



## Town of Middlefield Board of Selectman

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### SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 10, 2017

Board Members present: Chair David DiNicola, Judith Hoag and Al Sirard

**Disposal Attendant Applicant:** Wayne Suriner applied for the Attendant's position. Wayne is only able to work on Sundays at this time. Some of the Attendant's duties were described, with a job description soon to follow. Wayne currently does the recycling at his job. When David finds the applications, he will get one to Wayne.

**Highway truck F550:** The truck was paid for from free cash. A loan is now being taken out for the truck due to expenses. Discussion followed. David will find out about the \$23,000.

**Warrant:** Warrants are being reviewed and signed. Discussion ensued on the procedure followed to do the warrant. It was suggested that Jane do her best to promptly mail out the checks. If something seems odd about a check, the Board should sign their name next to the warrant along with a question mark.

**Veteran Agent:** Judith will consult Agent Tom Geryk about the Purple Heart signs.

**Senior Center water:** The fuel surcharge on the water delivery to the senior center was questioned. They will find out how much water is being used. Al will check with Skip tomorrow to find out if the Highway Department is buying water.

**Review Minutes:** The minutes will be done at the next meeting.

**Mail:** The Preserve: KPLaw is requesting that the court deny the plaintiff's motion for a reconsideration without the need for a further hearing. Duane will go over the mail. Discussion of legal bills ensued. The town appropriates \$15,000 annually for legal fees. There is a cap of \$8,000. The lawyers will stop working at that point. The next year the cap will then get raised by the lawyers.

**Finance Committee Chair:** Joe Kearns is not present. He will be put on the agenda next week.

**Registered vehicles:** Discussion on registered vehicles ensued. Any vehicle over 12 years old is assessed at book value. Vehicles over that age need to be taken off the collision insurance. Al will ask Fire Dept. Chief Ron Radwich about the antique plate on the fire truck.

**Finance:** A meeting was scheduled with the Finance committee, Treasurer, Accountant and Assessors, possibly including Karen T. for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. David will email all parties to let them know the date.

**Chapter 90 funds:** The town did not get reimbursed for chapter 90 funds. David will work with Skip Savery on that.

**Town Center Committee:** The Board would like to schedule a meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> after the Special Town Meeting. The Town Center Committee wants the Board to make a move on the project. Judith will email the Committee. Discussion ensued. David will get some preliminary numbers for the demolition costs.

**Transfer Station:** The Transfer Station inspection was okay. Skip is trucking the oil based paint to a disposal area where paint is distributed. The question of whether the town should be transporting the paint is a question for Kathleen Casey. The garbage compactor was discussed. David will look into whether it's a better idea to rent or own the compactor.

**Wireless:** After communication, it has been decided not to have a meeting with Dave Young, the wireless guru for Warwick. The Board discussed different views of how to proceed. The Board would like to know what companies like Wired West, Crocker and Westfield Gas and Electric can do with \$580,000. David will follow up with Wired West.

**Hilltown Collaborative Accounting functions:** The Collaborative wants the questionnaire filled out by next week. Discussion ensued. Judith will contact them and advise them that we're having a meeting with the finance committee on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and will discuss the collaborative with them. David will call Andy to let him know that they have discussed this.

**Emergency Management meeting:** Al will attend the emergency meeting on hazardous waste on Friday at 1:00. Judith will call Ann Marie Visconti and give her a count.

**Business License:** Marin Laurel-Paine is applying for two business licenses at a cost of \$25 each. The Selectmen approved. Duane will fill out the licenses.

**Halloween:** Halloween is set for Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux