

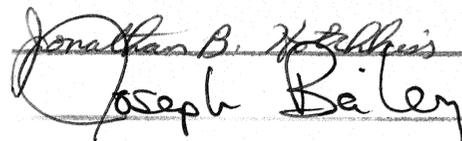
Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
February 24, 2014

Approved By  
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

BOS Members Present: Joe Bailey, Jon Hotchkiss, Terri Laughy (EX)

Pledge of Allegiance recited

  
Jonathan B. Hotchkiss  
Joseph Bailey

**Signature/ Action:**

- J. Bailey motions to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2014 meeting as written. J. Hotchkiss second. All in favor.
- J. Bailey motions to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2014 combined meeting with the Budget Committee. J. Hotchkiss seconds. All in favor.
- Municipal Sharing Pool paperwork signed for assessing.
- Dead River Tax Exempt Contract signed.
- AllState form signed giving AllState permission to meet with employees.

**Old Business:**

- J. Coskie asked for an update from the Town Attorney regarding her property concerns with Mr. Williams. Nothing as of today from lawyer.

**Other Business:**

- Recreation Fund Trust Fund- Tabled till next meeting
- J. Hotchkiss discussed an issue that was brought forward regarding the two BOS sitting on the Budget Committee at the same time. Before he agreed to sit on the committee he contacted NH Municipal Association and was advised that it would not be an issue for him to sit on the committee. When concerns were brought forward, again contact was made to NH Municipal Association and a different answer was given from the same attorney. Request was made out to the town's attorney and the response was that it is fine for J. Hotchkiss to sit on the committee as long as he did not enter in discussions as a BOS and is there as a representative of the Village District. J. Hotchkiss has been sitting on the committee but not voting. J. Coskie feels that if we have elected an official, we should be confident that they were the appropriate "hat" when needed and know when not to cross the line. She feels there is not enough volunteer to be denying a member. Also if J. Hotchkiss sits on the committee as a Village District Member it is not considered a BOS meeting.
- J. Bailey brought up concerns he has heard regarding the use of the new police cruiser. J. Hotchkiss read aloud the response from the town's attorney regarding what the new user can be used for.

\*\*\*\* I believe the new cruiser can be used for both "regular" police work and duty work. I do not believe the intent under the statute is to have a police department have equipment, including cruisers, uniforms, weapons, etc., be used solely for detail work if purchased with funds from the detail revolving fund. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that monies received for detail work is spent on those town resources which are paid for by the taxpayers and used for both town police business and the detail work. The restriction on the use of the funds for police-related equipment, etc. ensures that income received from the detail work is used to reduce the taxpayers' payment for that type of equipment.

I do want to be clear that neither the statutory language in RSA 31:95-h nor the language of Article 15 (2010) is clear as to this "multiple use" of equipment purchased with the revolving fund. While I believe the new cruiser can be used for both detail and regular police business, I also believe it would be pushing very close to or going over the line of "acceptable multiple use" if the new cruiser was never used for detail work. Perhaps a reasonable schedule of shared time could be developed, one that is cognizant of the desire not to subject the new engine to the increased stress of long periods of idling time that is often experienced on detail work. \*\*\*\*\*

- Date set for Meet the Candidates- March 8, 2014 11-12 at the OTH

Adjourned public meeting and entered into Non-public at 6:57 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II

Back into public at 7:16pm

- Motion to adjourn @ 7:22 p.m. made by J. Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.Hotchliss. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary