

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes  
Regular Meeting • December 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

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** At the town office: Joe Gunter. Via Zoom: Peter & Aileen Stevenson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Heather called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 8, 2022 Regular Meeting & December 15, 2022 Special Meeting.

Robin moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular meeting & December 15 special meeting as presented, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:** Herb sent an EMD update by email on storm preparations and plans in case of extended power outages in town.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS:** none

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

Patty reported that she has begun the initial outreach for Town Meeting which will appear in the next TownNews and on Front Porch Forum as we get a bit closer.

The board discussed the Town Report cover photo, the suggestion on the table from last meeting was Fred Bradley, longtime town official. By consensus, the board agreed on featuring Fred Bradley on the cover. Patty will reach out to Marilyn for a write up.

The board also agreed on an inside photo (if available) and paragraph about Scooter Barrett. Terry will reach out to Emmett Francois to see if he has a photo and for permission to use some of his tribute which appeared on Front Porch Forum.

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

- Catching up on a lot of maintenance
- Getting prepared for the upcoming storm, we are as ready as we can be – EMD in communication with highway & emergency services are in communications with a plan of action.
- Looks like we could have significant power outages.
- Thinking about transfer station on Saturday morning – because of traffic issues with Highway & Fire Dept in and out getting sand and responding to calls. The Board agreed by consensus to close Fort Dumpster on Saturday. Similar to last week it will be open on Monday/Tuesday. Terry will do Front Porch Forum post,

- Heather will do flyers for the PO & store, etc.
- Bill also reported that there is a recall on the Red Tandem, he will take care of that as soon as practicable.

### **Other Town Highway:**

Contract from Haven House Farm Equipment Rental for their mowing machine for two weeks in the summer of 2023 for \$3500.

Terry moved to accept the mowing contract from Haven House Farm Equipment Rental for two weeks in the summer of 2023 for \$3500, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

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

The board received Requisition # 2 from Naylor & Breen in the amount of \$61,790.00

Peter discussed the latest requisition with the board. The invoice has been reviewed by Geoff Metcalfe & Peter and has their approval to pay.

Patty moved to approve requisition # 2 from Naylor & Breen in the amount of \$61,790 for payment from Bank of Middlebury loan, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Heather will send the request to the bank for payment.

Peter reported that the project is basically buttoned up for the winter now. A delivery of lumber will be in at Naylor & Breen just after the first of the year so they can begin panelizing the walls at their shop.

Atlas representatives witnessed the burial of the hazardous waste and we are anticipating their final report, after that the brownfields will be completely closed out.

Leo is putting together a schedule for the spring which will include a project end date so we can look forward to some definitive information in the new year.

Naylor and Breen is working on finalizing the vault suppression system contract and are looking for new pricing as they felt they might be able to do a little better for us with an alternative contractor.

Things are moving along well and looking good.

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

**SOLID WASTE:** Terry is planning on working on Monday with Glen for the after Christmas rush. Thank you, Terry!

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Appropriation Requests:
  - Rutland County Restorative Justice Center \$250 – same LY
  - VT Center for Independent Living - \$100 – same LY
  - VT Rural Fire Protection - \$100 – same LY
  - PMNRCD - \$500 – same LY

- Report & estimate for Rutland County Tax – estimated 2023 tax \$8336 (.00861 x Equalized Education Grand List)
- Certificate of Insurance from Otter Creek Engineering

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

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

**LEGAL:** Nothing

**OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS – Finish 2024 Budget**

The board reviewed a few items in question from the last budget session, then moved on to Highway expenditures with the help of the Road Commissioner. Good progress was made, with a couple of outstanding questions still on the table. Those items will be worked on, and we hope to be able to present the final budget draft, along with a draft of the town warning at the next meeting. Patty will work on the budget and warning pieces and send out to the board for review.

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

**Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)** – none.

**ADJOURN:** Terry moved to adjourn at 9:25pm, Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Patty Kenyon, Clerk