

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

October 20, 2008

Present: Robert Gazda, Mary Courtney, Larry Pease

Others: Jay Swift, Maureen Sullivan, Wally Smith, Skip Savery, Joe Kearns, Marge Batorski, Katherine Darrow, Susan Baker Donnelly, Ed Vivier, Terry Walker, Jane Thielen.

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30p.m.
- The Selectmen read, approved and signed October 6, 2008 meeting's minutes
- Susan Baker Donnelly was informed of Selectmen's vote to apply program money (\$10,000.00) to Social Services for the residents of Middlefield. A representative from PVPC will be sending someone to inspect the COA building's roof. If the diagnosis is to replace the entire roof, it may qualify to receive the remaining program money. Skip Savery, Susan Baker Donnelly, and Marge Batorski were named as contacts for the PVPC inspector. Robert Gazda acknowledged receiving Susan's letter of interest in the Town Center Planning Commission.
- Ed Vivier announced that the Middlefield Grange has donated \$1,650 towards an Automated External Defibrillator, which will be located in a metal cabinet in the hallway of the town hall, after construction is concluded, so that it will be easily accessible to everyone. Courses will be offered, at no charge, with a nominal fee of \$4.50 per card. (See attached)
- Skip Savery delivered grader bids that were submitted at 8p.m. Larry Pease opened two bids: 1) Tyler Equip., East Longmeadow-\$206,290.00 and 2) Smidt, No. Oxford-\$219,947.00. Larry Pease made a motion to table bids till October 27, Robert Gazda seconded the motion, all were in favor. Skip Savery will use the time to scan bids, before a bid will be accepted. (See attached bids)
- Selectmen, Terry Walker (Town Accountant) signed roof contract. Jim Wall produced his construction and home improvement licenses, which were copied and included in the paperwork. BOS and Jim Wall executed the final contract for the town hall roof work. Jay Swift provided town's copy of same.
- Jane Thielen reported that the amount of \$275,000.00, earmarked for the roof project has been approved by Bill Erago, Dept. of Revenue. Jane will borrow temporarily until completion of roof, whereas after that time everything owed will be lumped together. Jane will accumulate bids from local banks, and then present to Selectboard for a recommendation. Jane will also require a payment schedule from general contractor, which will be acquired from Joe Kearns. Joe Kearns also reported that the current access to the internet will be disconnected, and dial-up will have to be used until DSL can be installed.
- Robert Gazda contacted Eric Bird, in reference to janitorial applicant (Jack Baylis), The Board is still seeking interested candidates. Bob will contact Sally Connors as possible candidate.
- A WMECO pole hearing will be scheduled for October 27. Larry Pease will mail notices to abuttor's involved.
- Erica Johnson (PVPC) has asked for a public forum to be conducted during a regular scheduled Selectmen's meeting re: For discussion of 2009 grant applications. Time will be scheduled @ the November 10th Selectmen's meeting
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Meeting minutes were submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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Larry Pease, Chairman Mary Courtney, Selectman Robert Gazda, Selectman