

MINUTES

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

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

The meeting opened at 7:38 pm.

The Finance Committee continued to go over the Annual Town Warrant. Tonight the Committee is meeting with the Selectboard to go over the various line items including the Selectboard budget.

The Selectboard agreed that, apart from the present custodian position, they would like to create a new town maintenance position to care for the various town buildings.

Regarding the Selectboard's salary, Chairman Alan Vint would like to see the salary doubled to \$3,000. A discussion followed with one member of the Selectboard suggesting that they possibly ask for a \$2,500 salary for the Board Chairman while leaving the other two members at \$1,500. Chairman Vint asked Selectboard member Howard Knickerbocker to research Selectboard salaries in other surrounding towns and the Board agreed to put off any decision until their next meeting.

A new discussion followed regarding the Town Council and the need to double their previous budget request. Chairman Vint also said that a special town meeting will be needed to obtain \$5,000 to finish this year out. The Town Council budget is currently out of funds.

After discussing their budget items the Selectboard again went over the Annual Town Warrant to make their recommendations for the various line items.

According to chairman Kearns ,the Annual Town Warrant has to be signed by the Selectboard no later than April 21, 2014 for our May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

The Highway Superintendent Skip Savery will be invited to our next meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary

