

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 25, 2016

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: M. Schwarz, J. Hotchkiss, and J. Bailey

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- M. Schwarz motions to approve the minutes from 12/14/2015. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from 01/11/2016. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- Cocheco contracts. J. Bailey reviewed both contracts. He feels that Cocheco Veterinary in Farmington may be a better deal. There are questions about the size of the animals. J. Bailey would like to table this until there are more answers and a clear decision can be made.
- Abatements were signed.
- Current use application signed. J. Hotchkiss discussed what it means to put your land in current use.
- Assembly Checklist-tabled
- Expenditure Memo- memo to all department heads regarding spending before March Meeting. Discussion on the wording. Changed to all non-essentials expenditures.

Old Business:

- Security Quotes- J. Hotchkiss did not have time to review the two proposals. J. Hotchkiss discussed the purpose for the quotes. Replace doors with solid doors, and workable windows for safety purposes. Tabled until the quotes are reviewed.
- Purging of town records- a lot of old invoices are taking up a lot of space in the vault. Iron Mountain will be used and L. Parker will check to see if we can include residents who would like to shred. L. Parker will post on website.
- Budget- Ballot Clerks increased to \$1620.00. Longevity increased to \$9000.00. Fire Repairs increased to \$ 6500.00. Highway Heat changed to \$4500.00. OTH heat changed to \$2600.00. Municipal heat changed to \$2000.00. Fire heat changed to \$2250.00. Highway Gasoline changed to \$1000.00. Highway Diesel to \$21000.00. Police Gasoline changed to \$10,000.00.
- K. Landry asked about location for town public hearing. Town budget public hearing needs to happen before February 12. This has to be posted 7 days prior. Public Hearing will be held in the Municipal Building. Meeting will be Monday the 8th and snow date Wednesday the 10th. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. M. Stevens requested copies of the warrants and a copy of the revenue form. Town Meeting may be held at the Fire Station.
- Warrant Articles-Natural and Man Made Disaster- \$1000.00... Highway Building \$10,000.00, Reevaluation Fund \$10,000.0... Cemetery Fund \$5,000.00... Create an Ambulance CRF \$15,000.00.... Fire Department Air Pack Fund \$5,000.00..... OTH Repaving (find out amount)....Audio / Video Equipment \$2000.00... Milfoil \$4,000.000.....Road Repaving \$210,000
- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the purchase of flags. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

New Business

- Petition- Lou Vita presented the board with a petition to see if the town will allow a tax exemption for homes with solar systems. J. Bailey read aloud the RSA's 72:61 & 72:62 that were provided. The exemption would be year after year. Request is to not have solar panels included in the home assessment. Discussion on wording on the petition. D. O'Toole will be asked to check the signatures to assure actual voters. Warrant will be added as written.

- L. Parker submitted a packet to the Board from R. Washburn for the board to review regarding DES and regulations on the fuel tanks. J. Hotchkiss will review and meet with R. Washburn.

Public Participation

J. Hotchkiss motions to adjourn @ 8:04 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary