

May 6, 2017

Present: **Selectboard:** Chair David DiNicola, Selectman Judith Hoag

Regrets: Denis Basak

**Moderator:** Joseph Kearns **Town Clerk:** Suzanne C. Lemieux

Moderator Joseph Kearns opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. with a quorum present, by leading the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: Election of officers.

Special Note: A special town meeting will happen at the end of this meeting to cover vocational ed expenses.

Article 2: This Article was to act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and other elected or appointed officers or committees of the Town. Chair of the Selectboard David DiNicola thanked the Boards and Departments and acknowledged the absence of Denis Basak because of illness.

Article 3: A motion was made and seconded to vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town for FY2018, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriated \$21,812 for these salaries or compensations to be as of July 1, 2017.

Article 3 passed unanimously at \$21, 812.

Presentation by Curt D. Robie:

- Curt acknowledged the passing of Jack Cobb, Marge Batorski and Jonathan Dewkett and 20 year police veteran Mike Sawyer from Becket, who routinely provided firearms training and manual certification to Middlefield Police Department.
- Chief Tom Austin and Curt Robie, on behalf of the Middlefield Police Department and the entire Town presented a medal honoring the service to save the life of a fellow town resident to Fire Chief Ron Radwich, Fire Fighter Ed Vivier, Olivia Killea, and Fire Fighter and Police Officer Matt Radwich.
- Chief Austin honored Curt Robie who has retired after 31 years on the Middlefield police dept.

Article 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY2018. Town Maintenance Technician position was discussed.

Article 4 passed unanimously at \$64, 300.

Article 5: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government. Town Counsel, Maintenance of Public Buildings and Soc Sec/Medicare/Town share. Article 6 passed unanimously at \$111,400.

Article 6: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Expense Accounts. Article 6 passed unanimously at \$47,917.

Article 7: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Highways. Article 7 passed unanimously at \$416,374.

Article 8: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts. Article 8 passed unanimously at \$17,772.

Article 9: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise the sum of money for Protection of Persons & Property Accounts. Marin Laurel-Paine offered an amendment to change the Fire Dept. Dispatch Service to the actual bill from \$10,000 to \$8,400. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Resulted in a reduction of amount of \$1,600. Article 10 passed unanimously for \$73,725 as amended.

Article 10: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Health & Sanitation.. Article 10 passed unanimously at \$31,455.

Article 11: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to establish a Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, section 6 as amended. Amount expended was questioned. Article 11 passed unanimously for \$10,000.

Article 12: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Account. Article 12 passed at \$8,336.

Article 13: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$341,845 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District. Gateway Superintendent David Hopkins spoke to the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously at \$313, 845.

Article 14: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,296 for Middlefield's share of the above minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District. Article 15 passed unanimously at \$99,296.

Article 15: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Middlefield's share of the Non Foundation portion (Transportation and Debt Service: of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. An amendment was put forward to vote for \$66,248 and to have the Selectmen send a letter to the legislators indicating our displeasure for not seeing full funding on that area. All were in favor of the amendment. Article 15 passed unanimously at \$66,248.

Article 16: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for vocational education. Article 17 passed at \$140,000.

Reminder of Special Town Meeting occurring at end of meeting to replenish underfunded account because of extra students attending Vocational ed.

Article 17: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to be expended