

Minutes of the meeting of the Middlefield, MA Selectboard on Oct 11, 2016

Present: Dave DiNicola, Chair and member, Denis Basak (Administrator Duane Pease on vacation). The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Chair.

~ Warrants signed by Dave and Denis: #17WP7 in the amount of \$6043.25 and #17W10 in the amount of \$17,780.64

~ Dave moved to have the Police Dept add 10% to outside detail charges to cover use of the town cruiser. Denis seconded, voted all in favor.

~ Discussion of input provided to former Selectman, Alan Vint, by Town Counsel over the past few months. Dave will look into the possibility of getting transcripts from K&P and the charges involved.

~ Minutes for last meeting haven't been printed for review as Duane is on vacation.

~Mail: MA DOT Chapter 90 funds document, approved reimbursement request forms. Dave will discuss with Skip.

~ USDA seminar attended by Dave and Denis, possibility of grant funding for town center. Dave will ask Duane to look into further.

~ Fire Dept, Ron Radwich. Jr firefighters had been left off town insurance policy. Ron provided a list of current Jr firefighters. Ron spoke with Susan Nadile from Cabot Risk Strategies. She needs an updated list of all first responders as they show medical personnel also not included. Susan advised we should update our 'head count' at renewal every year. She also suggests an in person meeting to review all coverages.

~ Ron Radwich would like to apply for a small rural fire dept grant to update the department's airpacks. The grant application now requires the applicant have a "SAMS" number so he started the process. However, there are discrepancies between the numbers (such as DUNS) which are required and what the government has in their records already so completing the application has been a challenge. Ron will continue to work on.

~ Dave; some emails going to the SB server under his name are not from him. Dave will talk to Steve Harris, Comm. Comm.

~ Ron; would like to paint inside of firehouse, requests approval of funding from the Building Maintenance for the paint. Dave moved to approve expenditure from Building Maintenance account to cover the cost of paint for the inside of the firehouse. Denis seconded, voted all in favor.

Open Forum

~ Chris Bresnahan requested the SB set 10/29/16 for town Halloween Trick or Treat. Dave moved as such, Denis seconded, voted all in favor. Dave will contact Chris.

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~ Dave; would like to ask Suzanne Lemieux, Town Clerk, if she might be able to assist the SB when the Town Administrator is away. Denis agrees, Dave will talk to Suzanne about picking up the mail, etc.

~ Dave; in light of the drought advised Denis that Azure Green makes their pond, which has remained well fed, available to the Fire Dept by way of a dedicated line and pump system.

~ Dave; the Senior Tax Work Off program was approved but needs to be flushed out.

~ Dave; wants to talk to Skip about the status of the old landfill.

~ Dave; will follow up with Duane on getting a R.O.W. to access the Slocum lot.

~ Discussion of the role of zoning bylaws, etc in promoting economic development.

~ Dave; would like to schedule an all boards meeting.

~ Denis; met with Bill Ennin. Dave would like to be apprised of this type of thing ahead of time so he can be sure to follow up and keep abreast.

~ Discussion of setting up a meeting with MBI, Denis isn't seeing a complete email trail. Dave; MBI making themselves available between 9 and 4, he will firm up a date.

~ Denis; re: meeting with Bill Ennin, "Was not representing the Selectboard". Denis was brought up to date on MBI's disposition towards the pilot project, they are waiting for us to do 'something'.

~ Dave; approved payment of \$5400 invoice for soil testing as he received all of the documentation he had requested.

~ Discussion of if/how to move forward with the broadband pilot project.

~ Dave will check with low bidder on what was, and was not, included in their bid.

~ Dave will check with town counsel about prior input to the affect that the Highway Dept could not do the digging for the pad.

~ Joe Kearns; understands that Chapt 30B (Procurement regs) does not apply to an MLP. Dave will look into with town counsel.

~ Dave moved to adjourn, Denis seconded, voted all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sherri Venditti
Dave DiNicola

Denis Basak