

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

March 8, 2010

Present: Robert Gazda, Mary Courtney, Larry Pease

Others: Sherry Venditti, Skip Savery, Wally Smith, Noreen Suriner, Marge Batorski, John Richardson, Tim Pease, Marie Pease, Howard Knickerbocker, Steve Savoy

- Meeting officially began 7:30 p.m.
- Noreen Suriner presented warrant article to see if the town will vote with intent to enter in agreement for purpose of establishing a Broadband Service of HSI, TV, Telephone. Website "wired-west.net" See attached.
- Monument issue was brought up. Noreen Suriner stated that she has personally spoken, several times with the Bouffard family in regards to a monument possibility and has not yet had a response. Matter should be put at rest. A general monument re: all war veterans was discussed. Jay Swift recommended that Ray Gero be contacted concerning this.
- Mary Courtney read previous meeting's minutes, minutes were approved and signed.
- Larry Pease announced that the rabies clinic will be held March 25, 2010 @ 6:30 to 8:00p.m. at a cost of \$12.
- Deadline established for posting agenda is the weekend prior to the next meeting.
- Secretary asked to research possible dates for finance dept. to meet with BOS to discuss finalizing the budget.
- Skip Savery and Robert Gazda met at the site of the general store with state reps. on March 2, to discuss removal of contaminants. Mary Courtney recused herself from conversation and left the room. The state will pick up most of the costs, through stimulus funds. A small amount of paving in the parking lot could be the town's responsibility depending on whether a kerosene tank is removed. The state will have a lien on the property, through which future owners will be accountable.
- Mary Courtney responded to questions on attorney-client privilege stating that the town has been involved in discussions re: Harry Pease rd., and has an obligation to protect the town. Document requests made for communication between the BOS and town counsel, clearly fall under work product and attorney-town privilege. Sherry Venditti presented a public records law of exceptions.
- Skip Savery presented Mike Jamula's 2nd request for a driveway permit on Harry Pease Rd. Since portions of Harry Pease Rd. have not been deemed a public way, Skip was advised not to fulfill this request. See attached. Discussion of Harry Pease Rd. ensued.

- Town Report discussed. Secretary to draft letter requesting everyone involved deliver their town report via electronic form in word format to selectboard@middlefieldma.us by March 15.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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Larry Pease, Chairman Robert Gazda, Selectman Mary Courtney, Selectman