

Approved

May 8, 2012 Select Board Meeting

Present: Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Mary Just Skinner, Matt Dwire, Cindy Carlson, Mary Alexander, Steve Martin, Neely Washington, Jeannette Wulff, Angelo Napolitano, Liz Fortman, Doug Hanson

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Steve Martin, Road Commissioner, Planning Commission

Steve presents the Board with a tentative timeline to update the Town Plan. The timeline is to have a draft to the Select Board by January 1, 2013. The current Town Plan expires March 2013. The Board is concerned about receiving the document in January and having adequate time to make changes and warn a public hearing. It is agreed that a draft copy will be sent to the Board by November 1, 2012. The Regional Planning Commission has reviewed the plan and has come up with 5 areas that they are recommending be updated. The Regional Planning Commission will work with the Planning Commission on updating the Town Plan.

Steve presents the Board with three options to do test sites for spring thaw. The proposal is to test these options over a 100' stretch of road at three different sites. Steve has priced out one of the options at a cost of approximate \$8500 per 100 feet. Steve has also investigated screening the material that would be taken out of these test sites. Test screening would have to be done prior to obtaining a final answer on the possibility of salvaging any material. These test sites can be done this summer within the budget.

Neely Washington, Jeannette Wulff, The Middlesex Paper

The Board is very supportive of the paper and is concerned that it is not getting the readership now that it isn't being published on paper. The Times Argus had been printing the paper at a reduced cost; however, they lost their printing press during the August 2011 flood. Neely has obtained alternate estimates to print and deliver the paper at approximately \$1,000. They do have sponsors, but it does not cover the cost of printing. The Board would like Neely and Jeannette to think about options to continue to print the paper. Perhaps the Town can help in some way by use of the Town's bulk mailing permit or printing the paper in house.

Fire Department, Doug Hanson

Doug reports the department now has over 20 members and some are from communities outside Middlesex. They are in the process of getting all the incident reports up to date with the State of Vermont. Doug reports that there are more respondents arriving at fire calls. Surrounding towns have commented that Middlesex is now responding to Mutual Aid calls. The Board is concerned that there have not been any hours submitted by the Fire Department's Administrative Assistant.

The department's tanker has a leak in its tank. It will be welded, but the truck is a 1982 and is badly rusted. Doug states that the fire department feels a new truck is cost prohibitive at this time and they are looking at used trucks from other stations. Doug reports some maintenance issues with the station: The timer for the outside lights over the equipment bays is off and overhead outlets to plug the trucks in need to be installed. There is an issue with a waterline to fill the pump trucks. This line was designed to fill the truck when it was built. Doug is advised to talk with Steve Martin as Grandfield did the installation of this pipe and to back flush the pipe. Doug is advised he has the authority to expend funds for repairs to the fire department, but to keep their budget in mind and if there is anything large to come back to the Board. The fire department is in the process of revising their bylaws and the stipend program.

Other Business

Motion: Matt moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries. The Board goes into executive session at 7:20 pm.

Motion: Matt Moves to come out of executive session. Mary Alexander Seconds, motion carries.

Board comes out of executive session at 7:40. No action taken.

All orders are signed

Cindy asks for authority to issue check payable to "BDS" (through Bolduc Auto Salvage) for tires collected at Green UP Day. Bolduc's connected the Town to a lower cost option to dispose of the tires. A final cost will not be known until the tires are picked up, the company requires payment at time of pick up.

Motion: Bill moves to authorize Cindy to issue a check up to \$500. Matt seconds, motion carries.

The Board discusses the best option to purchase items from vendors that the Town does not have an account with for the highway department. Discussion of writing and sign checks under \$250 between orders. The Board is in agreement to obtain a credit card for the highway department.

A notice from the Department of Education that Middlesex will receive \$48,628.92 adjustment for the Final Education Grand List. The payment has been received from U-32 and from Rumney for this amount.

Motion: Mary Just Skinner moves to approve the Driveway permit for Prairie Ruth Davis and Anna Yovu for 43 N. Bear Swamp Road. Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman has reviewed and recommends approval. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries.

Motion: Mary Alexander moves to ratify approval of the outside liquor license for Nutty Steph's Inc., signed by Cindy Carlson, Town Clerk on 5/2/2012. Cindy obtained verbal approval to sign the permit from Peter Hood, Mary Alexander and Mary Just Skinner. Mary Just Skinner seconds, motion carries.

The financial reports for the month of April are reviewed and discussed.

Bill Yacavoni, Town Auditor has recommended that the Town continue to use an in/out account for Welch Park invoices. The Select Board can authorize a separate bank account can be created. The Welch Park Association does not qualify under a homeowners association.

The board does not want to vote on the Director Ballot for Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. .

An offer to purchase the "former Morse property" has been received. The Board discusses where a back up septic system could be put in conjunction of this property. The Board discusses if the property should be listed for sale.

Motion: Matt moves to sell the property to the Howards with a septic easement. Mary Alexander seconds. The Board discusses that this is a written response to an ad that was advertised. One yes vote, 3 vote no one abstains.

Motion: Peter moves to make a plan to deconstruct or remove the fire station within 3 months. Bill seconds. 3 vote yes 2 vote no.

Meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson
Assistant to the Select Board