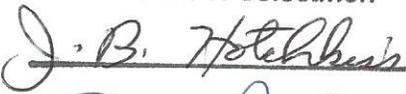
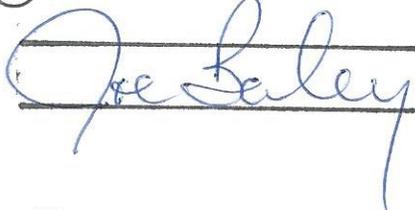


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 28, 2016

Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:32 P.M

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

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- New Police Officer John Hardy was sworn in as a new part time officer.
- M. Schwarz motions to accept as written the minutes from the 11/14/16 BOS meeting. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- Hazardous waste day agreement for spring of 2018 presented to the Board. Three options; drop off at Rochester location, pick-up in Middleton or not to participate. J. Bailey motions for option 1 like previous years for Hazardous Waste Day. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- L. Parker presented the board with a Cemetery agreement from the Town of Wakefield. This document needs to be signed by the BOS, but will be presented from the Cemetery Committee before the BOS will sign.
- L. Parker presented the board with a storage tank system registration form for the SPCC plan on the fuel island. J. Hotchkiss as chair signed the document and L. Parker will email to DES as requested.
- M. Schwarz presented a letter that he drafted addressed to the residents of Piper Mountain addressing the concerns. Board members previously read the letter and agree that it needs to be sent to all Piper Mountain residents. L. Parker will send out individual letters.

Old Business

New Business

- J. Hotchkiss speaks about a resident complaint about the tree company that is in town that has cut a lot of a white birch tree on the resident's property. Once he speaks with the arborist he will call the resident to discuss the outcome.
- J. Hotchkiss talks about the old furnace in the OTH. Chery Kimball would like it removed. It was previously put out to bid with no offers. If we have no home for this furnace it will be scrapped.
- M. Schwarz speaks about trees on Ridge Road that are hanging in the road. He will follow up with R. Washburn on cutting the trees.
- J. Hotchkiss asked Chief Blodgett what the guidelines are for riding an ATV on the roadway. Chief Blodgett stated he believes it would have to be registered for the road to ride on the road at all.
- B. Blodgett has received quotes for the new gun safe; it will be delivered and put into place.
- B. Blodgett says the police department is in need of a few more Tasers. They can send the older ones out for updating but it could cost more than purchasing new ones. B. Blodgett would like approval to purchase 3 new ones. They are approximately \$900 each. There is some funds in the Police budget and some in the government budget that could be used. M. Schwarz motions to purchase up to 3 new Tasers and accessories not to exceed \$2700. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- B. Blodgett is trying to recruit a new officer but is concerned with possible future cuts. He would like to offer a reasonable rate of pay for the experience of the individual. This individual has not accepted a position but he would like approval of the rate of pay of \$23 to start to make the

offer. This individual has 12-14 years' experience and is worth the money. M. Schwarz does not want to make the offer if there is a potential of the position being cut. L. Parker asked if the police payroll remains the same as last year could this person's wages be paid. Blodgett advised it would work. Board votes on allowing Blodgett to make the offer, J. Bailey approves, M. Schwarz does not approve and J. Hotchkiss approves. B. Blodgett will make the offer.

- B. Blodgett wants to discuss with the board concerns with parking at the new school. He would like to know what the board would like him to do with the issue of parking along the side of the road. J. Bailey suggests and there be an ordinance created for ticketing for illegal parking. This ordinance needs to include consequences. Any ticket money from illegal parking would come back to the town's general fund. B. Blodgett will research and see what other surrounding towns do in these circumstances.

Public Participation

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

Out of non-public at 7:55 PM.

J. Hotchkiss asks about school board stipends. M. Schwarz mentions that it is a lot more than a BOS. J. Hotchkiss also mentions if anyone heard that the new overtime rule is on hold.

L. Parker mentioned that she was contacted by the Superintendent of GWRSD regarding possible doing the Middleton Annual report and Town Annual report together. L. Parker sent her copies of both from last year and will wait to hear back from her.

Board voted not to seal the minutes from the non-public.

Non-public session:

Tax deeding concerns. Board needs to meet with a resident regarding nonpayment of taxes but before they do they need to create a policy. L. Parker brought forward information she received at the NHMA Conference regarding tax deeding. The board needs to create a policy and needs to decide what the length of plans would be etc. L. Parker spoke to other towns at the conference regarding payment plans and they all do them differently. J. Hotchkiss suggested reaching out to other town to see if they have policies they could forward along for the board to review. L. Parker advised that other towns even have policies that the Tax Collector makes arrangements with the residents. M. Schwarz feels it should be the three BOS that meets with residents not the Tax Collector. J. Bailey suggests even doing just meeting regarding taxes on different days instead of making individuals. L. Parker will reach out to other towns to get sample policies and bring to next meeting.

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 8:06 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary