

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

PRESENT: Larry Pease, Mary Courtney, Robert Gazda

ATTENDEES: Glennis Austin, Sherry Venditti, Skip Savery, Maureen Sullivan, Marge Batorski, Margaret Stumbaugh, Sandra Dellea, Walter Smith, Scott Smith, Terry Walker, John Richardson, Giza Jozsef Harris, Laurie Lafreniere, Mary Cuccinello, Mike Jamula, Joe Kearns, Noreen Suriner

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30p.m.
- Mary Courtney read the Sept. 21, 2009 minutes aloud, made corrections. The Selectboard approved and signed the minutes.
- Glennis Austin, member of the Middlefield Agricultural Commission, reported that Mitch Feldmesser, Maureen Sullivan(fellow members), and she visited the residence of Sandra Dellea&Margaret Stumbaugh, on Saturday Sept.26, 2009. Glennis stated that Sandra&Margaret were working diligently and have contained their goat herd as securely as they can. Glennis also stated that she had spoken to Scott Smith and reported to him that Sandra&Margaret were installing an electric fence around the bottom and top. Scott was satisfied with the report. Glennis will do a follow-up visit in a couple of weeks, and will submit a written report. Larry Pease will visit and apprise the situation as well. Discussion of upcoming milk operation ensued.
- Robert Gazda made a presentation of the grants available to Massachusetts for over \$14 million dollars in energy efficiency and conservation by the federal government, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of '09. An entity known as Mass. Dept. of energy resources & their Green Community's program has already applied to the United States Dept. of Environment to provide \$12 million and a competitive sub-grant program. This will entitle municipalities to apply and be eligible for funds up to \$150,000. See attached info. Bob stated that Terry Walker and he were willing to attend the upcoming meeting to be held Nov.12, '09, @ 7p.m to 9p.m in Cummington, on the involvement of the Green Communities in this program. Skip Savery stated that one of the members of the building committee would also like to attend.
- Mike Jamula presented copies of Harry Pease rd. survey provided by James Smith, (Road Engineer). Mike provided proof of James Smith's credentials as well. Discussion ensued. All info. provided by all interested parties shall be gathered up and sent to Kopelman&Paige to be perused by Attn. Jane McKnight. Secretary asked to draft cover letter and provide it to Terry , who will send out the

information. Jane McKnight will report back in 2 to 3 weeks. The Selectboard will contact all parties at that time.

- Mary Courtney reviewed history of DOR's request for full financial review. Mary reread letter concerning request. Discussion ensued. Mary made a motion to provide a follow-up response to Makarian's office with a copy of the correspondence sent to us from the District Attorney's office guiding us and asking for clarification on what basis he made his recommendation. Robert Gazda seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mary will draft this response and send it to John Makarian.
- Report of condition of shelter for Kathy O'Brian, and disposal area were discussed. Kathy will be interviewed about her needs in this matter.
- Terry Walker brought up discussion of the MMA& MMPA annual dues. The Selectboard will continue their membership. Ed Vivier will be asked to complete 2010 Commonwealth Capital Policy renewal, which he has done in the past. Terry reported that the books have been balanced. Terry also reported that she and Skip Savery have attended a class on budgeting which was very informative.
- The need for a procurement officer will be discussed at the October 5, '09 meeting.
- Robert Gazda discussed the correspondence from the State Ethics Commission re: changes which includes new mandatory education and training requirements for public employees at every level of government, including the municipal level. Marge Batorski made copies of letter and will put together a list of employees who will need to be contacted and will report back. Letter is attached to minutes.
- Letter from Chief Brown has been tabled, and will be discussed at the Oct. 5, '09 meeting.
- The Selectboard signed renewal of contract with Northampton Landfill, on recommendation of Finance Committee. Secretary will send it out.
- Town Hall usage will be discussed at Oct. 5, '09 meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:15p.m.

Meeting minutes provided by Suzanne C. Lemieux

Board of Selectmen

Larry Pease, Chairman

Mary Courtney, Selectman

Robert Gazda, Selectman