

MINUTES

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 8, 2013

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

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 1, 2013 were unanimously accepted as read with Janine Savoy abstaining.

The Finance Committee continues to review the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 17 Withdrawal of the Town of Worthington from the Gateway School System: Chairman Joe Kearns said he received this warrant article approximately ten days ago after he spoke with the Gateway School Superintendent. If Worthington decides to pull out, it would cost the Town of Middlefield approximately \$44,000. These figures could change.

According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education the deadline for Worthington withdrawing has already been past for the fiscal year 2014. The matter will most likely go to the General Court to be resolved.

Police Chief Tom Austin spoke to the Finance Committee regarding his upcoming budget. Our new part time police officer Bob Hoynoski is now attending school three days per week for a total of 280 hours of training which the state no longer pays for. Chief Austin noted that because of the lack of state grants he would have to increase his budget by \$8,000. The lack of community policing grants means the Middlefield Police Dept. will lose from \$11,000 to \$15,000 this year.

The Finance Committee also discussed Article 5 regarding a request from the Select Board for \$10,000 to be used for the Town Counsel. After much discussion, the Finance Committee, on a three to two vote agreed to recommend \$8,000.

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary

