



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectman

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SELECTBOARD MEETING

April 07, 2018

Board Members present: Chair David DiNicola and Judith Hoag

Regrets: Al Sirard

Attendees: Tax Collector Mary Ann T Pease, Treasurer Jane Thielen. Accountant Beverly Cooper, through speaker phone

Attendees: Marin Laurel-Paine and Jason Costa.

Meeting opened at 10:10

- Treasurer, Jane Thielen requested a raise of 50% over her current salary. Jane is considering resigning her position and is concerned that a replacement for her position would not be found at her current salary. She is caught up on 2017 receipts and is behind on getting Bev the current receipts. Jane is finding it impossible to complete the dozen tax titles that she is working on. She asked that the town hire someone else to do the tax title work. The requested 50% raise would cover an increase in the treasurer's salary and pay the expenses for tax title work.
- Suggestions were offered: By taking advantage of a Sofrite training that she could do on her computer, she could complete her work in half the time. Bev offered to help with the training. She could put in extra days till she was caught up. If the town has a bylaw that would support it, they could have an abutter's auction.
- Bev has been doing extra work to help out. By law, the accountant is not allowed to do both positions. The Selectboard will discuss this further at the full Board meeting on Monday.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:00. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux