

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; David DiNicola; Robert Costa
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Warrants signed; Payroll: \$11,777.51; Expenses: \$143,774.68

Minutes approved on motion by Alan, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0, Dave abstained as he was not present at meeting.

Highway Superintendent Skip Savery advised Board that Chase Carrington had refused the job offer as his current employer had given him a substantial raise. Skip will contact Anthony And offer him the position as he has cleared his health issue.

Board discussed hiring of summer help with Skip, this would allow him to use help for roadside mowing and other non-skilled jobs required during the summer months.

Jean Armitage, Council on Aging Consortium Director, met with board regarding past due legal bills accrued as result of the formation of the Consortium. She advised the consortium could not pay these bills as they were submitted after the June 30th deadline. Discussion ensued and Alan said that Middlefield had paid these bills in good faith and that the member towns of the consortium should contribute on an equal basis to reimburse Middlefield. This would amount to approximately \$240 per town. She will bring this to the next meeting and advise.

Board next met with the Finance Committee to review draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. There were some questions on how financial numbers were derived and board will meet with some departments to obtain a clearer picture of how and why increases were necessary. Board also questioned why FC recommended a \$5,000 cut in the Town counsel budget. Most of the dollar amounts were level funded from last year. Town clerk did ask for substantial increases in here budget. Board will discuss with Town Clerk at next meeting.

Town Administrator (TA) had to leave at 7:30 pm, Selectman Costa finished taking notes for the meeting.

Most of the remaining Articles were discussed and accepted. TA will follow with Town Counsel on establishing revolving fund for the ZBA as well as Article 29. Articles 22 and 23 need further clarification.

Selectboard meeting will be held next Monday starting at 5:30pm to continue review of warrant.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

David DiNicola

Robert Costa