

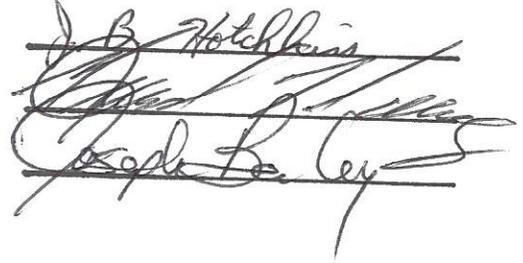
Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
July 11, 2016

Approved By  
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 P.M

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

Pledge Recited



**Signature Action:**

- J. Bailey motions to approve the minutes from the 06/27/2016 BOS meeting. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- Two current uses for Therriault signed.

**Old Business**

- EMS pay/coverage- J. Hotchkiss speaks about the two public hearings and the changes to the on-call pay. J. Hotchkiss is in favor of the increase from \$3.98 to \$5.00 for the on-call pay. J. Hotchkiss is opposed to the adding the daytime coverage at this time, he feels that this is considered a raise. M. Schwarz feels that it should go before town meeting. J. Bailey abstains due to he was included in the personnel policy committee. M. Schwarz motions to accept the increase in the EMS on-call pay from \$3.98 to \$5.00. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor. In regarding the daytime coverage, M. Schwarz motions for the daytime coverage option to be added as a warrant article for March town meeting. J. Hotchkiss seconds, J. Bailey abstains.
- Department Heads:
  - CEO- Pretty active in the code enforcement department. 3 new homes currently being built in town.
  - Highway- SPCC clean-up plan for the fuel island. R. Washburn submitted a packet to the board for review. Need to have spill training for all Highway, Bus Drivers, and Fire Department P personnel. R. Washburn presented the Delucca Fence agreement for the board to sign. J. Hotchkiss discussed the details of the need for the guardrail in front of the school. Agreement estimate is \$13,440 for 280 feet of guardrail. M. Schwarz motions to accept the Delucca agreement. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor. BBD road construction will begin soon on Buttermilk and Eastman Lane. This funding comes out of the \$210,000 warrant article. \$47,796.08 for the culvert work. M. Schwarz motions to accept the BBD contract. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor. R. Washburn presents the Pike Industries agreement on paving both those roads including from Buttermilk to the 4 corners. \$103,409. J. Bailey motions to accept the Pike Industries agreement. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor. Elaine Road culvert is complete. Need to contact a logger to log part of the Kings Highway Pit. It would not be a lot of wood just a lot of chipping. R. Washburn talks about the School Zone signage that was presented to him. The recommendation he feels would not work. None of the MUTD regulations state that you need lights. What is currently there is all that is required. R. Washburn feels adding the additional 20 MPH sign and an end school zone sign would be a good idea. He would even suggest fines higher in this zone sign. J. Hotchkiss asked if there are school signs with times. J. Mammone doesn't feel the need for the additional times listed. He feels the 20 MPH signs would be enough. J. Hotchkiss recommends having a speed 20 MPH sign, then an end school zone sign and then a 30 MPH sign on both sides of the road. R. Washburn speaks about the possible need to write an ordinance for the school zone.

Suggestion on researching a drug free school zone signs. J Mammone states the police should handle that and there may be grants for them. The remainder of the \$15,000 guardrail money (\$1560.00) will be used to pay for these additional school zone speed limit signs. R. Washburn will order signs for both sides of the street. R. Washburn talks about the loader that the town rents each year that cost \$5400.00. He has the opportunity to purchase this machine for \$65,000. R. Washburn explains the purchase agreement. The first payment will come from the CRF and the money that was appropriated for the rental cost for this year. Then at town meeting put it out to the townspeople for vote. The agreement will have a non-appropriation clause. IF the town does not approve the machine will go back at the end of the year term and the town will have only paid the \$11497.00 which is approximately the two rental costs. The equipment is a 2007 with only 4600 hours. M. Schwarz speaks about the price for that machine would normally cost between \$85,000-\$160,000 dollars. M. Schwarz motions to accept the agreement contingent on the March Meeting. J. Bailey seconds, all on favor.

- TC/TC- Monthly reports given to the board.
  - Planning Board-New clerk is announced as Amy Gardner effective 7-1-16.
  - Assessing- No report.
  - Police Department- No Report
  - ACO- No Report
  - Welfare- Report presented. Year to date expended \$174.21 in welfare expense.
  - Conservation- No Report
  - Zoning- There is a variance request. Members are needed. L. Parker will post to search for new members. C. Therriault volunteered to become a new member.
  - Emergency Management- J. Hotchkiss attended a conference. Hazard Mitigation and Local Emergency Plans need updated. Strafford Regional Planning will assist.
  - Treasury- L. Parker provided her reconciliation to the board. No treasurer report to compare.
  - School Board- New secretary to start this week. Her name is Amy Ruths. Note: the entrance to the ballfield is blocked off due to the well is there.
- R. Washburn talks about concerns with having a new dumpster and porta potty at the OTH that is costing money when there is no work being done there.

### **New Business**

- Charles Therriault- C. Therriault talks about his house lot. 19 acre lot with the runway incorporated on this lot. He would like the runway in current use. J. Hotchkiss suggest a meeting with Avitar, and the assessor. C. Therriault also spoke about how his company does paving. He is doing paving for Wakefield and a bunch of other towns. He stated that R. Washburn advised him that the board did not have the ability to put the jobs out to bid. He does not understand why his landing strip cannot be in current use if it already has restrictions.
- Strafford Regional Planning alternate is needed. J. Hotchkiss is the chairman for the committee. J. Bailey nominates M. Schwarz to be listed as the alternate. M. Schwarz accepts.
- J. Hotchkiss spoke regarding the Fournier perambulation that was completed. Mr. Fournier is looking to register vehicles in Middleton. BOS would like to wait for the court decision before making any changes. Mr. Fournier currently does not have a legal address in Middleton. He would need to prove residency. L. Parker will contact legal counsel and Wakefield.
- Social Media- J. Hotchkiss spoke about concerns with social media, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Etc. J. Hotchkiss wants to know what should be allowed on these sites. Should the Fire, Police, Highway be able to have their own pages where anything can be posted. Town policy states all

social media sites need to be approved by the board. A lot of things on social media are not really flattering. J. Hotchkiss wants to know how to control this. J. Hotchkiss feels any town business should be monitored. J. Bailey states the policy and how it needs to be approved. J. Bailey also feels that there should not have to be several different town pages. Also that if it uses the Town name it should be approved and monitored by the town not several different employees. J. Bailey feels these pages should be shut down until approved. People can have their own pages just shouldn't be allowed to use the Towns name. M. Schwarz thinks that legal should be consulted first. L. Parker will consult legal.

- L Parker spoke about a letter that was sent to a resident who was on the deed list and a last effort letter was sent. That letter was returned to the town undeliverable. L. Parker asks the Board if they now want to start the deeding process. Board agrees to begin the deeding process on 78 Auclair Road. L. Parker advised that the resident has also had an additional 2 weeks to contact the Board. L. Parker will notify the Tax Collector to deed the property effective 07/12/16.

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 8:23 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

### **Public Participation**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary