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Minutes of the Middlesex Select Board Meeting of 7/26/2011

**Present:** Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Mary Just Skinner, Matt Dwire, Mary Alexander, Cindy Carlson, Gary Lamell, Glenn Sturgis, Alex Reardon, Susan Clark, Julie Moore

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

**Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner**

Gary reports that he has expended \$55,769 for damage caused by the recent flooding. The Town will receive reimbursement from FEMA. Gary has obtained a \$200,000 estimate for replacement of the culvert on Shady Rill Road. The State has advised Gary that the culvert will have to be replaced with a bridge. The Town can appeal the State's recommendation to replace the culvert with a bridge. Gary will meet with FEMA to see if any federal funds can be obtained to repair the damage to the culvert. Gary reports the grader has been rebuilt. The blade still needs to be sent out to be rebuilt. The costs have stayed within the expected budget.

The Board discusses the ground maintenance at the new fire station. There has been some fill dumped on or near the leach field and there is an exterior pipe that needs to be repaired. The field has not been mowed, but the area around the fire station has been mowed. The Board discusses having it bush-hogged once a year. The Fire Department will be contacted to discuss the maintenance issues.

**Correspondence**

Notice of 19 V.S.A. Section 502 Public Hearing for replacement of Bridge #55 to be held 8/25/2011.

Notice from the Harpoon Point to Point for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual benefit on August 13, 2011.

Notice from Comcast announcing a new program "The Internet Essentials" which will provide low cost internet service, the option to purchase a low cost computer and training to eligible households.

Notice from Vermont Public Radio about a new service they are providing called "Public Post".

Notice from Vermont League of Cities and Towns concerning their Health Trust Program. The Board agreed to remain with the current agent.

Email from the Town of Wilmington concerning a funding study of local impacts of Vermont education system.

**Motion:** Bill moves to make the paper of record the Times Argus. Matt seconds, motion carries.

Julie Moore, Rumney School Board

Rumney is looking at a possibility of the building exceeding its capacity in 2013. It is expected for the 2012 school year there will be 30 – 31 students in the kindergarten class. A second kindergarten class will be needed in 2012 and possibly 2013. The School board is looking at maximizing space within the building. Pre-kindergarten will continue to be at Worcester's school. The School Board is appointing a work group to review the needs of Rumney School for a 5,10,15 year plan. Julie asks if a Board member can serve on their work group. Matt will serve on the work group.

Susan Clark, Town Meeting Solutions Committee

The committee is focusing on communication this year and will be assisting with the communication on the Rumney School study. There is a tech committee creating a place where people can get information and react to questions on town issues. The committee has been asked to promote an open house for the fire station. Various town committees will be involved in the event. The Select Board agrees to co-sponsor the event as well.

Glenn Sturgis – Animal Complaint

Glenn gives a summary of attacks to his dog by a dog owned by Alex Reardon. Glenn feels the Reardon dog will get out of the house again and come to his property. Glenn believes the Select Board should update the Town' animal ordinance so these types of incidents can be better controlled. The Board agrees the ordinance should be updated and better defined.

Alex Reardon gives a summary of the events and states he has purchased a tiger cage for his dog. The dog is allowed loose on his property when swimming in their pond. She is usually on a lead when they are walking around their property. Alex feels that injuries that occurred with the first incident were not caused by his dog. He feels she was injured when running under the deck. He did pay all the vet bills for the incident. Alex has sold his house and will be leaving the property in a few weeks. Alex describes contacts he has had with Glenn Sturgis regarding the incidents.

Peter states that there is no action that the Board can take on this incident under the Town's ordinance. The Board will review and update the ordinance as quickly as it can. The Board recognizes that this is a very unfortunate incident. Glenn felt it was necessary to bring this to the Board's attention since there are instances where the ordinance is useless.

Meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Carlson, Select Board Assistant