

# **MINUTES**

## **MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 10, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Joe Kearns,  
Gita Jozsef, Judy Hoag and  
Ed Vivier

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

The Finance Committee discussed the new building inspector.

Chairman Kearns noted that the Gateway quarterly report was available to the Finance Committee.

The Committee discussed the new Town Accountant and agreed that she seems

to be doing well.

Middlefield was notified by the Mass Department of Revenue that our free cash has been approved.

The minutes of the May 23, 2011 and July 12, 2011 meetings were unanimously approved.

A request by the Treasurer to transfer \$2,100 from the Reserve Fund to the Tax

Title Account was unanimously approved. A discussion followed on the tax title process and the various costs involved.

The Committee also discussed the role of the Selectboard and the Town Treasurer and the importance of communication in the tax title process. Cost versus benefits must play a vital part before any action is taken.

The Committee also agreed that Chairman Kearns would meet with the Town Treasurer, on our behalf, regarding her work load, priorities and how we may be of assistance.

A request to transfer \$1,500 from the Reserve Account was received from the Selectboard. This will be used to create a new payroll account to pay our new

Board of Health agent as suggested by the DOR. The Committee unanimously approved the transfer request with the caveat that any additional funds must come before a Special Town Meeting.

The Committee discussed the upcoming closing of the Northampton landfill and how it may impact Middlefield.

The Committee discussed

the Middlefield  
Recapitulation History and  
the 2012 Appropriation  
Worksheet.

We will have our first draft of  
the Town Warrant at our next  
meeting.

The meeting adjourned at  
8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier  
Secretary