

Middletown Springs Selectboard
Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting • November 21, 2023
Start time 7pm

BOARD PRESENT: At the town office: Terry Redfield, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Herb Childress, Peter Stevenson. Via Zoom: none.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: At the town office: Bill Reed - Road Commissioner/Road Foreman. Via Zoom: Sarah Grimm – Auditor, Library Board - Kristal Hier, Planning Commission - Steve Harrington

PUBLIC PRESENT: none.

CALL TO ORDER: Herb called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Regular Meeting November 9, 2023.

Robin moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023 regular meeting with one correction, Herb 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / GUESTS: Nothing.

TOWN OFFICERS REPORTS –Treasurer | DTC | Town Clerk | Listers | EMD | Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Task Force| Auditors | Library (see also Town Lands) | Planning Commission | Trustees of Funds | Health Office | Other

Planning Commission — Steve reported that the Planning Commission met with Jeremy at the RRPC about the Town contacting with RRPC to assist on re-writing the Energy section of the Town Plan. Jeremy showed their work on Brandon's Town Plan as an example and said that we could use grant money to pay for the RRPC work.

Herb moved that the Town ask RRPC to submit a proposal to consult on the Energy section of the Town Plan using a portion of the \$4000 energy grant that the Town has already been awarded. Terry 2nd, 3-1 in favor.

EMD – None

Town Clerk – None

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Task Force – Steve Harrington also provided an update on the Traffic Study group. They have received about 50 responses to their public survey with some good ideas and proposals. Most validated the work that the committee has been doing.

Library – Kristal reports that the status quo continues on real estate as the Church installs a new bishop. Over the last three years maintenance costs have averaged about \$3000 including plowing, mowing, heat pump upkeep, etc.

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Road Commissioner Report – Bill reported:

- Casella has the salt and sand mixed together and stockpiled. He is working on getting a portion of it trucked here to stockpile.
- He is speaking with several individuals about trucking options.
- Vehicles are prepared for the freezing rain and snow predicted for tonight.
- Continuing work on getting winter equipment ready to go.
- Bill had responded to a State Police call about a downed tree blocking Mountain Road. He moved it out of the roadway.

Other Highway Information and Concerns – Highway job postings are up on the free posting sites including JobLink, The Rutland Chamber/CEDRR website, Front Porch Forum, and the Town Newsletter.

TOWN LANDS - Town Office Update:

Peter reported no progress on rescheduling the meeting with subs. Leo did deliver a large manual for many of the building systems. We are still awaiting the results of the final water test.

Town Office next steps for furnishing/outfitting the space: Tables and chairs have arrived and been assembled and are working very well. Thank you Herb Childress for the donation of the chairs!

Continued discussion of facility management responsibility: Bids for plowing, mowing, and cleaning at the Town Office and the Town Library were submitted by Jordan Martelle. After a great deal of discussion Peter moved to accept the plowing, sanding, mowing, and shoveling portions of the proposal, but not the cleaning or biennial lawn clean-up options. Terry 2nd. 4-0

Update on Library Planning: See above.

Other Town Lands and Facilities: nothing tonight

SOLID WASTE: Glen is home. He picked up the cashbox from Terry and will be back at work this Saturday as well as scheduling electronic waste pick-up. delivering returnable bottles, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newsletter from ARC
- Annual requests from
 - Big Heavy World (\$250)
 - BROCC (\$200)
 - RRPC (\$1000)
 - Economic Development of Rutland Region (\$800)
 - Rutland Co. Center for Restorative Justice (\$250)
- Sheriff's Department notice of 7% increase in hourly deputy rate

- VTRANS rejection of local small-scale safety grant
- Estimate from UARIT for IP hotspot
- Estimate from DuPont Storage for additional roller-rack unit
- Proposal from Elizabeth Cooper to produce the Town Report, not to exceed \$2180 excluding printing and mailing, as in the past.
 - Herb moved to accept the proposal. Peter 2nd. 4-0.

FINANCIAL APPROVALS

a) Board Orders

Terry moved to approve board orders as presented, Peter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

LEGAL: None

OTHER BUSINESS: nothing tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if Necessary) – none.

ADJOURN: Herb moved to adjourn at 8:17pm, Robin 2nd. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Next Meeting — Budget Meeting — 7PM December 7, 2023

Next Regular Meeting – 7PM Thursday, December 14, 2023