

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

February 2, 2009

Present: Mary Courtney, Larry Pease, Robert Gazda

Others: Marge Batorski, Maureen Sullivan, Wally Smith, Brian Janik, Marge Heintz, Terry Walker, Cathy Roth, Joe Kearns, John Richardson, Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Skip Savery, Tom Rock, Ray Letendre Sr., Allen Vint, Glennis Austin.

- Meeting officially opened at 7:35p.m.
- Selectmen read and approved the Jan.26,2009 meeting's minutes
- Larry Pease discussed new regulations concerning outdoor wood furnaces. Larry also advised the attendees to please let the selectmen know in advance, if they would like to tape the meeting
- Selectmen read and approved the January 5, 2009 minutes which contained a retraction.
- Secretary was asked to contact the State Ethic Commission and notify them of Ray Letendre Sr.'s request for a copy of the commission's confidential formal request for copies of documents from the town of Middlefield.
- Larry Pease, Skip Savery, and Terry Walker met with Ed Flaherty (FEMA rep.) The Town will receive 75% of monies spent on recovery from the December, 2008 ice storm. In order to get an estimate of the actual material that is out there needing to be cleaned up, the town will invite him to return after the snow melts. Terry Walker announced that she needs approval from the Selectmen to write to Jerry Perry (head of the DOR) to start an account called " Ice Storm Dec, 2008", which will release some of the winter roads money (overtime), and then when the clean-up starts in two months, which will overspend the ice account, and if we don't get the money back from FEMA in June, we will be legally carried over into the next year without affecting our free cash. Terry stated that if we don't start this new account, we will have to write off all those deficits and take it off of free cash. Terry will have the letter written on Monday, February 9. Robert Gazda made a motion to allow over expenditures on the snow account that occur in the fiscal year, Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. Discussion on sand and salt ensued.

- Larry Pease announced the upcoming meeting with John Conroy (Verizon rep.), who will be prepared to report on current service quality in Middlefield, which will be held on February 23, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m., at the town hall. Marge Heintz will contact Nan Dugan and ask her to e-mail the Selectmen to update them on the progress of WMECO & Verizon's responsibility to raise the utility line in their driveway. Mary Courtney asked Skip Savery to prepare possible infrastructure problems so that they can be discussed at the meeting..
- Robert Gazda received word that Caprise Shaw (DEP) would like to have a meeting, along with Ms. Rothchild, and a representative from Boston. Caprise Shaw stated that there is a very good chance that there are monies to be released, and that the DEP are very interested in continuing the clean-up of the brownfield site that we have in Middlefield. Caprise Shaw stated that the major point of contamination now is where the old pumps were. Skip Savery would like to be included at this meeting which will be held February 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
- Robert Gazda stated that Terry Walker has made him aware of the latest bill from Kopelman & Paige, which will bring us close to the amount that has been allotted. Secretary was asked to draft a note to all departments, informing them to direct all legitimate queries that they may have concerning Kopelman & Paige, to the Selectmen. Bob will call Kopelman & Paige and inform them that the Board of Selectmen will be the only department in Middlefield, with authority to contact the attorneys. Discussions of legal matters concerning the town ensued.
- Cathy Roth recommended that the Board of Selectmen consider using the format from "Robert's Rules of Order" for conducting the Selectmen's meeting. Discussion ensued.
- John Richardson would like an update concerning previous problems re: Ron Burmer. Secretary was asked to gather up material pertaining to Mr. Burmer, and present for discussion at the March 2, 2009 meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

LARRY PEASE, CHAIRMAN

MARY COURTNEY, SELECTMAN

ROBERT GAZDA, SELECTMAN