

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

October 19, 2010

Present: Noreen Suriner-Chairman, Alan Vint, and Mitch Feldmesser

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Discussion regarding listing all people in attendance at Board of Selectmen's meetings. Noreen Suriner asked Mitch Feldmesser to research issue. She also suggested a sign in sheet.
- Board signed amended minutes from October 4, 2010.
- Mail was reviewed, and the October 12, 2010 will be available on October 25, 2010 with a few revisions.
- Harmon letter was reviewed and signed by the board. Terry Walker was asked to address envelopes and mail to various state agencies.
- Paul Tacy was invited to meet with the board. Paul gave an overview of his experience as a building inspector and he has been the Building Inspector for Middlefield for the past 13 years. He is a member of the Hampshire County Regional Building Inspectors and has been certified by the Department of Public Safety. Paul requested a locked file cabinet for the building permits. He suggests that the building permits applications should be updated on the Middlefield website. Paul informed the board that there were three new houses in town. Discussion on fee schedules-Paul explained that the Board of Selectmen must vote on the fee schedule for their town. Paul also enforces building code and zoning violations for Middlefield.
- Noreen Suriner stated that minutes from June-July 2010 have been received but not approved. She also stated that minutes from 2009 were not signed and they were received but not approved.
- Vendor warrant and payroll warrant were reviewed and accepted. Motion made by Noreen Suriner to sign vendor warrant totaling \$176,109.97, second Mitch Feldmesser, unanimous vote. Motion made by Noreen Suriner to sign payroll warrant totaling \$9,789.50, second Alan Vint, unanimous vote.
- Warrant was signed by the board to have a state election on November 2, 2010. Noreen Suriner made motion to sign warrant, second Alan Vint, unanimous vote.
- Complaint against Noreen Suriner and Marjorie Batorski regarding violating open meeting law was discussed. Decision by the board for Terry Walker to draft a letter stating that as far as the board can determine, this is not an open meeting law complaint. Letter will be mailed to Tom Rock and to the Attorney General. Noreen Suriner stated that the board would like to add to the October 12, 2010 minutes that Tom Rock's written complaint was different than his verbal complaint. Terry Walker will have letters on letterhead and ready to be signed by the board on October 25, 2010.

- Discussion of the key list for keys to the Board of Selectmen's office. Terry Walker was asked to find all the keys and make a new list with person's name and key number.
- Terry Walker reported that she had checked with MIIA and fire alarms do not receive a credit for our insurance claim. Terry also reported that she had investigated the letter from Apex Claims. When an insured person received an insurance settlement, the town receives back taxes or liens on the property and the insured receives the balance.
- Board of Selectmen supports the Mutual Aid Agreement and motion was made by Alan Vint, second Mitch Feldmesser, unanimous vote. Terry Walker was asked to make a copy and mail in the agreement.
- Skip Savery stated that the soil borings will be on Friday morning and they should be finished by noon. Skip also fixed signs in town and painted the graffiti. Individuals that destroyed the hood of a town truck will pay for damages and possible restitution.
- Board agreed that all emails must be reviewed by board and kept in a 3 ring binder.
- Lengthy discussion about who oversees information on the town website. Mixed feeling whether the Board of Selectmen or the Communications Committee should oversee the information.
- Alan Vint stated that there is over \$100,000 in Tax Title and nothing is being done about this. There is property in tax title for the last 20 years and the Treasurer needs to go forward and begin the process of collecting back taxes for these parcels.
- Mitch Feldmesser will fill out the form regarding Recreational Camps in Middlefield.
- Terry Walker will mail Erica Johnson the Town of Middlefield Community Development Strategy document which was signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Noreen Suriner made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. second Alan Vint, unanimous vote.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by Mitch Feldmesser, Alan Vint, second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by,
Terry Walker
Administrative Assistant

Noreen Suriner-Chairman
Board of Selectmen Middlefield

Alan Vint

Mitch Feldmesser