

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

March 22, 2010

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

Others: Sherry Venditti, Skip Savery, Wally Smith, Noreen Suriner, Terry Walker, Marge Batorski, Ed Vivier, Scott Artioli, Gita Jozsef-Harris, Maureen Sullivan, Marin Laurel-Paine.

- Meeting officially began 7:33 p.m.
- Mary Courtney read previous week's minutes. Move to accept minutes as amended. Robert Gazda seconded. Minutes were signed.
- Selectmen responded to Peter Oligny's concern over Middlefield not being listed as address on census form. Peter called Census Bureau, and had received erroneous information. Mary Courtney went online to census bureau and asked same question. Answer= If your form has the wrong city name or ZIP code, the actual location of your address has been verified for accuracy and assigns your data to the correct geographic area. Correct address is identified in barcode. This information was verified last year by census workers. See attached.
- Noreen Suriner stated that 24 towns have agreed to put the broadband initiative on the warrant for town meeting. Informational meeting will be held on April 12, '10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Joe Kearns stated that \$5,000 "anticipated cherry sheet aid" has been reduced. The number of vocational students will double next year. We're over levy limits by about \$71,000, after including \$60,000 in free cash. We either take other revenues or reduce expenditures. Suggestion = eliminating article 17 " \$5,000 cap old dump"
- Finance Meeting

Article 3 - Change 2010 adopted column "Selectman" to \$1500. Selectmen voted to reduce their pay to \$1350 for next fiscal year.

Will meet again to discuss Town Clerk's figure

Article 4 - Finance com. recom. column. changed Asst. Assessor line item to 5, 400

Take transfer station attendant line out.

Article 5 - Discussion Special projects " legal opinions". Draft a separate warrant article introducing something new. Eliminate line item special projects.

Article 6 - Change Conservation Com. to \$1,170 from \$1,300

Change Planning Board to \$300 from \$500.

Change Plumbing inspection to \$10 from \$1,000

Change Communication Com. to \$150 from \$300

Article 9 - Change Sheriff's dept to \$505 from \$500

Change Fire Dept. to \$4,000 from \$4,300

Article 12 -Need to revisit Recreation Committee amount

Article 17 -Eliminate

Article 22-Add word salaries. Change word program to transfer station. Change to \$5,000 from \$6,000.

Article 27-Expand to include " to accept all grants for town of Middlefield"

- Mary Courtney moved to adjourn to enter executive session to discuss litigation matter.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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