

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

March 23, 2009

Present: Larry Pease, Robert Gazda, Mary Courtney

Others: Joe Kearns, Glennis Austin, Maureen Sullivan, John Richardson, Jay Swift, Wally Smith, Terry Walker, Marge Batorski, Tom Austin, Mary Richardson, Marcia Krassler, David Krassler, Catharine Grey, Roger Pagery, Ed Vivier, Tamarin Laurel-Paine.

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30p.m.
- Dog issues now discussed. David Krassler, (Dog Officer) submitted Dog Regulation by-laws. See Attached. Fencing situation on Ron & Michelle Burmer's property discussed. Verbal agreement between Burmer's and the previous Selectmen concerning fence was reviewed. Written response by Burmer's was acknowledged. Marcia Krassler stated that she will issue a warning to dog owner's after investigation of dog complaints. Second offense will be an automatic fine. Secretary will draft a letter to Ron&Michelle Burmer notifying them that a hearing was held concerning a written complaint about their dogs, that they were invited to, but did not attend, Any further violations will result in a fine. Correspondence will be cc'd to all interested parties. Selectboard will work on an up-to-date rendition of by-laws concerning Dog Regulations.
- Minutes for March 16, 2009 were read. Robert Gazda made a motion to accept those minutes, with a correction noted. Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Larry Pease reported purchasing florescent light bulbs for town offices using maintenance fund.
- Robert Gazda read letter clarifying Laurie Lafreniere's employment status submitted by the Board of Assessors. Article 27(2008 town warrant) was quoted. See attached. Secretary will send note to Gita Jozsef thanking her for clarification.
- Mary Courtney submitted reports by Erica Johnson(PVPC) concerning survey results. (see attached) Results discussed. Follow -up quarterly meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2009 with Erica Johnson in attendance.
- Special Town Meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2009. Registration of voters scheduled for April 3, 2009. The special town meeting warrant was written up by

Terry Walker, reviewed by Joe Kearns, and okayed, reviewed and signed by the Selectboard.

- Jay Swift reported that due to the Country Journal's announcement of the public informational hearing on roof construction; public legal meeting on a preliminary change of proposed by-law has been changed to April 7, 2009.
- Selectmen's work meeting to be held @ 7:30 p.m. on March 26, 2009. Larry Pease will post.
- Larry Pease will further research whether there will be a daily monitoring or weekly monitoring(cost and procedure) concerning alarm system. Ed Vivier stressed the importance of monitoring the alarm system, due to importance of financial records kept at town hall. Mary Courtney stated that she was working on using thumb drives, and containing them in fireboxes, as means to preserve paperwork.Connecting AED to alarm system was discussed. Ed Vivier was pro connection due to valuability of human life. Unavailability of phones was a factor.
- Correspondence concerning questions raised by Maureen Sullivan (Audit Management Letter) were answered (See attached)
- Joe Kearns submitted a Financial Management Review of the town of Becket, conducted by the DOR. Joe also submitted the finance committee's agenda, citing a recommendation that Selectmen expand their request for a free review by the DOR to include all town departments concerned with fiscal aspects.
- Joe Kearns also suggested that the Selectmen check with librarian concerning Western Mass library internet connection as means of keeping costs down.
- Robert Gazda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

Larry Pease, Chairman

Mary Courtney, Selectman

Robert Gazda, Selectman