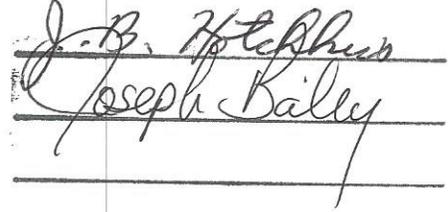


Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
March 13, 2017

Approved By  
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30P.M

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

Pledge Recited

**Signature Action:**

- J. Hotchkiss provides an update on the conference call with the Governor regarding the upcoming elections scheduled for tomorrow. Governor states laws are not clear on changing voting times. Governor's office recommended not changing voting times. Town moderator makes the decision for the town. Moderator decided to postpone the Elections till Saturday. Voting will be held from 7-9 AM and the will be suspended for town meeting. Voting will resume once town meeting is over and continue till 5 PM. Residents who cannot vote on Saturday can get an absentee ballot on Tuesday from 7-12 and on Wednesday and Thursday from 9-3 with the Town Clerk. Suggestion on possibly a night where the Town Clerk would be open later to accommodate the residents who cannot come between the hours of 9-3 or Saturday.
- M. Schwarz motions to approve as written the BOS meeting minutes from 3-6-17. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- J. Bailey motions to accept the BOS non-public meeting minutes from 3-6-17 as written. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

**Old Business**

- J. Hotchkiss mentions that the scheduled meeting with DES that was supposed to take place this morning at 10:00 did not happen. The DES representative did not show up.

**New Business**

- Election schedule for the BOS will be as follows: J. Hotchkiss all day, J. Bailey all day and M. Schwarz 7-9 AM.
- Board discusses warrant articles for town meeting and who will discuss each article.
- Discussion on the new piece of equipment for the highway garage. J. Keegan questions if there is a way to have a figure on how much money has been spent in the last 5 years on renting that equipment from a third party company.

**Public Participation**

- Steve Castellano from Avon Lane speaks about his home assessment. His assessment was reviewed and his home which was listed as a modular but was really a mobile home. Avitar then changed the value of his home from \$85,300 to \$17,900. He applied for abatement in November and was denied. He is asking for the \$1900.00 abatement due to Avitar valuing his home incorrectly. J. Hotchkiss mentions that the selectmen can approve abatements if they feel fit. M. Schwarz motions to approve the abatement. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor. G. English will work on the abatement which could take a couple weeks.
- Board decided not to hold department head meeting due to the incoming storm.

- G. English speaks about the equalization ratio is 97.9%. Assessments are a little above fair market value. Good range to be in is between 90%-110%, so Middleton is within good range.
- CAI 2018 maintenance proposal contract was received. J. Bailey motions to approve the contract for 2018. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

M. Schwarz motions to adjourn @ 7:19 PM. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary