

Minutes for the May 28, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board.

Present: Select Board Members Bill Callnan, Steve Martin, Mary Alexander, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara and resident Angelo Napolitano. Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner attended by conference call on speakerphone.

Bill called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Paul said Jamie Bolduc, owner of Bolduc Metal Recycling on Bolduc Road, asked if he could pay the Town to apply liquid chloride on his salvage yard to see if it would help contain the dust. This would be a one-time deal and Jamie would compensate the Town for the cost of the chloride and labor. It would be done at the road crew's convenience when they're applying liquid chloride while grading Bolduc Road.

Bill noted that the Town should not be in the business of offering such services to private entities. However, Jamie has been a good neighbor to the Town in the past by offering assistance and free scrap steel. As long as this is a one-time deal and does not cost the Town any money, it should be fine.

Mary Skinner agreed.

Paul also said he would be working out an arrangement with the State of Vermont to test its pull-behind sweeper at no cost to the Town.

Finally, Paul noted that the Town road crew would have to invest about a month of labor in upgrading Nellie Chase Road, which he described as the "worst Class 3 road by far" so that it could be plowed in the winter.

In recent years, the road crew hadn't plowed beyond the pond at the Iazzos' because no one lived at the end of the road. However, that's changed now that new owner Casey Ellison is planning to build a house on the old Chase property. He said Chase Road extends well into the property and there's not a clear place for a plow turn around.

Mary Skinner asked if a lot of work would be required to bring it to Class 3 standards.

Paul said it would require almost a month of straight ditching.

Bill said that while Paul should definitely bring the road up to par, it should not be the Town's number one priority. If other roads aren't being graded so Chase Road can be perfect, there are going to be a lot of complaints.

Steve, who's also the Road Commissioner, said the Town should do minimal work to get by because there are major summer projects that need to start.

Paul said he would spend a couple of weeks on the road to do the bare essentials. It's not the money that has him concerned; it's the time.

The Board also considered a drafted Middlesex Fire Department Service Reimbursement Ordinance which would allow the Town to collect on bills submitted to the insurance companies of motor vehicle owners who incur accidents on I-89, as well as perpetrators of nuisance and illegal activities that consume the Fire Department's resources.

Steve wanted to know if the Middlesex Fire Chief was on board with this ordinance since it places a heavy burden on him to conduct investigations.

Mary Skinner said she was concerned about the investigation requirement as well as the stipulation that the Fire Department retain records of the accidents for five years.

Bill said the ordinance as drafted was too long and unnecessarily complicated. It should focus mostly on I-89 accidents which are responsible for a majority of the calls received by the Fire Department. He suggested that the ordinance be simplified and that the Town survey other Vermont communities along the interstates how they deal with the reimbursement issue.

Mary Skinner moved to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Select Board. Steve seconded. Bill abstained. The minutes were approved.

Mary Skinner moved to approve the minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Select Board. Steve seconded. Mary Alexander abstained. The minutes were approved.

Bill moved to approve the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Select Board. Steve seconded. The minutes were approved.

Angelo Napolitano updated the Board on his efforts to reduce the 35 mph speed limit on a Middlesex segment of Route 2. He said the Town might want to consider installing a "speed cart," a portable radar detector that records motorists' speeds. The problem, however, is that Route 2 is a state highway and the Town has no jurisdiction over its speed limits or signage.

Bill noted that the Washington County Sheriff recently met with the Board which reiterated its concern in speed enforcement, so much so that several Select Board members said it would okay if the sheriff went slightly over his budget of \$5,000.

Orders were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman  
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