

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Middlefield Town Hall

May 24, 2010

Present: Robert Gazda, Noreen Suriner, Larry Pease

Others: Sherry Venditti, Terry Walker, Marge Batorski, Mike Jamula, Wally Smith, Tom Ryan, Tim Pease, Marie Pease, Eric Weiss, Dave Belageron, Laurie Belageron, John Lacy, Craig Mckelvey, Susan Baker Donelly, Skip Savery, Tom Austin, Jennifer Austin, Anthony Jamula, Joe Kearns, Maureen Sullivan

- Meeting officially began 7:30 p.m.
- Robert Gazda announced that the executive session re: Harry Pease Rd. will not be held. Larry Pease recused himself from the room. Letter received from Jean McKnight "attn" Kopelman & Paige, re: Harry Pease Rd. will not be discussed in public session. Bob indicated portions of the letter and the results of having received this letter: Based on the opinions of the attorneys, the BOS will recommend to Skip Savery "denial of a driveway permit that was sought."
- Larry Pease has re-entered the meeting.
- Eric Weiss has written 2 different sets of specifications which were signed off by Larry Pease. One for the boiler replacement which will be funded through the stimulus grant. The second "highly recommended by the window installers" is for testing of the paint, and putty around the windows for three substances: Lead, asbestos & PCBs. The second bid is from firms who do this type of testing.
- Bob stated that we have one bid for the testing analysis; and three for the boiler replacement. Bob proceeded to open the bids. The first bid is from Environmental Compliance Services, Silver St., Agawam, Mass., for lead, PCB & asbestos analysis, and removal "if present". Testing is \$1,000: provide abatement recommendation as needed - \$500 – Total price= \$1, 500. The second bid for the boiler replacement is from Climate Heating & Cooling, Pittsfield, Ma., is for \$33, 050, contains a 5% check required for putting in the bid. The second bid on Boiler Replacement is from Whiting Energy Fuel, No. Hampton, Mass., total cost = \$29,308.42, plus 5% check. The final bid is from Belangers Plumbing & Heating, East Hampton, Mass, for \$20,500, plus 5% check. The BOS will be officially taking these bids under advisement. Eric requested permission to meet with Skip Savery and Joe Kearns to discuss bids. Permission granted. Eric requested authorization to proceed with testing analysis, as only one bid was received.

- Eric will be submitting the budget to the DOER. Before June 30th, a check for 50% of the \$121,000 will come in to Middlefield. Two more 25% payments will occur during next fiscal year as the project moves along.
- Susan Baker Donnelly announced that a wedding will be held at the Middlefield Congregational Church between Jeff Manion & Mellisa Foy, who will be pitching a tent on church lawn which may stray into Starbuck Park. The BOS suggested that they make their request in writing; and also contact their insurer, who may write them a 6 hour rider of protection, in case of injury on town property.
- A request was made for an estate sale & auction permit for 28 Town Hill Rd. The estate sale will be May 28 & 29. The Real estate auction will be held on June 19. Terry Walker will address this. The BOS signed the business licenses.
- Annual Town Meeting minutes are completed, and will be reviewed by the BOS, who will then release them to the public at that time.
- May 31 BOS meeting will be cancelled due to commemoration of Memorial Day. A brief one-agenda meeting will be held on June 1, 2010 at 7:00p.m. in order to finalize the Special Town Meeting warrant. Secretary will post.
- All Boards Meeting will be scheduled for July 12th at 6:30 p.m. Points of discussion will include: Conflict of Interest, Public Records Disclosure & Open Meeting Laws. This shall be posted.
- Bob suggests that it would be beneficial to the town to have the Board of Health be a separate entity apart from the BOS. They will be soliciting individuals who might be available for the positions.
- There will be a posting available for anyone who has interest in being a part of the appointed committees. Incumbents who are still interested need not re-apply, as they are already in place and appreciated.
- Noreen Suriner read previous meeting minutes. Minutes were approved and signed. Bob read April 27, '09 minutes. Minutes were approved and signed.
- Terry Walker reported that there is \$600" PHER grant" available. Charles Hunter "BOH" submitted a bill of \$600, as a result of his computer crashing. The PHER grant will be used to cover this bill.
- Wired-West reported that the town has voted in favor of pursuing their services. Robert moved to appoint Noreen Suriner as representative of the Town for Wired-West. Larry Pease seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Skip reported that he had spoken to a biologist who recommended that he waits until the November beaver trapping season to correct a dam problem.

- Bob gave Skip three letters received from DOT re: bridge signs. Discussion of request of Cindy Oligney “Librarian” for concrete pad ensued.
- Tom Austin promoted creating a position on the police force for a female officer. Money is available for position in the compensation account. Tom explained that there has been a problem re: female underage drinking at the Middlefield Fair. A female officer would be helpful in these situations. An interview was held with Jennifer Austin “ interested candidate” Jennifer graduated May 9, '09 from the Police Academy. She is interested in getting experience and also helping out. Tom stated that Curt Robie would be her supervisor. Robert Gazda entertained a motion to create a position for a female officer. Noreen Suriner so moved. All were in favor. Tom will work up a posting that will be posted in two locations, the town hall & post office for a period of two weeks,
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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Chairman

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