

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Robert Costa
Duane Pease town Administrator (TA)
Absent: David DiNicola

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$17,051.87; Expenses: \$7,152.01 and \$2,554.65

Minutes of 1/19/16 approved on motion by Alan, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0.
Minutes of 1/26/16 approved on motion by Alan, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0.

Board member Dave DiNicola had submitted had submitted disclosure forms so he could help the Highway Dept. in emergency snow situations. Alan motioned to appoint as Special Employee, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 and Alan signed. TA will submit originals to Town Clerk.

Board to meet with Fred Goldstein of Interisle Consulting to review possible hybrid high speed internet on February 8th at 5:00pm.

Joe Kearns of the Communication Committee discussed borrowing issues for Town if bonding is necessary for internet installation. He has spoken with Senator Downing many times as Downing is Chair of Senate Communications Committee. There are issues for many of the small Hilltowns. Hopefully additional funding will be appropriated to aid these towns.

Sarah Foley, School Committee representative, met with the Board to review the Gateway budget. The budget for each member town is based on the March 1st student population, this year Middlefield had 43 students in the Gateway system, and this is up 2 from last year. The current budget is \$426,000 less than last years. There are also 2 students attending Smith Vocational High School. Vocational education is not included in the Gateway budget. The School Committee is also looking at the "one man, one vote" issue and coordinating the payment dates for the towns to pay their Gateway assessment. There was also discussion on consolidation of some of the administrative duties with other regional district.

Judy Hoag advised the Board the COA consortium will be meeting on Friday and she will discuss the legal bill the Town incurred when the consortium was being created. Also, the plumbing improvements at the Senior Center have been completed; the costs were the same as the estimate Rida Plumbing submitted.

Ann Marie Visconti stated the CodeRED test will be conducted on April 1st. She is still obtaining the contact information from residents. Notices were sent out with the latest tax bills.

Also, there was discussion regarding the COOP and who the primary contacts would be. Alan will be the primary contact with Bob as the backup. COOP is important so there will be communication between departments in case of an emergency and better organization for contact with other entities such as MEMA. Alan asked Ann Marie to write a “wish list” of what she may need.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Robert Costa