

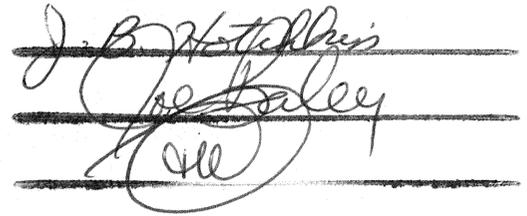
Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
April 7, 2014

Approved By  
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Bailey, T. Laughy

Pledge of Allegiance recited



**Old Business:**

- Deputy tax collector salary already at 34%, Office supplies at 65%, Police dues at 73%. Some of these are due to the annual fees being expended. Conservation expenditures are all membership fees.
- Need to put out an ad for an Animal Control Officer. This position is Per Diem. Candidate needs to have a clean criminal background and clean driving record. Rabies vaccination is a must. The town would provide the van. Hourly rate needs to be looked at.
- The town currently owns a piece of land at 6 Route 153. There is a small building on this plot that is not safe. The abutters of this lot have written a letter regarding this lot. The Code Enforcement officer along with the Police has recently taped off this area due to it being unsafe. Pam (Assessor) is suggesting giving the parcel to Mr. Fuller in agreement that he tears down the structure and pays the \$50.00 merger fee. Mr. Fuller would like time to look into this as there would be a cost associated with getting rid of the appliances and the structure. He would also need to back fill in the septic and well. BOS advised Mr. Fuller to contact the Fire Department for a possible training burn to destroy the structure. Mr. Fuller will get back to the Board with his answer. John Mammone thanked the Police for their assistance in this matter.

**Other Business:**

- Kate Buzzard spoke regarding the merger of the town's properties. She spoke with Pam (Assessor) and it will be three lots. It will cost \$10.00 at the Registry. Town approved to merge the lots previously. T. Laughy made a motion to sign the merger form. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.

**Signature/Action:**

- Laura asked regarding the Town Liability insurance. There is a section on the Old Town Hall Murals. They are currently valued at \$10,000.00. John Mullen will look into the value of the Murals and the Old Town Hall with the renovations coming up. He will get back to the board. Laura will hold off on completing the liability paperwork for now.
- Kate Buzzard talked about the conservation computer. She does most of her work at home. She does not need a computer at this time but would like another one in the future. She would like to be called at home if needed.
- Joe Bailey spoke regarding the town website. Currently we have \$3000.00 in the website line. Currently we pay \$1600.00 annually for the website, which we do not own. If we change the cost will be less and we will own the site. Terri Laughy motions to accept Kreative Strategies proposal, J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.

T. Laughy made a motion to enter into non-public for RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) @ 7:04 PM J. Bailey Seconds. All in favor.

T. Laughy makes a motion to enter into public @7:11PM. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.

**Other Business:**

- Jon Hotchkiss read aloud the State Timber Cut article. 190 acres being cut on State land. Bids should be put out this summer, not sure if the town will receive any of the profit. It is a managed cut.
- J. Coskie asked about the meeting with the DES. Jon provided a review of the meeting.
- J. Hotchkiss spoke regarding the Sunrise Lake Village District. He stated that all their files are kept at someone's home which is not accessible to the public. He asked if there was room in the secretary's office. Laura said she will find room for their files.

**Signature/Action:**

- T. Laughy made a motion to accept the minutes from the 3/24/14 meeting as written. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.
- Town donations: Town approved the donations. Once DRA approves the budget Laura will send out to those who sent letters of request. Also the BOS would like to see from the organizations, how much this goes to help the Middleton Community.
- Abatements were signed.
- FairPoint letter written by Pam was signed. This letter is in response to the overvaluation of poles by New England Telephone that they are looking for abatement. We are requesting a detail listing of each item, the cost of the item and well as the year in service and value.
- Timber cuts were signed
- BOS Committees was tabled till next meeting

T. Laughy makes a motion to enter into non-public for RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) @ 7:40 PM J. Bailey seconds, all in favor

T. Laughy makes a motion in enter back into public session @ 8:14 PM, J. Bailey Seconds, all in favor.

j. Bailey makes a motion to adjourn @ 8:15 PM, T. Laughy seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary