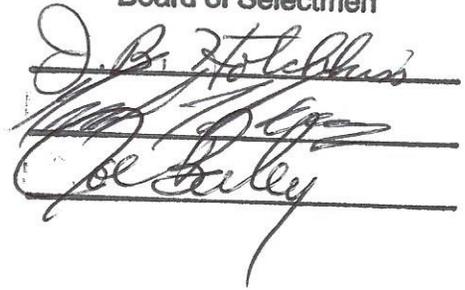


Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
September 26, 2016

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:**

- M. Schwarz motions to accept as written minutes from the 9-12-16 board of selectmen's public meeting. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- M. Schwarz motions to accept as written non-public minutes from the 9-12-16 board of selectmen's meeting. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- Clean Harbor Contract presented to the board. This contract is needed as part of the fuel island clean-up plan. J. Bailey motions to accept the Clean Harbor Contract as written to use as needed for spills at the Highway Fuel Station. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

**Old Business**

- SAM number- town is required to have a SAM number in order to apply for Federal Grants. L. Parker contacted the Federal Government and filled out all necessary paperwork online to qualify for the SAM Program. All has been approved. L. Parker will copy the information and provide one to each department head that would apply for grants.

**New Business**

- Beth Kimmey from Tanglewood Drive expresses concerns with people driving all over her lawn and not knowing they cannot pass through to Pinkham Road at the end of Lakeshore Drive. She would like the Board to consider adding dead end signs and not a through way signs to help eliminate these issues. People are actual driving over her leach field. Suggestion on possibly placing rocks around her yard to help reduce this. M. Schwarz will speak to the road agent about the signs and rocks. B. Kimmey has also contacted google maps to update the map to not show a through way.
- J. Hotchkiss speaks regarding the soon retirement of the Middleton Police Chief. R. Sobel has been with the Middleton Police for 20 years. Board asked the public for any input on what they would like to see in the new Police Chief. Example, how much education, how much experience, salary etc. J. Bailey spoke about conversation at the last budget meeting regarding this topic. Concerns with a hiring committee. There is no rule that says there has to be a hiring committee. Board suggests the three selectmen, the outgoing chief and the human resource director from Primex. J. Bailey states there has to be a balance. J. Keegan asked about the description. J. Bailey spoke about not having to hire a Chief in 14 years, the previous job description was out dated, so the description the town had was recently updated. J. Keegan would like to see the new chief to have more community involvement. He suggests maybe a younger chief might be better to interact with the community. With all the drug concerns he would like to see a chief more interacting with the younger generation building a relationship. Maybe a chief with knowledge of social media for the interaction. Question on if hiring someone older with more experience what is the expectations of them being chief long term? T. Bailey would like to see the new

chief pulling the community together, all working together. Board will be looking for more input from the community at the next board meeting 10/3.

- J. Hotchkiss reads a memo from Sgt. Brown regarding a retirement party for Chief Sobel. Scheduled date is November 18 6-12 at the Rochester Country Club. Tickets will be sold through the Police Department and the BOS office for \$35.00 a ticket. Memo is also asking the board to donate Chief's shirt, badge and collar brass. J. Hotchkiss talks about how a few years ago the donation line was cut from the budget and he does not feel comfortable spending from another line knowing how the people cut the donations. Discussion on asking other town association to help with the cost. J. Bailey asked how much are they requesting. Amount is unknown with the information in the memo. More discussion to follow at next BOS meeting once amount is determined. Also in the memo is requesting permission for the State Police to cover Middleton that night so the Middleton officers can attend the retirement party.

### **Public Participation**

- J. Bailey discusses that budget season is soon approaching. Board should start asking department heads for proposed budgets. L. Parker will come up with a budget meeting schedule for all department heads.

J. Bailey motions to enter into non-public at 7:26 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II c, M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to re-enter public session at 8:26 pm, M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to seal the minutes from the first non-public for 1 year. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to seal the minutes from the seconds non-public for 1 year. M. Schwarz seconds all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 8:28 pm. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary