

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

PRESENT: Larry Pease, Mary Courtney

ATTENDEES: John Richardson, Sherry Vendetti, Wally Smith, Gary Wheeler, Joe Kearns, Marge Batorski, Terry Walker, Marie Pease, Ed Vivier.

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30 p.m.
- Paul Tacy (Building Inspector) reported that permits were down in the last year. Discussion on building permits ensued. Paul informed Selectboard that there is erroneous information on current web site. Would like that corrected immediately. Bob Gazda will be contacted and asked to fix this. Paul submitted Fee Schedule of building permits comparing Middlefield's fees with Franklin County fees. Paul recommended that the Selectmen review and consider voting for the increases shown. Dialogue ensued. Selectmen will discuss these increases and get back to Paul within 2 weeks with their decision. Fee Schedule is attached to the minutes.
- Discussion on Pole Hearing requested by WMECO followed. Larry Pease made a motion to schedule pole hearing for November 16, '09 @ 7:30 p.m. Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. Larry will mail correspondence to abutters , notifying them of this hearing.
- Ed Vivier reported current status of H1N1 vaccine. Ed requested that the Selectboard review and sign both the PHER grant application to Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition, and the Memorandum of Understanding to Gateway. Ed stressed importance of this, warning that there could be no federal funding in case of disaster, if grants were not applied for. The Selectboard reviewed and signed said documents. Mary Courtney will fax the documents Tuesday morning.
- Marie Pease requested update on current status of Harry Pease Rd. Mary Courtney reported that she has made the request of Town Counsel concerning this issue. Mary will chase this again tomorrow.
- Larry Pease read the October 19, '09 meeting minutes. Larry made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were signed. Terry Walker requested an add-on stating that she had also placed an ad in the Country Journal requesting volunteers for the Personnel Policy Positions.
- Joe Kearns submitted summaries of proposed retrofit work to be performed in accordance with WMECO Small Business Energy Advantage program that were completed for the Middlefield Garage, Town Hall, and Fire Dept., by Paquette

Electric. See attached. Joe requested that he and Skip Savery would like to meet with the Green Committee to further discuss this. Selectmen agreed and thanked Joe for his involvement in this.

- Terry Walker reported on Staples situation. Mary Courtney requested that Terry call Staples again and request waiving of delinquent fees. Terry also reported that Middlefield will receive \$60,000 through MEMA, resulting from the ice storm of Dec, '08.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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Larry Pease, Chairman

Mary Courtney, Selectman

Robert Gazda, Selectman