

## MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

October 4, 2010

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Mitch Feldmesser, Alan Vint

Others: Marge Batorski, Wally Smith, Ed Vivier, Gita Jozsef Harris, Adair Cafarella, Terry Walker, Joe Kearns, Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Sandra Dellea, Kim Savery, Sherry Venditti, Tom Rock, Skip Savery, John Bergeron, Erica Johnson

- Meeting officially opened at 7:05 p.m.
- Mitch Feldmesser nominated Noreen Suriner as Chairman, Alan Vint seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.
- Mitch & Alan recused themselves from the following motion. Noreen has reviewed the minutes of August 9 & 23; September 7 & 20, 2010. Noreen made a motion to approve those minutes, and signed them. Noreen asked the secretary to correct the July 12, '10 minutes by adding the words "per mowing" to the amount of \$240 - Contract bid. Remaining minutes that were not reviewed by previous Selectmen, warrants further research, and shall be set aside till completed.
- Terry Walker's bonding status was questioned. Terry stated that she needed a letter from the Selectmen stating why bonding status should be changed. Status of open-meeting violation complaint re: March 29, 2010 Selectmen's meeting was discussed. Joe Kearns stated that salaries for Adm. Secretary, & Recording Secretary were voted into accounts. The Selectboard would then define what that is.
- Warrants were reviewed, approved, and signed @ \$7,430.50.
- Terry stated that she closed the books Sept. 22, '10, and everything has been sent to Joe Boudreau. Free cash should be certified in a couple of weeks.
- Erica Johnson "PVPC" introduced draft for the Community Development Block Grant Strategy for 2011. (See attached). Changes in draft: Chester not included because they have not spent down grant money; Priority projects: Securing a long-term location for social service agencies (2010) has been removed because a long-term lease has been signed; repair Senior Center roof leak (2010-2011) shall be removed because application deadline has been pushed to Dec. 10'10, which doesn't allow enough time to complete application. Discussion ensued. Funding has been approved to locate an engineer and architect to study project. Suggestion for additions to priority project: Fire Safety Complex. Other ideas were discussed. Erica will revise Strategy for 2011 and send it to Selectmen to be reviewed, approved, & signed.
- Public Forum:

Sandra Dellea requested that obscene graffiti be removed from stop sign at intersection of Arthur Pease & Chester Hill. Skip Savery will work on repairing this and other signs in town that have been tampered with.

Ed Vivier submitted quotes on the monitoring of our fire alarm system. See attached.

Berkshire Communicators = \$277.83, and Alarms of Berkshire County=\$276. Ed recommended hiring Berkshire Communicators. Discussion ensued. Noreen Suriner moved that the Selectmen make a motion to approve the hiring of Berkshire Communicators for the amount of \$277.83, w/authorization, if necessary, to have a dedicated telephone line installed. Alan Vint seconded the Motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved. Terry will notify Berkshire Communicators, and check on insurance rates with MIIA.

Skip reported vandalism that had occurred at town garage to town truck. Skip will make a call regarding patrols to area, and will report back next week.

Larry Pease submitted letter (see attached) re: asking the Selectboard to establish an official date for Halloween. Larry recommended Oct. 30 @ 5 – 7 p.m. for Trick or Treating. Alan Vint seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Admin. Secretary called Kim Savery to confirm schedule for Halloween party. All were in agreement.

- Noreen acknowledged formal complaint filed by Adair Cafarella against Planning Board. Adair stated that Planning Board needs to turn this over to the DA.
- Noreen stated that Jane Thielen has submitted a treasurer's report. Terry stated that Jane & Terry have balanced Cash for July.
- Noreen attended Broadband meeting re: process of establishing fiber optics. They are moving forward. B) Re: Wiredwest – Governing policies have been established. Town by-law changes will be addressed.
- Noreen expressed disapproval of Harmon Law Offices handling of disclosure of foreclosures. Noreen will draft letter of inquiry into this process.
- Alan Vint reported on an Emergency Management meeting that he and Noreen Suriner attended. A meeting w/emergency personnel will be needed to discuss options.
- Next planned meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 12@ 7:00 p.m.; Oct. 19 w/ Paul Tacy (Building Inspector); Oct. 25 w/ Finance Com. will be posted.
- Ron Radwich (Deputy Fire Chief) informed Selectboard that the Federal Communication Commission will be narrowing down our airwaves from 25 watts to 12.5 by 2013. New radios will be needed at cost of replacement-approx \$22,154. Discussion ensued.
- Meeting adjourned @ 9:54 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

**SelectBoard**

**Noreen Suriner, Chair**

**Alan Vint**

**Mitch Feldmesser**