Approve by
Board of Selectmen

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 8, 2019

Called to order at 6:40 P.M
Roll Call, BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Bailey, J. Knapp

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- *J. Knapp moves to accept the minutes from 07/01/2019. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.*
- *Permit to bait wildlife submitted to the Board for approval. Resident is Carroll Nelson and the location is the same as last year. J. Bailey motions to approve the bait permit, J. Knapp seconds all in favor.*

Old Business

- *Cell tower money has arrived in the amount of $7400.00. $5000 sign on bonus and $1200*

- *Department Heads:*

  - ***Highway**- Ed Brannan mentions the conduit at the Ridge road facility is complete. Street sweeping and roadside pick-up is complete. Cracks in the fuel station area has been fixed. Quotes for an emergency shut off at the fuel station are from Jeff Jacobs $468.00 anything that connects to the fuel station directly should be completed by Gaftek. Discussion if there should be a shut off at the fuel station itself as well, there should only be one at the building. Discussion on if all departments should pay a portion. Discussion on break away couplings. Quote for that would be $505.94. This would be is someone drove off with the pump still engaged. Maybe an additional few hundred may be needed. Board approved the shut off and break away. Schedule for the metal/ electronic collections should be August 17th. Roadside mower is scheduled for two weeks for $4800.00. Japanese knotweed has been treated on Ridge Road. There are other areas that may need to be treated as well. Board would like quotes on what it would cost to treat other areas. Waiting for quotes on the paving work for Ridge Road, town is kind of late on getting these quotes for this season. Maybe it will be possible to split the work on Ridge Road in two years. Summer maintenance is continuing. J. Coskie mentions that since the roadside cleanup has been completed and there is still a lot of trash, maybe the town could plan a town wide clean up day. Highway Department is willing to pick up the bags if that does take place.*
  - ***Treasury-** reports provided to the board from bookkeeper.*
  - ***Code Enforcement**- No report*
  - ***Fire/ EMS**- No Report*
  - ***Cemetery**- no report*
  - ***Cell Tower**- back fill is complete. No more to report.*
  - ***Planning Board-** more updates to be done on the ordinances.*
  - ***Welfare**- no report*
  - ***School**- no report*
  - ***Police**-no report*

- ***ACO***- *no report*
- ***Zoning***- *All quiet*
- ***Assessing***- *no report*
- ***Town Clerk/Tax Collector***- *monthly report provided to the board.*
- ***Conservation***- *no report*
- ***Health Officer***- *no report*
- ***Emergency Management***- *no report*

New Business

- Jennifer Czysz from Strafford Regional Planning comes to the Board to introduce herself and speaks about what Strafford County Regional Planning does to help the town. Transportation planning is about ½ of what the commission does. Hazard Mitigation plan has been updated in the past few years and there are some grants that the Town can get assistance with. Next round of funding for economic development is in the works. Launching a long-range transportation plan. Survey has been sent out or can be reached out to the website www.strafford.org. J. Hotchkiss mentions that SRPC completes traffic counts in all areas. They also identify culvert issues. Disadvantage is most towns within the region are a lot bigger than Middleton. There is an expert at SRPC that will come out an tell the condition of the roads in Middleton. Sunrise project is a watershed-based plan for water quality. It was only submitted for a possible grant.
- J. Coskie asked about the cemetery committee and how the town does not need its own cemetery so should the town address the cemetery fund? J. Hotchkiss mentions that either the committee should either continue research a possible cemetery or decided if the funds should be reallocated.
- J, Coskie speaks about the property on New Portsmouth Road and mentions how there are a few propane tanks on the property that should be cleaned up.
- J. Coskie speaks about fireworks and the talk in the town is that people think there should be rules on fireworks. J. Coskie feels that they should be limited to a certain day or so. J. Hotchkiss speaks about who would monitor or how do you know where they are coming from? J. Knapp mentions on if its not extreme than the residents will have to deal with it. Again, it is something that is hard to enforce and find out where they are coming from. J. Bailey suggested the residents submit a petition warrant article to have a noise ordinance. Mary Knapp mentions that people should just think about their neighbors and be respectful.

Public Participation

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 7:32 PM. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, Administrative Assistant