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Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of 1/10/2012

Present: Peter Hood, Mary Just Skinner, Cindy Carlson, Bill Callnan, Mary Alexander, Steve Martin, Matt Dwire, Tim Hayward, Paul Cerminara

Meeting called to order 5:30 pm.

The proposed budget for 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013 is discussed and reviewed. **Motion:** Bill moves to increase wages by .50 per hour for the highway crew effective 3/30/2012. Matt seconds, motion carries.

Motion: Matt moves to approve the proposed budget in the amount \$988,489.00. Mary Alexander seconds. Motion carries. Three vote yes, one no vote.

Matt discusses a potential grant for which money is available for flood related damage, through the State of Vermont Department of Labor. The Conservation Commission and Mike Klein will be contacted. The Highway Department has already reviewed the program.

The Board discusses the position of delinquent tax collector. Vermont League of Cities and Towns has confirmed that the Town must elect a delinquent tax collector. The Board only has the authority to appoint a Delinquent Tax Collector if no one runs for the position. The Board discusses changing the compensation from receiving the 8% penalty to an hourly rate. The hourly rate would be the same as the other part time employees.

The Certificate of Highway Mileage is signed.

The Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Medical Service between the Town of Middlesex and the City of Montpelier is signed.

A resident has asked Susan Clark, Town Meeting Moderator, to start the Town Meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The Board discusses this request and agrees that it should not be done at the beginning of the meeting but perhaps have a discussion at the end of the meeting to see how the voters feel about it.

Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, discusses whether the Board has any objection to his joining the Fire Department. Paul would like to see what would be involved to join the Fire Department; however, his first priority would be the Town. The Board's only provision is that it does not want to have Paul heavily relied upon because he is available during the day. The Board would like to grow the Fire Department and would support Paul's joining the department with the understanding that he would not respond to routine interstate calls and that the roads will remain his first priority.

Meeting adjourns at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Carlson, Select Board Assistant