

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

June 30, 2008

Present: Larry Pease, Mary Courtney, Robert Gazda

Others: John Richardson, Mary Richardson, Maureen Sullivan, Joseph Kearns, Ed Vivier, Katherine Darrow, Marge Heintz, Skip Savery, Gary Wheeler, Marge Batorski (Town Clerk)

Meeting officially begins at 7:30

- Joe Kearns received communication from Ken Jordry, who had quoted a price of \$23,000 for development of bid specifications, along with the evaluation of the bid, and also the overseeing of the construction. The committee was happy with the previous work completed by this firm: Evaluation of existing roof, heat system, creation of a set of plans. The Selectboard signed the document and Joe placed it on Jane Theilen's (Treasurer) desk.
- Mary Courtney is going to call Curt, & Nancy Swartz(Hampshire Council) to find out additional information concerning the legalities of the roof matter. A public hearing will be held July 14, 2008, for informational purposes. Larry Pease will draft and post a notice advertising the hearing.
- Charles Winn Jr. submitted a bid for mowing the town lawn. Larry Pease recommended Chuck Winn, because his work, in the previous year was excellent. The Selectboard received 1 bid. The bid increased \$20 over last year, because of rising gas prices. Larry Pease made a motion to accept the mowing bid (\$220), submitted by Charles Winn Jr. Robert Gazda seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Marjorie Heintz came before the Selectboard, asking for their help, concerning her issues with the assessor's office. Mary Courtney asked if these issues were discussed with the assessor's office. Marjorie responded that she has sent letters during the public disclosure hearings. Mary Courtney stated that there are two mechanisms to correct the problem, one being the public disclosure period, the other being the ability to file for an abatement . Mary also suggested that having direct communications with the assesor's office is the quickest way to get an answer,
- Robert Gazda is going to draft a letter to Richard Wade(Tax Collector applicant)

- Skip Savery reported that Verizon didn't want the pad poured so close to the road. They sent an engineer who recommended it be further back from the road. Skip thought that the first location could be a problem in the winter plowing season. Skip stated that the grader has been fully utilized and returned. Skip has locked in on the fuel price for the upcoming season @ \$4.75 a gallon, no prepayment necessary. Skip asked Mary if she was able to do anything with the pictures meant for Verizon. Mary replied that she had and has already received a reply from Verizon stating that they would like to come out and take a look at the photographed property. Mary said that we could go through the hearing officer, and tell them to come out.
- Katherine Darrow reported that Rep. Olver was in Huntington today, speaking of the Wild and Scenic Deal that Carl Lefrenier had previously mentioned. The money that was originally allocated to our area is going to be split up into several towns. When the money becomes available, in 3 to 6 months, each town will have the opportunity to come up with a specific project for its use.
- Maureen Sullivan inquired about a letter, which was sent to the Selectboard. Larry said that the letter was received, and that they were waiting for a delivery of wood chips. Maureen explained that the purpose of this project was to give people a basic understanding of what a tree needs to survive. Mary Courtney suggested giving a written response back to the committee. Larry Pease agreed to respond.
- The Selectboard made a motion to re-appoint the following positions. The motions were seconded. All were in favor. (See attachment)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

Recording Secretary

Larry Pease, Chairman Mary Courtney, Selectman Robert Gazda, Selectman