

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Middlefield Town Hall

Middlefield, Ma.

December 22, 2008

Present: Mary Courtney, Larry Pease,(Robert Gazda, absent)

Others: Marge Batorski, Maureen Sullivan, Wally Smith, Skip Savery, Tamarin Laurel Paine, Tom Rock, Tom Ryan, Joe Kearns

- Meeting officially opened at 7:30p.m.
- The Selectmen read, approved and signed December 15 meeting minutes. Robert Gazda needs to read and approve these minutes.
- Tamarin Laurel Paine submitted corrected paperwork concerning land that was purchased from Crystal and Martin Main , located on Bell Rd., Middlefield, Ma. Larry Pease made a motion that the Selectmen are not going to exercise their right to buy said land intended to be sold and/converted to other use(i.e.withdrawal from Chapter 61 classification). Mary Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Selectmen signed the document that is intended as a correction to that certain Change in use of Classified Land document recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 6167, Page 36. See attached. Corrected documents have been filed.
- A letter was submitted to the Board of Selectmen from Chief Austin, thanking the highway dept., public safety, EMS and Selectmen for the outstanding job that was done during the ice storm. See attached.
- Skip Savery recommended that a note of appreciation be sent to Frank Noel, Head of Chester Municipal Light Dept., for referring the crews that had assisted Chester in their restoration of power, be sent to Middlefield, who were 90% powerless, as opposed to Becket who were 60%. Secretary was asked to draft the letter.
- Skip Savery submitted final paperwork to be signed concerning purchase of new grader,
- Joe Kearns reported that Whitney Scott offered to donate a step-van to the Town of Middlefield. Joe thinks that the truck would be beneficial to the town, but needs the okay from the Selectboard to be able to go forward. Both Skip and Joe have checked out the truck. Joe recommended that an article should be put up at the town meeting, to erect a 20 ft building, to be used as an office for the public

disposal attendant. Accepting the offer of the donated truck would enable them to go forward with this plan. The truck will be used as storage space, seeing that we'll be losing the electronic storage compartment. Skip also suggested alternate uses for the van. Mary Courtney asked that a letter be drafted to Whitney Scott, thanking him for his offer.

- Skip Savery reported that new poles have been erected at Craig McKelvey's Chipman Rd. residence. Skip said that Verizon has not raised the wires as of yet. Verizon has received kudos in regards to their assistance in the ice storm.
- Larry Pease made a motion to cancel the Selectmen's Dec. 29, 2008 meeting. Mary Courtney seconded the motion. The Selectmen will resume on Jan. 5, 2009. The secretary was asked to post notice.
- The Selectmen received a letter from the State Board of Ethics requesting 10 proofs of various documentation. This will require some collaboration between various departments. The secretary was asked to send a letter to the State Ethics Commission acknowledging receipt of their requests, and inform them that we will make a diligent search for the documents requested.
- A work meeting to finalize the personnel policy was scheduled for Jan 11, 2009. Secretary was asked to post notice.
- A finance meeting was scheduled for Jan.26, 2009. Secretary was asked to draft notice of this, and submit them to various departments.
- Mary Courtney stated that Jay Swift reported that the meeting with Firestone, and J.D.Rivet went very well. Firestone was pleased with the work that has been completed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux

Larry Pease, Chairman

Mary Courtney, Selectman

Robert Gazda, Selectman(absent)