catholic church as a possible alternative to this project. The building is purported going to be for sale and has the

potential to be a less costly option.

After an in-depth discussion, it was concluded that the timing is just not right for us to go backwards. If we sign the contracts in front of us, we are weeks away from breaking ground. If we delay the project we have in front of us to investigate this potential option, we could be putting ourselves years away from a solution, and if in the end this potential option did not bear fruit, the project in front of us will most likely be much more costly, in time lost, in interest on the loan, and in general building costs.

Terry moved that we approve and sign the Naylor & Breen contract documents as presented for the new town office building on the corner, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and board members past and present for all their work to get us here. Congratulations. We are on our way to a functional town office building.

Patty will sign the contracts as Selectboard Clerk and get them back to Naylor & Breen. Patty will also email Charity with bonding information she requested.

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

SOLID WASTE: Terry will reach out to Apparel Impact – regarding textile recycling box.

Terry is continuing to work on getting helpers for Big Dump Day. Neil reported that the metal dumpster is all set. Terry has contacted Hubbard's about the trash and tire dumpsters and has asked Tarbell's to get the lot brush hogged for big dumpster day.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pleasant View Cemetery Association – requesting release of 2022 Town Meeting funds. Okay to give to Jenny for payment.
- Big Heavy World – thank you for appropriation payment and request for 2023 TM appropriation. \$250 same as last year.

BOARD ORDERS: Processing Payroll / Municipal Bills –

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

LEGAL: No legal

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS:

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

Special Meeting – ARPA Funds – Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 7pm

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 7pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)

Terry moved to enter Executive Session at 9:05pm to discuss personnel and legal issues, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved to exit Executive Session at 9:42pm, Patty 2nd. All in favor, motion carried

Action taken: The board authorizes Terry & Neil to continue discussions.

ADJOURN: Terry moved to adjourn at 9:43pm, Neil 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Kenyon, Clerk