MINUTES

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 24, 2014

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

The meeting opened at 6:37 pm.

The minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously as read.

The Finance Committee continued going over the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Eleanor Doyle, Chairman of the Library Board, said that they would like to increase their budget by \$250 over last year's budget, which would make it \$1,750. She stressed that this would enable the library to have more programs, more community involvement and special programs for our senior residents. On April 12th the Library will be presenting "Morphine Dream" at 6:30 pm and "Hear The Whistle Blow" will take place in May. She also stressed that the cost of supplies and books continues to increase but there is more interest and more library activity than in the past. She also noted that the library would remain with the same library software. This year the library had a new walkway constructed and a new Middlefield Library sign, both which were paid out of the Library Gift Account. The Library will also be visiting the COA on Wednesday's lunch day bringing books to our seniors.

The Finance Committee recessed at 6:50 pm to accommodate the Special Town Meeting.

At 7:50 pm the Finance Committee resumed the meeting.

Chairman Kearns explained Article 21 on the warrant. The Article will be to vote on whether to accept a 5.582 acre portion of land adjacent to the Pine Grove Cemetery. The land is a donation to the town by the present owner, Robert F. Schumann, of Madison, CT.

In other matters the Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, said that he would give us the latest financial numbers on the purchase of a new 550 cab and chassis when we meet again in two weeks.

Chairman Kearns passed around the Green Community's Sheet, which included funding projections and expenditures.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier Secretary