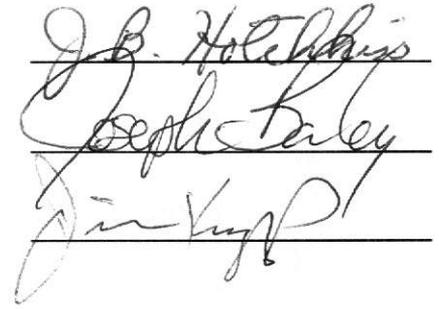


Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 6, 2019



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

Pledge Recited

Roll Call- present. J. Hotchkiss, J. Bailey, J. Knapp

**Signature Action:**

- *J. Bailey motions to accept the BOS minutes from 04/29/2019 as written. J. Knapp seconds. All in favor.*
- *Schertzer CD-57 signed by the BOS for the repurchase of the property on New Durham Road.*
- *Tax re-committal letter from Vachon Clukay for the purchase of the taxes being recommitted to Janelle Guarino the new Tax Collector.*
- *Approval for the new computers. Four computers will be replaced this year. Welfare, Town Clerk counter computer, FD main computer and the Patrol One computer in the PD. It could take up to 8 weeks before installation.*
- *Photo ID equipment for staff ID's approved by the board for purchase. This was included in the budget process.*

**Old Business**

- Cemetery Agreement. Invoice has come in from Wakefield for the \$1200.00 annual agreement fee. Discussion on if we are keeping this agreement. We have been paying for the past few years and have not utilized the cemetery. J. Bailey motions not to accept the new contract. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor. Townspeople would rather see a cemetery in town but the cost could be up to \$60,000. Cemetery committee will cancel the contract with Wakefield.
- J. Knapp submitted a plan for the fire department addition. Ken Anderson is a general contractor who is volunteering his time on this project. The BOS is waiting on bids for the septic and plumbing designs. New ambulance was put in service today and needs a better place to be housed. There is a call in the LCHIP to discuss the changes to the property, this needs to be done per the contract with LCHIP. There is \$65,000 in the CRF for the addition. The BOS feels they can go as far as the money can take the project. The \$207,000 ambulance should not be maneuvered into a 3 bay garage with the other 3 vehicles. BOS is trying to get as much done before winter. Rough plumbing is the only thing that needs to be installed at this time. BOS wants to have the plumbing in ground before the concrete is poured. Another contractor has donated the site work. Price on concrete has increased. There is two ideas for the septic, one is an underground leach field which is expensive. The other is a pump system to pump over to the front lawn of the OTH. It would cost an extreme amount of money to update the septic at the old town hall to accommodate the new addition. A few quotes have been provided but nothing is set as of today. This project will be discussed at each selectman's meeting as this move forward.
- J. Bailey mentions that the audit has been completed. J. Bailey mentions that for the last few years there have been no issues or concerns at the end for the town to complete. This is a savings to the budget.

**New Business**

- J. Bailey mentions that there are requirements that must be followed for non-publics. J. Bailey is suggesting that non-public meeting should happen prior to the regular meeting. Suggestion made on starting any non-public at 6:00 PM and then having the regular meeting start at 6:30 PM. There are only certain reasons for the board to hold a non-public meeting.

### **Public Participation**

- Roxanne Keegan-Tufts wants to know the status of the business that is behind her house. J. Bailey states that they were notified that they needed to go in front of the planning board to start a legal business. This needs to go to legal to see what the town's next step would be. Complain that tires are now being stored in a old trailer that is not road worthy.
- Lenny Melanson comes to the board regarding the road postings. Road postings are done through the town. L. Melanson asked the state and was told the state has nothing to do with the town road postings. L. Melanson wants to know if he gets a ticket that it is a town ticket that does not go against his licenses at all. L. Melanson mentions that his tractor trailer is lighter than a pick-up truck unloaded. L. Melanson stated that if he drops his trailer he could drive his truck home bob-tailing. L. Melanson feels that he should not be made to park his truck elsewhere. L. Melanson mentions how he parks his trucks on 153 so it shouldn't affect him but other drivers it is an inconvenience. J. Keegan speaks regarding how the difference is when the truck weight is distributed over the length of the truck. J. Coskie asked if the BOS have ever reviewed the weight distribution.
- J. Keegan discusses the road weight limit permit application. He mentions that he does not want to provide a timeline on when he will be on the road. The permit was written for a two week timeframe and J. Keegan does not want that. J. Keegan feels that if he has a permit it should be for whenever he feels he needs to be on the road. J. Bailey mentions that the roads have been posted for years this is not a new process. J. Bailey mentions how in the past there have been accommodations made and then not followed. J. Keegan wants the permit to not be dated so he can make his delivery when it's convenient to him and his customer.
- Roxanne Keegan-Tufts mentions how last week the trash was not collected. J. Bailey mentions how this Friday is bulk pick-up day.
- L. Melanson will make sure the BOS will get the information regarding the weight distribution of tractor trailers to J. Hotchkiss.
- Question on trash. Does Middleton have any place to take yard waste? Middleton does not. Question on when will the code enforcement officer start to tell residents that barrels are needed for trash?
- Mary Knapp suggests that the weekenders may possibly talk to a neighbor and see if the neighbor will take the trash to the end of the road so the trash will not sit on the road for the week.

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

*Respectfully submitted by:*

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*Laura Parker, Administrative Assistant*