

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

March 9, 2009

Present: Mary Courtney, Larry Pease, Robert Gazda

Others: Mary Cuccinello, Gary Wheeler, Joe Kearns, Tom Rock, Wally Smith, Scott Artioli, Noreen Suriner, Maureen Sullivan, Mitch Feldmesser, Marge Batorski, John Richardson, Mary Richardson, Ron Burmer, Michelle Burmer, Skip Savery, Glennis Austin, Catharine Grey, Roger Pagerey, Susan Baker-Donnelly, Marcia Krassler, Dave Krassler, Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Jack Baylis

- Meeting officially opened @ 7:30 p.m.
- Selectmen read minutes of February 23, 2009. Minutes were approved and signed.
- Larry Pease met Monday, March 2 with a representative from a company in Pittsfield who also does Alarm Systems. He had recommended Lee Audio to monitor the alarms. Larry will ask Dave Manning to e-mail some quotes.
- Mary Courtney announced the availability of openings for people who were interested in being involved in the ad hoc committee for the Community Block Grants through Erica Johnson (PVPC), This will involve the towns of Huntington, Chester, Russell, and Middlefield. Two people are needed to attend quarterly meetings for an hour or two, to speak on Middlefield's behalf. This concerns funds that were not approved previously concerning social services affecting our towns. If someone is interested, they could e-mail the Board of Selectmen. The PVPC would like to start the ad hoc committee up in March.
- Larry Pease reported that he had spoken with Michelle Burmer re: the fence that was agreed to be erected on their property. Robert Gazda reported that a complaint had been issued concerning the Burmer's dogs. Complaint was discussed. Authority of Selectmen concerning dog issues were questioned. Mary Courtney read by-laws concerning dog offenses. A public hearing is scheduled for March 23, 2009 @ 7:00p.m., to give an opportunity to all parties involved to address the board. The meeting shall be posted and notices will be sent out to all parties.
- Jack Baylis, (janitorial custodian) was commended for his work. No problems were reported.
- Mary Cuccinello received a public document which she has requested. The Selectboard signed off on the document.

- Mary Courtney read correspondence directed to the BOA , written by the BOS. See attached. Secretary was asked to send the draft to the Board of Assessors. Secretary was also asked to post a public meeting with the Board of Assessors on Wednesday March 18, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.
- The Board read correspondence received from Sandra Dellea.(See attached). Secretary was asked to e-mail Sandra and inform her of the scheduled meeting with the BOA.
- Robert Gazda read e-mail received by Marge Heintz(See attached) Bob has brought this to the attention of Skip Savery. Skip has addressed the problem. Larry Pease reported a complaint concerning Reservoir Rd., which Skip has also addressed.
- Robert Gazda read correspondence submitted by Ed Vivier regarding the offering of CPR and AED courses. It was recommended that people who work in the town hall should be trained. Secretary was asked to send this correspondence to all departments, requesting any interest that they may have by March 27, 2009 , as well as a copy to Ed Vivier.
- Secretary will acknowledge receipt of letter received from The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Massachusetts. Joe Kearns will address correspondence at meeting scheduled tomorrow and report back.
- Robert Gazda reported costs associated with hook-ups for Verizon. The cost for each of these modems is \$149; set up fee is \$99; cost per month will be \$42.99 for DSL availability. The cost for a technician to come in and make sure that everything was set up appropriately is &199. Robert Gazda made a motion to establish DSL capabilities for town offices for an amount of money not to exceed \$600 plus the \$42.99 a month. Larry Pease seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Secretary will post a work meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Joe Kearns reported that the school will vote on its appropriations on Wednesday night, and will present the selectboard with a warrant next week.
- Robert Gazda brought up possibility of classified ads to be added to web site for town use. Discussion ensued.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

Larry Pease, Chairman

Mary Courtney, Selectman

Robert Gazda, Selectman