

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • November 10, 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: no one.

PUBLIC PRESENT: At the town office: no one. Via Zoom: Peter & Aileen Stevenson, Ron Masleh.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting

Robin moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 regular meeting as presented, Terry 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Nothing tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: Nothing tonight.

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

Patty gave a brief recap of the election – there was a huge turnout with few bumps along the way, but overall systems worked, and no major hiccups.

TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report – Bill reported the following:

- Has Richey out blowing leaves to prep for the heavy rains tomorrow
- Has ordered salt to prepare for potential supply chain issues
- Had to re-order cutting edges. Trying to prepare for potential supply chain issues.
- Backhoe has been repaired so that's back in service.
- Picked up filters for the loader so that can get serviced.
- Grader water pump has come in so that will be going in for service probably next week.
- Has talked to Joe Castle & Richey about getting his paperwork in to get their testing in order before onboarding. Joe for the winter work & Richey as permanent employee. Terry also talked to Richey about necessary paperwork.
- Grant project is complete, paperwork in process, hoping to have it done this weekend.
- Daisy Hollow Road beaver remediation is moving ahead. Bill has the contact info for the property owner, the state's beaver specialist has looked at the issue and has suggested a course of action, we just need to get landowner permission.

Other Town Highway: The low-hanging cable on Buxton Avenue looks to be cable tv and not VTel. Terry will make a phone call to Comcast to see if we can get that fixed.

TOWN LANDS - New Building Project – In progress

Peter gave a brief update on the status of the project. A few highlights were

- Jersey barriers will stay in place where they are until the project is complete. When project is complete there will be no street parking in front of the office.
- Concrete work is supposed to start on Monday, November 14. They are planning to do the frost walls and the vault then button up for winter.
- Lots of planning work continues to happen in the background between the various consultants and contractors to ensure we are ready to move ahead and have the materials on hand next spring when construction begins again.
- All our compaction testing has passed, we are good to go with concrete. The site is in good shape.

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

SOLID WASTE: HHW days for 2023 have been scheduled. Terry will get that schedule to Patty for posting and for next year's town report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email with 2023-2024 rates from Rutland County Sheriff – increase of 2% to \$50.94 per hour.
- RRPC Appointment letter for the Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee – needs to be completed and sent back – Terry is willing to be the second person and will sign over his votes to Herb by proxy.
 - Patty moved to Appoint Herb Childress & Terry Redfield to the Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee for the 2022/2023 season. Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- Appropriation Requests for town meeting 2023:
 - Southwestern VT Council on Aging - \$750 – same as LY
 - Green up day - \$50 – same as LY
 - VNA & Hospice - \$1500 – same as LY

BOARD ORDERS: Processing Payroll / Municipal Bills –

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

LEGAL: Nothing

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS – ARPA Funds – Patty printed out some sample applications today. Board members can pick up hard copies at the town office for review and discussion next meeting.

Town Report Solicitations – Town meeting is fast approaching so it's time to think about finding a person to assemble to the Town Report. Patty will gather last year's solicitation info and get it posted on FPF and in the next Town Newsletter.

Evaluations – Terry reminded us that we still need to complete the yearly employee evaluations.

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

Next Regular Meeting – TUESDAY, November 22, 2022, at 7pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary) – none

ADJOURN: Patty moved to adjourn at 8:07pm, Heather 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Kenyon, Clerk