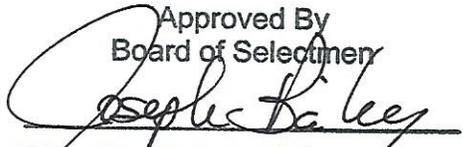


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 8, 2018

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, J. Caliri

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from the BOS meeting 12/11/2017. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.
- Investment policy signed by the board.
- Sander contract for liens and title searches signed by the board.
- Tree care program----Discussion on the large tree on the lawn of the OTH. Board does not want to spend the additional funds on the tree care.
- EMD position- question is there pay for the position. J. Hotchkiss stated this position was always volunteer. Board wants this to remain a volunteer position, there is a small cell phone stipend attached.
- CAI contract- Contract for mapping for 2019 has no changes. Board signed contract.

Old Business

- Email read thanking the Highway Department for all their hard work.
Department Heads:
 - Highway- no report.
 - School- Payment decreased. Finalizing the school budget is this Wednesday. Planning Board – Nothing going on. Next meeting is Thursday. New member will be attending.
 - Cemetery Committee- Meeting did not happen yet to complete bylaws. Looking at possible areas for a cemetery. J. Hotchkiss questions the agreement with Wakefield. This agreement is renewed annually. Contract is \$1200.00 a year. Alton is redoing their cemetery, J. Caliri, J. Mains and T. Gardner will go there to see what their cost was for more information.
 - Emergency Management- no report provided.
 - Welfare- assisted one family during December.
 - Treasury- no report from Treasurer. L. Parker provided her report.
 - Police/ ACO- no report
 - Conservation- no report
 - Code Enforcement- things are quiet. Very little activity.
 - Town Clerk/ Tax Collector- Monthly reports provided to the board.
 - Assessing- nothing to report.
 - Zoning- no report provided
 - Fire/EMS- 137 Fire Calls, 110 Med Calls. FEMA grant will be opening up soon to apply for gear, thermal imaging camera, a boat, snowmobile and a piece of medical equipment. This needs to be done by February 2. Previously received 3 grants. Griffin Parks was promoted to LT. He is a level 3 FF. Have an ambulance committee to gather information.

New Business

- Keith Tufts spoke about how he has cleaned up all the cars. He still has tires to dispose of. He is asking for more time. He needs to remove the rims before he can dispose of the tires. The cost is \$110.00 per ton without the rims. Due to the snow he is having a hard time accessing the tires.

- J. Bailey spoke regarding the timeline they had prior to the snow to remove the tires which started in October. The first letter regarding junkyard went out in October 2016. Keith Tufts mentions that the septic design will be completed in the spring. J. Hotchkiss mentions that there has been a lot cleaned up since the beginning. The dumpster cannot even be removed because of the weather. He does not feel that the tires can be removed in the winter. Currently the fine is adding up. J. Hotchkiss feels that they have made a good faith effort to clean. J. Hotchkiss thinks the town should give them more time. J. Caliri states that if we wait till April it would have been a year that they have been requesting this to be cleaned up. J. Caliri notes that the first letter was October 2016, it has been already a year. J. Coskie feels that the town needs to enforce the laws that are in town. J. Bailey mentions that this is a difficult situation. J. Bailey suggests extending them to May 31, 2018. If this is not cleaned up by then fines will be calculated from December 29, 2017. J. Caliri asked how many tires have been removed to date. Keith Tufts responded approximately 2000. The fine will not be collected if all is cleaned up by May 31, 2018. J. Caliri suggesting to change the date to April 1. J. Hotchkiss and J. Bailey want the date to remain May 31, 2018. J. Hotchkiss wants to do a visit on May 1, 2018. J. Hotchkiss motions that the town will hold the \$50.00 a day fine until May 31, 2018 at which time if the junkyard (tires, metal etc.,) is not cleaned up then the entire fine dating back to December 29, 2017 will be imposed. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.
- Audit is schedule for February 14th and 15th.
- Request for ideas for the cover of the annual report. Suggestion of a picture of Sunrise Lake.
- J. Hotchkiss went to check on the status of the OTH. Second set of stairs were installed. Big concern still is the kitchen which was not part of the rehab. Ceiling will be plastered. The floor that was damaged during the leveling of the building will be repaired. J. Hotchkiss is suggesting a warrant article to minimize the kitchen and make more storage area in the back 1/3 of the kitchen. Make the kitchen more users friendly. J. Hotchkiss is suggesting getting quotes for this project. He suggests keeping the stove, refrigerators and sink. J. Hotchkiss asked the public for ideas. J. Coskie mentions a warrant article for a floor design. Board feels this would take too long. Wall would be approximately 10 feet off the back wall. Some storage space has been lost by putting up the second set of stairs. Resident heard that the Heritage Commission is drafting a new rental agreement. J. Hotchkiss mentions that the Board of Selectmen is the ones to sign a new rental agreement. Resident asked if the water in the OTH has been fixed. J. Hotchkiss believes it has been fixed. J. Hotchkiss will pursue for estimates.
- Discussion on the Board of Selectmen's budget. Budget committee would like an updated town budget for their meeting tomorrow.

Public Participation

- J. Coskie questions the positions up for election this year. This list has not been set yet.
- Concerns for lighting on Pinkham Road; very dark in the AM for kids waiting for the bus.
- J. Coskie did a write-up in the Granite News on the cell towers. J. Coskie provided an update on the cell towers. New Hampshire opted into FirstNet. She feels that Middleton is high on the list for a tower. AT&T would have to work with Blue Sky to erect the tower.
- J. Hotchkiss mentions that Granite State News is the only paper that mentions Middleton.
- J. Coskie asked where is the town is with the road posting. J. Bailey answers it is still in progress.

J. Hotchkiss motions to adjourn at 7:53 PM. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary