

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

January 25, 2010

Present: Robert Gazda, Mary Courtney, Larry Pease

Others: Wally Smith, Marie Pease, John Richardson, Sherry Venditti, Susan Baker Donnelly, Marge Batorski, Joe Kearns, Ed Vivier

- Meeting officially opened at 7:35 p.m.
- Larry Pease has recused himself from discussion of Harry Pease Rd. Marie Pease submitted correspondence from the Pease's to the BOA dated Jan 25, 2010 re: Harry Pease Rd., requesting that Map 406 be corrected. BOA cannot make this correction. Request shall be filed. John Richardson stated that the BOA's responsibility includes the size, shape, survey, deed, and sale of land, not whether the road is there or not, or the name of the road. Mary C. stated that the financial and legal burden for proving the status of the extending pathway falls to the property owners who want to establish it as one thing or another. Long discussion ensued.
- Erica Johnson (PVPC) submitted copies of modification to the Southern Hilltowns CDBG grant, i. e. : Housing rehabilitation to be added, as well as a shift from the lead community of Russell to Chester. Copy of amended grant application was signed by the Selectboard and will be returned to Erica, along with proof of ownership of COA building. Mary C. has received estimates of COA roof repair: one is for replacement of slate roof, approx. \$67,000, with an expectancy of 150 yrs., the repair was for \$6,700 with an expectancy of 50 yrs., which will depend on whether or not grant money is allocated for the project, wherein a decision will be made.
- Ed Vivier has applied for a grant for a generator for the COA building, which was not obtainable. Susan Baker Donnelly would like to acquire a generator through the budget allotted for the COA next year, so that the space would be available for use in times of emergency. Subject to be discussed at later time.
- Meeting minutes of January 19, '10 were read, signed and approved.
- Robert Gazda read correspondence that was sent to all finance depts. from the Selectboard re: budget requests. Joe Kearns presented correspondence issued for possible issuance to all Town Depts. citing Ma. Gen. Law Chapter 39, Sect. 16 which states that "Every town..., may, by by-law provide for the election or the appoint. and duties of appropriation, advisory or finance committees, who shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the town; and... shall submit a budget at the annual town meeting." See attached. Discussion ensued.
- Ed Vivier requested status of fire alarm system at the Town Hall. Larry Pease will work on this.

- Larry Pease announced that the School District will be holding a meeting with area legislators with area Selectmen and finance committees to discuss budget issues, Thursday, Feb. 4, '10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gateway Auditorium.
- Sherry Venditti requested itemized bill from Town Counsel, Mary C. has already requested detailed invoices from Kopelman & Paige., and expects them to be delivered in time for the Special Town Meeting on Feb 1, 2010
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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