

## **Approved**

Minutes of the 7/19/12 Select Board Meeting

**Present:** Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Mary Just Skinner, Matt Dwire, Cindy Carlson, Mary Alexander, Bruce Jackson, Fritz Haupt, Doug Hanson, Gary Webster, Angelo Napolitano

The Board discusses setting the 2012 tax rate.

**Motion:** Bill moves to set the town tax rate at .4231 for 2012 tax bill. Matt seconds, motion carries.

The Board will research if a special town meeting needs to be held if \$50,000 of the fund balance is spent on highway improvements.

### **Bruce Jackson – Middlesex Fire Department**

The Fire department has the opportunity to purchase a tanker truck from the Town of Roxbury for \$5,000. It can be paid for over a 2 year period with two payments. The Fire Department will sell their green truck and do some fund raising. The truck is a 1983, with a poly-lined tank, there is nothing structural, just some minor rust repair. The truck is in very good condition. The old tanker truck will be moved to station #2. The Board feels the Fire Department can find the funding in the fire department budget, but would be willing to discuss if there are unexpected expenses. The Board would like to have the Fire department come to the Board when they are close to overspending particular line items.

Doug reports that the membership is up to 30 members. They are discussing starting an auxiliary department. The Fire Department feels the town can save funds by switching to off road diesel. This will be looked into further. The Fire department will have an annual open house, it will be held 9/8/12.

The Board discusses the zoning violation of Victoria Hallihan. The elevation certificate has not been received from Greniers Engineering. A well has been installed at this property.

**Motion:** Mary Just Skinner moves to ratify approval of Nutty Stef's application for outside consumption for 7/14/12,. Bill seconds, motion carries.

Angelo Napolitano – Angelo reports he attended the traffic committee meeting on Monday, July 16th and the State Police have committed to patrol the village area for 60 days at no charge to the Town to evaluate the speeding situation. Angelo gave the Board Title 23 23 VSA 1007 which discusses local speed limits. He is going to check on how other towns were able to have 25 mph through their village areas.

Angelo discusses a recent fire in Warren. A smart meter was installed on the house a few days prior to the fire. The cause of the fire is electrical and is still under investigation. Angelo wanted the Board to know about this and remind the Board that there are properties that use GMP. Washington Electric is not using the same smart meters are GMP.

Angelo reports that there is a piece of property in the village that is mold and mildew ridden. The Health Officer did visit the property twice but was not allowed into the building by the tenant. The Town did not have the authority to enter the building if the tenant hadn't complained. The property has now been sold and the tenant has moved from the property.

Meeting adjourns at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson  
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