

Select Board Members

- Peter Hood, Chair
- Mary Just Skinner,
Vice Chair
- Mary Alexander
- William Callnan
- Steve Martin

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
5:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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Present: Select Board Chair Peter Hood and Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner (by speakerphone), Mary Hood Alexander, Steve Martin, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, Middlesex Fire Department President Jeff Koonz, his son, Dave Koonz, Bookkeeper Patti Lewis and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call To Order

1. Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Highway Update

2. Paul said all the improvements to Center Road have been completed. Troublesome mud-season spots have been removed. Dangerous trees by Sorsha Anderson's house have also been taken down. Peter asked how much the month-long project cost, but Paul said he wouldn't have those figures until later.
3. Next, the Road Crew will address a rough patch of pavement at the intersection of East Hill and Portal roads. Steve said the only solution is to dig up the pavement now on East Hill Road below John Picard's house and return the road to dirt before winter with a goal of repaving it next summer, possibly seeking grant money to do so. Peter said he didn't want to go backwards by digging up pavement that had been put down specifically because that area of road was so bad during mud season. But Steve said it makes no difference whether or not the Road Crew removes the pavement. The repair costs would be the same.
4. Mary Skinner asked about the mold abatement at the Town Garage. Paul said he met with Steve Ribolini, the contractor hired to do the job. Paul said he and Ribolini came to an agreement where Steve would do further structural repairs and add more sheetrock. Paul hoped the project would be complete in a couple of weeks.

Dave Koonz's Eagle Scout Project

5. U32 Senior and Eagle Scout prospect Dave Koonz told the Board he had finished constructing four picnic tables at the Walt E. Kelley Memorial Park by the Fire Station as he'd been approved to do last spring. The tables, which include one that is handicapped accessible, will be anchored to the ground next spring along when grills will be permanently installed. He said they were paid for entirely by donations and funds in his Boy Scout account.

Budget Meeting Schedule

6. The Board decided to dedicate the November 26th regularly scheduled meeting and a special meeting on December 10 to drafting the 2014 budget. Mary Skinner suggested

that if people wanted to be funded by the Town, they should present their requests in person to the Select Board at one of those two meetings.

The failed merger between the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation

7. By a vote of 11 to 10, Peter said, the Regional Planning Commission voted against merging with the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, a move the Middlesex Select Board had approved. Peter noted that most of the smaller towns came out against it. He read an October 10th letter he wrote to the chair of the CVRPC in response to the vote that is attached to these minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. **MOTION: Steve moved and Mary Hood Alexander seconded a motion to approve the October 8, 2013, minutes. The motion passed.**
9. Mary Hood Alexander asked about the upcoming tax sale. Bookkeeper Patti Lewis said six properties were slated to go up for sale on December 12.
10. All orders were signed.

Adjournment

11. The Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant