

## MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

February 23, 2009

Present: Mary Courtney, Larry Pease, Robert Gazda

Others: Terry Walker, Marge Batorski, Maureen Sullivan, Mitch Feldmesser, Skip Savery, Joe Kearns, Jay Swift, Cathy Roth, Kathy O'Brien.

- Meeting officially opened @7:30 p.m.
- Kathy O'Brien submitted pictures of paper that was stuck in paperbox from transfer station from the last time that it was dumped. Joe Kearns contacted Eric Weiss(Head of Recycling) for future conversation. The Selectmen informed Kathy of their efforts in providing shelter for her at the transfer station.
- Skip Savery reported on Highway issues.
- Minutes of February 9&17, 2009 were read and approved.
- Previous week's correspondence discussed. Response from Kopelman & Paige re: Middlefield's request for a contract was read. See attached. Response from DLS Technical Assistance Section re: review of the town assessing department, which was that we are on the list for September '09. Sample of Notice of Appointment was submitted by Erica Johnson re: adhoc committee for the block grant money-see attached. Secretary asked to write thank-you note to Rep. Olver for his help in acquiring a contract with the postal service.
- Letter written to Selectmen from the Board of Assessors was acknowledged and read. See attached. Knowledgeable discussion ensued.
- Robert Gazda stated the need for a contact to report to the Country Journal voluntarily for the town.
- Terry Walker reported that she has met with Rich Wade, and has not been able to balance. The auditor has informed her that he will be available on Tues & Thurs. in order to help Terry balance the books.
- Larry Pease reported that he has not spoken to Michelle Burmer re: dog bite situation. Mary Courtney reminded Larry that we have an update on this situation scheduled for March 2, 2009. Larry will attempt to contact Michelle. Larry has been researching alarm system companies. The cost per yearly monitoring will be approximately \$260. Larry will do further research and report back. Larry also reported on a potential fire which was thwarted by Cheryl & Tom Beeman, passer-bys who reported suspicious activity of wires attached to a house. Because of their observance and reporting of the activity a serious fire has been

averted. Larry also announced that the Middlefield fair's pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Jay Swift reported that the roof project is all but done, and that the building committee will give themselves the task of writing a report and presenting it to the Selectmen at a public hearing.
- Mary Courtney stated that we have to prepare a revised response to the public records division. Mary has spoken to Kopelman & Paige who reported that Ray Letendre has been in contact with attorney Sean Williams, who has forwarded that information to them. Kopelman & Paige gave her the information so that the town could draft a letter to clarify the statute that gives us the requirement not to disclose. See attached.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

**Larry Pease, Chairman**

**Mary Courtney, Selectman**

**Robert Gazda, Selectman**