

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 4, 2017

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M
BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, J. Caliri
Pledge Recited

J. Bailey opened the public hearing regarding the disorderly residence ordinance at 6:30 PM. J. Bailey reads aloud the ordinance. Copies were made for all in audience. Reading concluded at 6:48 PM. Question in the audience, if each time the owner gets a fine they have a chance to meet with the Chief of Police, when do we stop meeting and just fine them. J. Bailey states that this is to work with the owner so the behavior does not continue. Resident thinks that the owner meeting with the Board opens up to a conflict as some board members are landlords. The Board of Selectmen represents the town together not individually. The Police Chief would be involved in the meeting as well. Question; how does the police identify a habitual disorderly residence. J. Bailey speaks about the process of how the resident and property owner would be notified of the disturbance and how a habitual offender would be a resident that repeats the disturbances. J. Coskie asked if the town would be aware of all the rental properties for one owner. J. Hotchkiss mentions how the town is already aware of all the property owners. J. Bailey mentions that this is a working document and can always be reviewed. This would take effect immediately.

Board of Selectmen meeting started at 7:01 PM

Signature Action:

- J. Hotchkiss motion to accept the minutes from the last Selectmen's meeting dated 11/27/2017 minutes. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Old Business

- School lights should be completed by the end of the week.
- R. Mains mentioned a public launch at the public beach and if J. Hotchkiss has research any further. J. Hotchkiss remembers some discussion from the state that did not allow anyone to change anything in the lake area. J. Hotchkiss will look into this further. The water is currently low so repairs can be done with the rocks that are dangerous to boats coming in and out. Lake will be raised in the spring.
- T. Coskie asked if anything is being done with the trash that has been out on Kings Highway since bulk pick-up day. J. Caliri apologizes for not dealing with this yet but would like to talk to code enforcement on this issue. J. Bailey feels that the police should be involved because at this point it is littering.
- J. Hotchkiss talks about the reason that trash collection last Tuesday was not picked up in certain areas was because one of the trucks needed repair. J. Bailey would like to talk to Peter Lachapelle regarding the trash falling off the truck on Silver Street and remaining in the road. J. Bailey will talk to the Police Chief regarding the trash on Kings Highway before it freezes to the road.

New Business

- J. Coskie currently has the books from the Old Town Hall and would like to know what the town wants to do with the books. Does the town want her to dispose of them? J. Hotchkiss asked whose books are they. J. Coskie answered they really do not belong to anyone. The library used them for a time period and then they were just left in there. J. Coskie would like to dispose of them before winter to get them out of her garage. There has been no talk of another library in the Old Town Hall when completed. J. Bailey suggests donating them to other organizations. J. Caliri agrees. R. Keegan-Tufts just mentions if when going through the books if there are any books regarding to Middleton's history to please not dispose of them.
- R. Keegan-Tufts asked if the board is ready for the budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday. J. Bailey explains how those meetings will go. J. Coskie asked for details on the meeting. J. Bailey would like to see the school and town to use the same format for the budgets.
- Question on what happens to the returned money that is not used each year. This money gets put back into the tax rate which explains the reduction.
- J. Coskie updates on the cell tower. Nothing yet on the Governor's decision. She has reached out to the AT&T representative via email to get an update from them on the tower. R. Mains would like the Blue Sky contract to go again to legal to see if there is a way the town would ever be able to terminate. Blue Sky to this date has not anything with a tower. Blue Sky is not willing to put the tower up yet without a company to place their repeater. If FirstNet or an independent want to place a tower and Blue Sky will not work with them then we would need to get out of the contract if possible. R. Mains and J. Coskie are going to work with New Durham Planning Board on permission for the other tower.
- L. Parker asked the board if they would like Gwen English the assessor clerk to represent the town with the census bureau. Board approves her to represent the town.

Public Participation

- R. Mains spoke about the ordinance and the misconception on what he may have said regarding the assessor dwelling units last week. He was not meaning that the type of people who rent out other sections of their homes may be an issue he was meaning that having more renters they might have an issue with the disorderly conduct ordinance.
- J. Bailey states that the public hearing has been open for approximately 70 minutes. J. Caliri motions to accept the Disorderly Resident Ordinance. J. Hotchkiss seconds, all in favor.

J. Hotchkiss motions to adjourn at 7:42 PM. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, Administrative Assistant