

## Town of Middlefield Meeting of the Selectboard October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Chairman and Board member Alan Vint and Dave DiNicola present, AA Duane Pease on vacation. Meeting not recorded.

~ Minutes from prior meeting were not available.

~ Warrants signed by Alan and Dave after review: #16WP7 (\$8013.01)  
#16W09 (\$44,476.16)  
#16W10 (\$7000.00)

~ Dave is working on Highway Dept report for Nov.

~ Dave couldn't coordinate with Judy Hoag to review plumbing bids for Sr. Center, will get together with her within the next two weeks.

~ Town center update: Alan emailed our state senator and representative for assistance in getting DEP liens forgiven. They have written to the head of DEP requesting same. Alan learned that Beth Steiner contacted DEP in Springfield as well. Alan has collected and forwarded to Atty. Berenson material from Hill Engineering, et al, which conclude the store is not salvageable but the house is. Town Building Commissioner, Bill Girard, has also inspected and submitted a letter to DEP stating the same opinion. Atty. Berenson will forward to Mr. Lucas Rogers, Attorney for the DEP. Tom Belosi, LSP from TSC is also sending copies of his test results to Atty. Berenson and DEP. Dave would like water wells in the area tested, Alan advised that had already been done and they were found unaffected.

~ Judy Hoag provided guidance for making Sr. Ctr plumbing bids "apples to apples".

~ Alan advised we need someone to fill our seat on the Hampshire Emergency Preparedness Coalition Executive Committee. The next meeting is Thurs of this week, we may lose our seat on the committee if we are not represented.

~ The Board decided to not review Personnel Policy under development until a third Selectboard member is seated.

~ Joe Kearns: The compactor box at the transfer station is at least 15 years old, rusted out, and in need of repair. Waste Management provided an estimate to repair of \$1685.54, excluding painting. Dave will research cost to paint.

~ Joe Kearns: GTAC is forming a task force, and would like the town to sign on to, an economic development focus in addition to their work related to the Gateway School District.

~ Dave asked whether second home owners get a reduced cost for their limited use of the transfer station. Alan pointed out that usage varies greatly among year round

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residents but all pay the same fee. He also noted that sticker fees do not cover the cost of handling waste as it is. Alan would prefer a fee per bag structure as the fairest way to apportion the cost of operating the transfer station. After discussion it was decided to keep the fee uniform regardless of whether year round or seasonal residency.

~ Dave concerned about getting the refrigerators out of the transfer station before snowfall so as not to impede plowing. Joe advised that the vendor who removes the freon requires a minimum of ten units so we can't do anything until we have that number. Dave will research other options and vendors. Joe noted, this is why he suggests a concrete pad with roof be included in any new structure design so refrigerators can be stored out of the way until removal.

~ Alan spoke with Masato Fry about some large shelving units that may be available for the transfer station. Dave will follow up with Masato.

~ Dave would like to meet with the Finance Committee, will be scheduled for Nov. Joe will check into minutes being posted online.

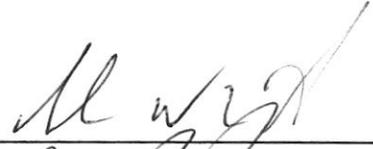
~ Discussion about high speed internet; potential impact on property taxes to build out vs. potential negative impact to town population and tax base if the town doesn't have this infrastructure.

~ Board decided to set Halloween Trick or Treat for Oct 31, 2015 between 5-7 PM. Suzanne Lemieux will place notice in the Country Journal.

~ Judy Hoag; received a call from a concerned citizen about a hazardous loose board at the post office. Alan advised that is Postal Service property, Judy will talk to Tina.

~ Alan moved to adjourn, Dave seconded. Voted all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherri Venditti

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/28/15

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/26/15

**Attachments:**

- Letter dated 10/12/15 from GTAC re: formation of a task force
- Estimate for box repair dated Oct 6, 2015 from Waste Management
- Email from Judy Hoag re: plumbing bids