

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

March 16, 2010

Present: Robert Gazda, Mary Courtney, Larry Pease (absent)

Others: Sherry Venditti, Skip Savery, Wally Smith, Joe Kearns,

- Meeting officially began 7:33 p.m.
- Previous meeting's minutes were read, approved and signed with exceptions: deadline was changed to weekend prior to next meeting for posting agenda on-line.
- Stephen Harris submitted certified petitions for warrant articles to be included in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 1, 2010. See attached.
- Robert Gazda attended a legislative meeting held at Gateway Regional School District. Bob reported that it was well attended with 5 legislators present who took part in a very active debate. There will not be more than a cut of 4% of chapter 770 money "local aid". What that could represent to the towns is any amount up to 8%. This is not as bad as what could occur in 2012. Regional transportation is hoping for level funding, Vocational education discussed. Difference in price to send kids to Vocational ed is not all that much. The type of education and success that those students show is well worth the money. Discussion of Broadband Initiative ensued, and was fully supported by legislators who were there.
- Mary Courtney was contacted by town counsel re: Harry Pease Rd.. Town Counsel was cc'd on latest correspondence submitted by Mike Jamula, and would like to review information from Mr. Jamula's attorney. It would bring some kind of comprehensive closure to the opinion letter. Mary made a motion to grant the authority to town counsel to complete that assessment and then provide us an addendum to the opinion letter with no cost to the town. Robert Gazda seconded the motion. Mary suggested that Skip send a letter to Mike Jamula acknowledging receipt of application for permit.
- Mary will put a call into Sen. Downing's office re: recall petition.
- Discussion on putting up new feature on town web site "Just neighbors" ensued, as well as features for other town boards.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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