

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • November 22, 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, Herb Childress - EMD

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

Terry moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular meeting as presented, Neil 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: No EMD update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS: Nothing.

TOWN OFFICERS: Town Clerk / Treasurer / Delinquent Tax Collector / Auditors / Listers – Nothing.

TOWN HIGHWAY: Road Commissioner Report –

- GIA 0128 grant paperwork has been submitted
- Been working on vehicle maintenance
- Plowing and sanding
- Salt orders have been delivered so we're good on that right now.

Other Town Highway:

Herb talked about our options for a salt & sand shed TAP grant – currently we are not in a position to apply for this grant for a salt & sand shed. The new state standards will not let us store sand outside of a building, which means we don't have enough room at the West Street site to have salt & sand containment and a town garage.

But we could apply for the grant for another project - one option is transportation related work that improves stormwater control and water quality. We have several projects that could meet that scope. Five sections of our stormwater road inventory are very high priority and could potentially be awarded as a large grant project. It's a real road re-build on Daisy Hollow Road. This is the section of road we budgeted some money in the 22/23 budget to begin the engineering on. The town needs to commit to funding the 20% match if the grant is awarded. It is also a very expensive project, so a good one to try to get grant funds for.

The board will need to have a public meeting prior to applying for the grant, this could

happen as part of our regular meeting on December 8. The board agrees that we should work on the specifics to apply for this grant. Herb will reach out to RRPC for help with pricing and coordination and Heather will warn the special public meeting to take comments on the project.

TOWN LANDS - New Building Project – In progress Robin reported that he, Patty, and Peter met this afternoon with Leo Fairbanks, our Naylor & Breen project manager. It was an encouraging meeting. He indicated he is experienced and understands municipal projects and taxpayer funded expectations. The current plan is to start on Monday pouring footings and frost walls and after that happens to button up the project for the winter. Which includes getting the pile of potentially hazardous waste buried and documented on the site. Then that part of the project will be behind us.

There was a brief discussion about getting the Builders Risk policy in place. Robin will email his contact at Naylor & Breen to get that moving forward now that we are getting under construction.

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

SOLID WASTE: Nothing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Appropriation Requests for town meeting 2023:
 - Community Care Network - \$867 – same as LY
 - Pleasant View Cemetery - \$1500 – same as LY
 - New Story Center - \$200 – same as LY
- For Budgeting –
 - RRPC 2023 dues - \$ 1000 per town
 - VLCT 2023 dues - \$ 2143 for MTS
 - VLCT Unemployment Insurance Assessment

BOARD ORDERS: Processing Payroll / Municipal Bills –

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

LEGAL: Nothing

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS – ARPA Funds – Nothing tonight.

Town Report Solicitations – Patty has placed the RFP on Front Porch Forum and sent it for the next edition of the Town News.

Patty brought up 2023/2024 budget prep. Should we connect with town officials to ask about anticipated budget needs? The board says, yes please. Patty will reach out to the appropriate people.

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

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7pm – Will also warn public discussion for Daisy Hollow Grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary) – Terry moved to enter Executive Session at 8:05pm to discuss town lands & personnel, inviting Bill Reed to join us, Patty 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry moved to exit Executive Session at 8:20pm, Robin 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

No action taken.

ADJOURN: Patty moved to adjourn at 8:20pm, Robin 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Kenyon, Clerk