



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectman

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Special Town Meeting

September 25, 2018

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

Moderator: Joseph Kearns

Administrator: Duane Pease

Middlefield residents: 17 in attendance. Quorum present.

Meeting opened at 7:00 with Pledge of Allegiance

ARTICLE 1. To see if the residents of Middlefield will authorize the Selectboard to sell at public auction, or to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a certain parcel of land commonly known as the Slocum Lot. Parcel ID 183/411.0-0054-0000.0 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds: Book 3045; Page 155. This parcel contains 77+- acres and was sold to the Town on May 25, 1932 or takes any other action relative thereto; 2/3rds vote required.

- Motion was made and seconded to bring Article 1 to the floor. Discussions: State Department of Fish and Wildlife had an appraisal done last week of the 87 acres of land-locked property. If the State offers the minimum bid of \$42,000, the parcel can be withdrawn from the auction in October. Unanimous vote of 17-0 was taken. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way the roadway known as Chester Road (Portion), as heretofore laid out by the Selectboard and shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land Chester Road Over Smart Brook Middlefield, Massachusetts," dated April 25, 2018, prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectboard to acquire on behalf of the Town by gift, purchase, or eminent domain a fee or easement to use Chester Road (Portion) for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Middlefield, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto

-- 2/3rds vote

- Motion was made and seconded to bring Article 2 to the floor. Discussion: The original survey was not adequate because of missing landmarks, such as chestnut trees. The new survey is identical to the former except for changes to some of the easements on the other side. Unanimous vote of 17-0 was taken. Motion passed.

Article 3: To transact any other business that may come before the Town:

The Rural Commonwealth is holding a meeting Thursday in Peru town hall at 7:00pm.

Dave DiNicola announced plans to schedule a town wide discussion of the State Broadband Initiative sometime in October. Date to be announced.

Comcast is giving a presentation on Monday at 10:00 in Worthington.

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 7:25. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

