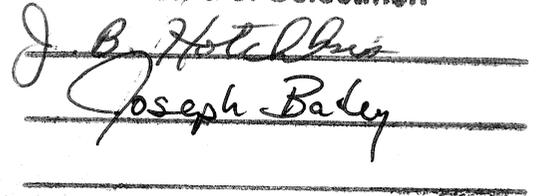


Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
July 14, 2014

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

**Signature/Action:**

T. Laughy makes a motion to accept the public minutes from the 7/7/14 meeting as transcribed. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.

Timber cuts were signed.

401 Tabled till next meeting.

**Old Business**

Budget- Budget to date was presented. Deb O'Toole has no concerns with her budget. Board reviewed the hand out. J. Hotchkiss questions 4191-18, looks like we over spent, but it actuality it is a credit from 2013. 4220-08, building and maintenance line for the FD. They did not budget for anything so all the materials needed to build lockers went to that line. Police overtime looks in range. No questions or concerns brought forward.

Signs- There are many signs at inter sections blocking visual of oncoming traffic. J. Hotchkiss questioned who is responsible for looking into these hazards. He will speak to Rick Washburn to get his thoughts. Ordinances in general come from the police department. Jack Savage stated that he believes there is a sign ordinance through the Zoning Board including regulations. Terri looked through the ordinance book and found that there is a sign ordinance. Signs need to be out of the public right of way. J. Coskie asked if there are regulations on the size of the signs. J. Hotchkiss will look into the ordinance and see what plan of action to take.

Flag Poles- J. Hotchkiss checking in to see if the hardware on the flag poles have been taken care of before Old Home Day.

**Other Business:**

Request from Society for Prevention of NH Forest the listing of all address in town. The fee is normally \$100. Jack Savage spoke about what the organization is currently doing which is requesting donations from all residents from all towns involved in the organization. T. Laughy makes a motion to provide the list of all tax payers electronically at no charge. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor

Cheryl Kimball provided an update on the restoration of the Old Town Hall. Presented the board with the upfront of the cost of repairs, which is not to be paid until further notice. By the end of summer/ early fall should receive the first part of the LCHIP grant. Monday July 21, there will be scientific analyst of fine arts coming to review the murals and will be here most of the day. The grant previously received will pay for her services. There will be a meeting as part of her visit with other several individuals who will all have input on the restoration of the murals. No real structural work with begin for several months. Jack Savage questioned whether the town needs to think about a new location for town meeting. Cheryl will look into this but thinks town meeting will be the last big thing before renovation begins. The meeting with the experts should not be a public meeting, would like it to be a professional expert meeting. J. Hotchkiss asked if the Heritage Commission is all set with funding as invoices come in. Cheryl advised they are good at this time with the Mural grant. It will take about 16-20 weeks to actually receive the LCHIP match money.

Sunrise Lake Village District- Janet Kalar spoke about the 82 properties the town owns in the District. She states that most of them are not large enough to sell individually. According to the new ordinance you must have an acre to build. DRA states the town can grandfather those lots and not go by the ordinance. She states the town should not be able to dictate the ordinances on the district. If people are not paying the taxes in the district it is the town who takes the property, not the district. States that the way the district has been requesting money from the years has not been correct. She also stated that the district owns the water and the land under the water and wants to know why the town is allowed to collect beach passes. Who gave the town permission to open a public beach on private property? Jack Savage spoke about needing a variance about building on a substandard lot. On a lot that was already created can be built upon as long as they met the setbacks. Janet states that the lake is only 10 acres. Jack Savage states that the lake is more like 274 acres. J. Coskie questioned if some people have owned lots thinking they could not build on them so just let them get taken. J Hotchkiss states bigger issue is collecting taxes and paying the Village District budget. On one hand the district has to pay its bills including the bond payment, but if the village district has not collected the funds then what? As for the town, there is a surplus to back up the town. Deb O'Toole questioned the repurchase of properties in the district. Janet Kalar states that before this year that wouldn't matter because the district has always received its requested amount. Sale of properties is not for the towns to bring in a lot of revenue. It is to put the property back on the tax roll. J. Hotchkiss questions what happens on December 31 when all the district members do not pay all their taxes. Then the town would be short changed. Janet states that they are not a true village district. Deb O'Toole spoke about when individuals come before the board and waive interest it is a loss for the town. Janet Kalar states that the district members are looking through their old files for the old agreement. J. Hotchkiss states that the town will not let the bond go without being paid. When the tax rate is set it is set a little higher than what is needed for the district. J. Hotchkiss questioned if it will even out after the end of the year. Probably not, if all members are not paying their taxes due.

**Public Participation:**

J. Coskie spoke about vandalism on Moose Mountain and how this has been happen more lately. Terri mentioned how the police department is actively working on the vandalism. Coskie also spoke about others riding golf carts through there which is not allowed on conservation property.

J. Bailey makes a motion to adjourn at 7:42 P.M. T. Laughy Seconds, All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary