

Approved

Minutes of the January 24, 2012 Select Board Meeting

Present: Peter Hood, Mary Just Skinner, Matt Dwire, Mary Alexander, Cindy Carlson, William Yacavoni, Helen Weed, Joanne Hull, Angelo Napolitano

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

William Yacavoni, Town Auditor

The Town Audit Report for the budget period 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011 was reviewed and discussed. The audit report recommends that property taxes be audited on a monthly basis, that checks require two signatures or that the authority to sign checks be segregated between the Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer. Bill Yacavoni will work with Cindy to reconcile the property taxes monthly. The Board discusses implementing two signatures on checks and ways set up a system to implement segregation of duties. One of the Select Board members and the Town Clerk will now sign all checks.

Other Business

A Village Traffic Study, conducted by the Agency of Transportation, was completed in November 2011. The study recommends that the speed limits through the Village of Middlesex remain at the present limits of 45 and 35 mph. The Board has the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Town at a Agency of Transportation meeting. Angelo Napolitano will put together a report with reasons why the limit should be reduced through the Village.

Angelo Napolitano requests that the Board consider including a warning at Town Meeting to oppose “Smart Meters” in the Town of Middlesex. There are several towns in Vermont that will vote on this article at Town Meeting. The Board states they will not put articles on the warning without a petition signed by 5% of the Middlesex voters. The Board does not feel they are properly educated to make a decision regarding the meters and it would only be a referendum. Angelo Napolitano is directed to talk to the Town Meeting Moderator and ask for floor time at the end of Town Meeting.

The Board reviews the proposed Town Warning for Town Meeting March 6, 2012.

Motion: Mary Just Skinner moves to approve the proposed Town Warning subject to Cindy checking the language of each petition to confirm they are the same as the proposed article and subject to receiving petitions signed by 5% of Middlesex voters to support the outstanding requests. Matt seconds, motion carries.

The Board discusses if the Town Audit should be included or excluded from the Town Report. State Statutes require the entire audit report be included in the Town Report. Alternatively, the Town could include a statement that the audit report is available on line and at the Town Clerk’s

Office. The Board agrees that commencing in 2012 the Audit Report will not be printed in the Town Report.

Motion: Matt moves to include annual salaries for all town and school employees including U32 staff in the Town Report. Mary Alexander seconds. Three vote yes, one no vote. Motion carries.

The Board agrees to dedicate the Town Report to Gary Lamell and to recognize Walter Kelley.

Motion: Matt moves to use \$21,938 from the Town's fund balance to pay off the 2009 Ford Truck debt. Mary Alexander seconds. Three vote yes, one no vote.

The Board agrees to change its meeting dates for February to 2/7 and 2/21 instead of the 2/14 and 2/28.

The Board discusses how to determine the value of John Milone's property for Hazard Mitigation Grant application the Town is filing. The Listers will determine the current fair market value for the Town to decide if its value has been reduced by 50% after the August flood.

Meeting adjourns at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson, Select Board Assistant