

## MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Present: Larry Pease, Mary Courtney, Robert Gazda

Attendees: Wally Smith, Tom Ryan, Joe Kearns, Sherry Vendetti, Marge Batorski, Skip Savery, Jess Bergman, Terry Walker.

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30 p.m.
- Jess Bergman, representative of (Smart Power) Non-Profit marketing co. that promotes clean energy & energy efficiency. Jess gave background information of Smart Power. Smart Power & WMECO have partnered to create an on-line forum. This is a free pilot program which is on for 6 months. It is divided into three parts: high-school, homeowner, and college. Jess explained how each part worked. Web site= [www.westernmasssaves.com](http://www.westernmasssaves.com). Smart Power's aim is to partner with Western Ma. towns, so that they may prove to WMECO that Western Ma. towns care about clean energy, energy efficiency. Jess will send MOU that lays out everyone's responsibility to Middlefield by the end of February, early March. The Selectmen will review this at that time.
- Skip Savery reported that the highway dept. has cleared more area at the disposal area. Skip needs to gather numbers so that he may proceed to build shelter for disposal attendant. Skip explained that he will set it up with the loader. Three trailer loads of salt have been ordered and is en route.
- Mary Courtney will get in touch Verizon representatives in order to schedule meeting. Skip was asked to check out town for possible problems which will be brought up at the meeting.
- Pole hearing discussed. Terry Walker contacted Al Bissette, Verizon representative, and found out that 7 days was fine and that the notices do not need to be mailed certified. Robert Gazda brought up a possible benefit to town in that WMECO could be responsible for paying a fee to the town for each pole erected. This should be brought up at the Pole hearing.
- Larry Pease made a motion to appoint 3 people to the Cultural Council. Sam Cummings, Judy Hoag, Crystal Main. Robert Gazda seconded the motion. All were in favor. Tracy Gero, and Charleen Gero were appointed to the Cultural Council on October 13, 2009. Robert Gazda asked Terry to contact Andrea Tosi and notify her of these appointments.

- . Following up conversation with Ed Vivier last week, Mary Courtney faxed a MOU to Wendy at Gateway . A fax ( Mini Grant & Pher Application was sent to Dennis Lacourse( Easthampton BOJ^ ) and Mary Kersell at the Pioneer Public Health Preparedness Coalition. Wendy informed Mary that a \$600 mini-grant, that will be used for an in-town clinic dispensing H1N1 vaccine, will be sent to us in a week . A meeting will be scheduled with Lee VNA, Susan Baker Donnelly and the BOH when grant arrives. Jane Thielen will be notified to keep an eye out for the grant.
- Conversation ensued re: Harry Pease Rd. Larry Pease recused himself from

conversation. Mary Courtney reported on information she received from Myrtle Richardson re: history of road. The Selectboard are waiting on word from Jean Mcknight ( Kopelman & Page ) relating to status of what happened with the town voting to ' shut it up', to proceed. Skip Savery was asked to issue a driveway permit on said road. It was suggested to postpone decision based on information requested from Kopelman & Paige.

- Terry Walker related " Notification of free cash approval" is \$144,334. See attached. Terry also mentioned that a bill of \$30 was due for Hilltown Technical Assistance . Deadline is November 30, 2009.
- Larry Pease read the minutes for November 2, 2009. Minutes were approved and signed.
- Fee schedule submitted by Paul Tacy ( building inspector) will be put on agenda for Nov. 16, 2009.
- Mary Courtney made a motion to enter into Executive Session re: Demand letter regarding Cuccinello & Wheeler, Robert Gazda seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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