

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

December 13, 2010

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

- Meeting officially opened at 7:00 p.m.
- The Select Board reviewed the Nov. 22, & Dec. 6 meeting minutes. Alan Vint made a motion to accept the Nov 22 minutes as read, Mitch Feldmesser seconded the motion. Mitch made a motion to accept the Dec. 6 minutes as read, Alan seconded the motion. So ordered. Minutes were signed.
- Warrants were reviewed & discussed. Alan made a motion to sign the warrants as presented, Mitch seconded the motion. Warrants were signed.
- Terry Walker gave her report of previous week's activities.
 1. Finished form for Tax Recap on Thursday, gave it to the Assessors.
 2. Recommitments completed from Assessors to Tax Collector. 15 out of 18 recommitments were balanced. Feels timing "date discrepancy" is the issue. Terry will work with Mary Ann Pease on them. Paper work has disappeared, so she needs to start all over again,
 3. Schedule A is being worked on. Terry feels that the work is very complicated, and time consuming.
- Noreen reported that Joe Boudreau "DOR" stated that we don't hire an accountant to sub-contract. Long discussion ensued. Alan will call Dennis Mountain "DOR" to find out alternatives. Mitch will call Jane Thielen "Treasurer" and ask her if she could help.
- Terry will have a validated key list at the next meeting.
- Terry will contact Bob Berry to ask about WINLOC grant, and will have a report about it next week.
- Terry is working on the Commonwealth Capital Report with a completion date of April 1st.
- Will work on phone log and have that ready for next week.

Select Board meeting is recessed at 7:44. Tree Hearing begins @7:45.

- Skip reported that WMECO has marked all the trees that need to be taken down from Robin Alsop's to the Baker's property. Anyone who has a complaint or concern could see what trees were being taken down, and be here to address them. Skip will check pole locations in the morning.
- Discussion ensued. No complaints were noted.

Tree hearing closed at 7:55 p.m. Regular meeting reconvenes @7:56.

- Larry Pease "Fire Chief" came forward with information on the Fire Department. Larry said that it was an all volunteer fire department "24-7" with Ron Radwich serving as assistant fire chief. Cathy Radwich is the dispatcher. Larry would like the Select Board to come down to the firehouse to check out the equipment when the weather gets better. Personnel was discussed. Arlene Radwich and Ed Vivier serve as medical personnel. New volunteer firefighters are always welcome. CPR- 1st aid – Defribulator training is required. All fire departments get

together to attend classes. If anyone is interested in volunteering, a meeting is held every Tuesday. There were 23 distress calls to the fire dept. in the last year. The department has its own elections, with Select Board approval. Grants were discussed. Larry will find out more about these on Wednesday @ the Emergency Preparedness Coalition Meeting.

- Letter of complaint written by Mary Wheeler was read and discussed. "See Attached". Each point was discussed. It was resolved to get the minutes up in a timelier manner. Mitch will draft a letter of response to Mary Wheeler.
- Discussion ensued about generator needed at Senior Center. Skip will call Susan to discuss this. Terry will call company to have them send another copy of the invoice.
- Skip submitted a form stating that Middlefield was denied the STRAP grant funds. "See Attached" Discussion ensued. Skip submitted Chapter 90-Project Request & Reimbursement Request that needed to be signed. The Select Board signed both. "See Attached"
- Brownfield project discussed. Alan Vint spoke to Caprice Shaw, who was quoted as saying that at some point, a report shall become available.
- Skip reported that there could be a savings on salt prices per ton - available through the Berkshire group. Skip will call and report back. Discussion ensued of condition of trucks, snow plowing routes. Heat has been installed in Disposal Area's new building. Next job: insulating it.
- Alan reported about his attending the finance committee meeting. Joe Kearns said that after the 1st of the year, finance meetings will occur twice a month. Postings will be at the town hall and on the web site. Finance Committee is working on a proposal for STM warrant. Joe will be contacting DOR for exact wording.
- "Right-to-farm" signs discussed. Mitch will research this.
- Noreen reported about attending a PVPC meeting. Grant availability - Center for Disease Control ; BOH obligations: way more then food & Septic. Discussion ensued.
- Discussion about ambulance abatement. The town votes each year for a certain amount of money to pay the ambulance co. This makes us part of collaborative.
- Payroll Warrants were read. Alan made a motion to approve the payroll warrants, Mitch seconded the motion. All were in favor. So Ordered. Warrants were signed.
- Alan made a motion to adjourn @ 10:28 p.m. Mitch seconded the motion..

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

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Noreen Suriner "Chair"

Alan Vint

Mitch Feldmesser