

MINUTES

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2013

PRESENT: Joe Kearns, Scott Artioli, Judy Hoag, Janine Savoy and Ed Vivier

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

Chairman Kearns made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Judy Hoag and the minutes were accepted unanimously as read.

Chairman Kearns notified the committee that a special town meeting will be held on February 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Kearns also updated the committee regarding our recent solar construction. All the solar panels are now in place and the wiring should be completed soon. WMECO and John Savery will be completing the hookup. On January 23, 2013 at 10:00 am a meeting will take place at the town hall for an update on the solar array. Eric Weiss, Paradise Energy and possibly some other people will be there to answer questions.

Regarding a past tuition bill update, Chairman Kearns noted that Middlefield received two different bills and he believes we should only owe \$4,300. We are required by MGL to honor the bills; in addition all students are required to place their name, if they desire to attend vocational education schools, by March 1st for the next school year.

The Finance Committee agreed to start the budget interviews with the public safety officials at our next full meeting after February 4th.

Finance member Janine Savoy commented that a few years back there was a donation of \$10,000 to the Town of Middlefield to bring the town hall kitchen up to code. She suggested that we ask the Selectmen if there is a plan of action and also that we could question the Board of Health for any suggestions.

Chairman Kearns said that our Capital Planning Project report will be going into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It will be part of the Finance Committee report. He also passed around a sheet of possible capital projects. He also noted that we could possibly use HTCDC for some projects.

Chairman Kearns reported that he had found no additional information regarding the \$15,000 insurance for public safety volunteers but that he will check again with MIA.

Chairman Kearns announced that we could possibly invite the Board of Selectmen to one of our budget meetings.

The Gateway budget proposals should be in by our next finance meeting. The Gateway School website has a lot of financial information that our residents could access.

Our next meeting will take place on February 4, 2013 after the Special Town Meeting and the meeting after that could possibly be on February 19, 2013.

The meeting closed at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary