

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Albert Sirard; Judith Hoag on vacation
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$15,799.84; Expenses: \$13,227.16

Kathleen Casey, HRMC, met with the Board and gave an overview on the duties of HRMC. HRMC has a Board with members from each town, it manages all collections of various articles such as electronics, tires and Freon removal. HRMC pays the vendors and then seeks reimbursement from the towns. She seeks and applies for grants and last year obtain \$42,000 in grants for the towns.

Al questioned the use of “single stream” combining the paper and recyclables. Kathleen discouraged it as it is contaminated and has no value to recyclers. Also, Al wanted to know if a cardboard/paper compactor would be beneficial. Kathleen said Williamsburg installed one and it cost the town \$23,000. Al said he had checked and used compactors were available, Kathleen said she would check with DEP to see if grant money could be used to purchase a used compactor. There was continued discussion regarding latex paint that should be dried by the consumer prior to disposal, once dried it can go into the compactor. A bag fee was discussed and Howard Knickerbocker said any bag fee would anger the townspeople and would be a hidden fee. The Board thanked Kathleen for her attendance.

Donald Doyle gave the Board a survey done on the Jack Cobb property that shows a corner of the Highway Garage is on Cobb’s property. The survey was done at the request of Cobb’s executor by KEM Associates. This is the first this information was known, the garage was built in 1949 or 1950 and there had been no problems to date. The Board will further investigate.

Dave motioned to accept the minutes of 1/16/18 and 1/22/18, Al 2nd; vote 2-0.

Dave said he will be on vacation from 2/6-2/16.

Andy Myers, Chair of the collaborative had sent an email detailing the duties of the Economic Developer, and recommended the 6 towns contribute a proportionate

amount to retain her services for another year. Board will take this under advisement.

Next discussed was the high speed internet. A committee is being formed to review all the proposals and then recommend to the Board. Currently there are 2 members and Dave would like to appoint a committee of 5. They will have to factor experience, financial stability, costs to the users, etc. The additional monies appropriated by the State does not mean that Middlefield can count on any extra money other than what MBI had initially allotted. The Town will have to make sure the money is spent wisely and investigate borrowing options.

Dave motioned to adjourn, At 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Albert Sirard