

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 7, 2014

Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

all
Joseph Bailey
J. B. Hotchkiss

Signature/Action:

T. Laughey makes a motion to accept the minutes from the 6/23/14 meeting as transcribed. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.

Laura presented the 401 plan to the board for review and noted that currently we state that we have a 401 k which we do not. IN order to change the plan the board needs to review the application and choose which options for the sharing plan. Such as how many loans should be taken out at one time and how the employee will pay back the loan. The board will review individually and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Investment Policy- Auditors noted in their report that the town did not have an investment policy. MRI created the Investment policy which needs to be adopted. T. Laughey makes a motion to adopt the Investment Policy effective 7/7/14. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor. This investment policy applies for all financial assets in the custody of the town.

Beach permit fees. Last year the fee was \$25. This was thought to be too much. This year it was lowered to \$15.00. Question if this amount is enough to pay for the beach necessities, such as rental of porta potty, table repairs, etc. T. Laughey makes motion to keep the beach permit fee at \$15.00 per vehicle for this year only, with discussion on price next year possibly increasing. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor. This fee is for non-residents only.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

Cleaning services. Terri spoke in regards to cutting expenses. It is currently costing the town about \$3400.00 per year for cleaning expenses. Employees could probably clean their own offices and save the town money. J. Hotchkiss spoke about cutting street lights last year and this year cutting cleaning would be a savings. T. Laughey states we should give notice to the current cleaning person and start cleaning our own spaces effective August 1st. A vacuum will be purchased.

Roger Mains spoke regarding an opportunity he has found that could possibly be a town event with the Red Sox's. He provided a letter that he would like the board to sign which he will take to the school board for approval that asks the red sox to help with a fundraiser/field repair on the town baseball field. He asked that the letter be written on town letterhead due to that the school board does not have its own letterhead since they utilize the SAU in Farmington. He is hoping that the Red Sox's can help with funding and or sending a few players to a fundraising event for the town.

Susan McIntire spoke about issues the residents are having on Gary Road with individuals speeding. She said this has been an ongoing issue for years. She is concerned that someone is going to get hurt. There are several small children on that road in a short distance and people are going approx.. 50 miles per hour in a 25 MPH zone. She is asking that the town put 15 MPH speed signs and Children Playing signs. Rick Washburn spoke regarding the signs and stated that the state requires that the lowest posted speed can be 25 unless in a school zone. He also doesn't feel a sign will change the individuals that speed. If they are not already following the 25 MPH lowering that is not going to make a difference. Mrs. McIntire presented a write up to the board signed from the neighbors on Garv road who are also

concerned. She feels something needs to be done. She has offered the Police Officers to park in her driveway to watch. T. Laughy explained that it is not custom for them to sit in private driveways due to the liability concerns. It is not illegal for an officer to park in a private drive. Rick Washburn stated that if he has Children Playing signs at the highway barn he would be more than happy to post them if she feels it will make a difference. The resident will fill out a formal complaint at the police department.

Jon Hotchkiss volunteered to be the appointed official to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. Terri Laughy agreed to be the alternate.

T. Laughy spoke about the welfare guidelines. The town does not have their own Welfare guidelines. She is presenting the guidelines that she has created for review by the other board members. They will review and bring back to the next meeting.

Janet Kalar- Village District concerns. If Village District properties are deeded, she would like the town to be more diligent in selling and not holding onto the property. The Village District is concerned with making the bond payments due to the findings from DRA that the payment to the District should only be what is collected in taxes from the extra the residents in the Village District pay, not just the requested amount.

Coskie- questions the welfare department. BOS is looking into the whole welfare department, and will be coming up with a decision soon.

She also questioned the repairs to the OTH from the Urban Tree accident. Laura forgot to look into this and will get back to J. Coskie with an answer.

Beach concerns are that individuals are fishing from the beach area and leaving hooks around for others to get hurt on. She suggests maybe a sign on the beach stating that fishing on the swimming side is not allowed. It will be discussed with D. Lundrigan.

Update on Jones brook is that the project is moving along on schedule.

Rick Washburn discussed the loaders they tried out and now need to put out for bid. He will connect with Laura on the write-up and then the bid will be put out to the companies via email. They will need to be back by July 28, 2014 and reviewed that night and the decision will be made the following week at the August 4th Board of Selectmen meeting.

Road work is to begin soon on Pinkham, Rick has mapped out what needs to be done, and it might not all get completed this year due to the cost.

Letter received from the Town of Wakefield. They would like to meet as a board to discuss Mr. Fournier's concerns on location of his property. T. Laughy will contact the Town of Wakefield and set up a meeting.

Public Participation:

None

T. Laughy makes a motion to adjourn at 7:57 P.M. J. Bailey Seconds, All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary