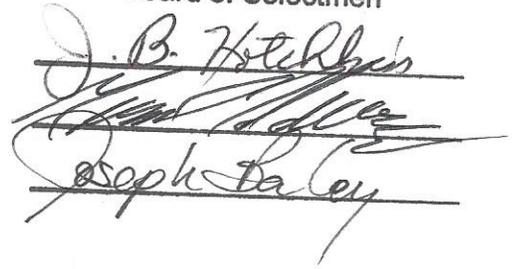


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 23, 2017

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

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

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- M. Schwarz motions to approve the meeting minutes from the 01/09/2017 as written, J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- M. Schwarz motions to approve the non-public meeting minutes from the 01/09/2017 as written, J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- Board approves the new Zoning Board Member, Linda Adamo.
- Abatement for town owned property signed by Board of Selectmen.
- Supplemental Tax Warrant signed by board for a resident that had deferred taxes that are now due and will be paid in full.
- Land Use Change Tax for Map and lots 11-2-29, 13-8-15 and 26-32 signed by the Board of Selectman.
- Audit Engagement Letter signed by J. Hotchkiss. Auditors will be arriving on February 15 for the annual audit.

Old Business:

- Property tax agreement policy presented to the board for review and approval. J. Hotchkiss put together a plan and would like the other board members to review and approve. Tax Collector reviewed the policy and made a change which was changed. J. Bailey motions to accept the payment agreement policy effective January 23, 2017. M. Schwarz seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
- R. Mains came to the board to discuss the status of the cell tower. Currently the companies are not looking to add repeaters to the towers and that is the delay; the cell phone companies. If Middleton residents that have poor cell service would call their carrier and complain that would help prove the need. R. Mains spoke to the Fire Chief and Police Chief about this as well. The cell phone companies need to know that Middleton residents are not happy with their service. Another topic he wanted to discuss with the board is a solar panel farm. He discussed how Milton has one on a 5 acre lot. He provided handouts to the board. He was thinking about the location over where the cell tower would also go, another possible location could be Jessie Mountain. He would like the boards consent to start looking into this possibility. J. Bailey thinks finding the location may be the hard part, since the Cemetery Committee is having a hard time finding a location. R. Mains is just looking for a way to bring funds into Middleton. M. Schwarz questions if there were to be a landing zone in Middleton if the solar panels would be a sight problem for anyone landing, planes, helicopter etc. This could be an issue. J. Hotchkiss volunteered to be the Board contact through R. Mains. Any board member is willing to meet with R. Mains when needed. R. Mains will reach out to the company and see what other information he can bring forward. When thinking about on top of a mountain you must consider vandalism. R. Mains will look into that will the company as well, location.

New Business

- Review of the town voting location and times. Town voting will be March 14th at the Highway Garage from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- Town meeting will be held at the Highway Garage on March 18th at 9:00 PM. R. Mains asked why the school is not being utilized for the town meeting. J. Hotchkiss answered, currently there are parking concerns that need to be addressed.
- Discussion on where the Pistol Permit fee goes once collected. J. Hotchkiss motions that the fee for resident permit pistols will be \$10.00 and will go to the town. Out of state residents will pay a fee of \$100.00 which will go to the state. L. Parker will create an income line for these funds for tracking. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- J. Hotchkiss will be renewing his Health officer membership.
- J. Hotchkiss has been speaking with Norway Plains regarding the Milton/Middleton perambulation. Norway Plains is requesting to go through our vault and look through our records for any history of a perambulation being completed in the past. J. Hotchkiss is willing to accompany him to the vault for this reason.
- J. Hotchkiss speaks about a letter received from a resident regarding a damaged mailbox. M. Schwarz will speak with R. Washburn and review complaint.
- J. Hotchkiss discusses possible warrant articles. Yes to road construction \$200000.00. Ambulance 15,000. SCBA \$10,000. Reevaluation good. Parking Lot \$50,000. Cemetery will be \$15,000. Natural Man Made \$1000. Excavator warrant article. J. Hotchkiss will review this article. L. Parker will check into the Milfoil, Heritage, Fire Tanker, and rental of excavator. M. Schwarz will look into the costs of blinking school signs. Discussion on the Old Town Hall project. Board would like to know what work needs to be completed.

Public Participation

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 7:53 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, Administrative Assistant