

Approved

Minutes of the Middlesex Select Board Meeting of 8/28/12

Present: Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Matt Dwire, Cindy Carlson

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Bill Yacavoni has reported that the Board has the authority to use the Fund Balance if they feel additional funds must be spent outside of the budget.

There are three applicants for the Zoning Administrator position. Steve Martin, Chair of the Planning Commission recommends that the Board appoint Al Quesnel to this position.

Motion: Bill moves to appoint Al Quesnel as Middlesex Zoning Administrator. Matt seconds, motion carries.

The Board discusses designs for the Village Gateway signs, which are part of the Enhancement Grant the Town is working with the State on. Residents were asked their opinion on which design to use. The Board chooses a design and would like to work with Hood Design.

Motion: Matt moves to ratify the adoption of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan which is dated August 14, 2012. Bill seconds, motion carries.

Motion: Bill moves to approve the driveway Permit as reviewed and recommended by Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, for David Klinkowski. Matt seconds, motion carries.

A letter of agreement to borrow steel plates from the State of Vermont for use over the Shady Rill Culvert for a 1-year period is reviewed and signed.

All orders are signed.

Meeting adjourns to an informational meeting on “Mud Season” at 6:00 pm.

Present: Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Matt Dwire, Cindy Carlson, Dexter Lefavour, Paul Cerminara, Steve Martin

Informational Meeting on “Mud Season” called to order at 6:04 pm.

Peter gives an overview on the purpose of the meeting.

Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, gives an overview of developing a plan to find the most cost efficient way to improve 3 “test” sites that have the worst spring thaw problems. The potential test sites are: Molly Supple Hill, Center Road and East Hill. The idea is that each site will have a different method tried and the results will be monitored over a period of years. It is the expectation that the first year there will be an improvement, but the real test will be after a few years.

Hilton Dier III survey of residents was presented.

At this time it is not known if any of these methods would be sustainable to the Town. A mandatory pre-bid meeting has been held, but the bids have not been received so costs are not known at this time. It is not the intent to make improvement to all roads with these possible solutions, it is to help the worst areas and keep them passable for a reasonable vehicle.

It has been observed that the worst sections are the roads with no crown. It is also observed that frost heaves are much larger than they were 20 years ago. It appears that so much material has been added above the water table which allows for larger frost heaves. The material has broken down and doesn't allow moisture out. The Road Crew has started to bring in the shoulders of the road and building the crown on the roads. The Board is trying to be proactive and develop a plan to improve the roads. The Board is very aware of the financial impacts of any improvements.

It is recommended that a surveyor be brought into measure the heights during the different seasons, and keep a log of the three sites.

Meeting adjourns at 6:30 pm.