

**Select Board Members**

Peter Hood, Chair  
 Mary Just Skinner,  
Vice Chair  
 William Callnan  
 Steve Martin  
 Liz Scharf

**MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Middlesex Town Clerk's Office**  
**5 Church Street**  
**Middlesex, Vermont 05602**  
**(802) 223-5915**

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Present: Chair Peter Hood, Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner, Select Board Members Steve Martin and Liz Scharf, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, Marcus Hass, Tobacco Coordinator of New Directions, Middlesex Fire Chief Doug Hanson, Aaron and Austin Weed, Johnnie Krezinski and Treasurer Cindy Carlson, who took the minutes.

**Call to Order**

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

**Road Crew Pickup Truck**

2. Paul presented two quotes for a pickup truck, one from Capital City and another from Cody Chevrolet. The town would be eligible for a municipal discount if it purchased new vs. used. **MOTION: Liz moved and Mary seconded a motion to purchase a 2015 GMC Sierra 2500HD from Capital City Buick GMC for \$29,350 with the understanding that the purchase would not take place before July 1, 2014. The motion carried.**

**Kimberly Hagen's Letter Re: Norton Road Ditching**

3. The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Kim Hagen asking that the town refrain from ditching along several hundred feet of frontage her farm has on Norton Road. Paul said he would not be ditching along that section of the road in the near future. The Board was not opposed to a fence being installed in the town's right of way in the ditch, but did not want the fence alongside the road. The Board asked Paul to negotiate a solution with Hagen.

**Krezinski Incident on Zdon Road**

4. The Board discussed a recent incident on Zdon Road where a vehicle owned by John Krezinski was damaged by a piece of barbed wire that had been left during the road crew's removal of nearby brush. John asked the town to pay for the damage since it resulted from town activity. However, the Board would like VLCT to handle the claim even though the town has a \$2,500 deductible.

**New Directions Presentation**

5. Marcus Hass of New Directions presented an overview of their services, specifically working with local stores to reduce tobacco sales and downsizing the availability and advertising of tobacco. Hass said he is working on developing outdoor smoke-free places, including certain Montpelier parks, and outdoors smoke-free events as well. The Board

asked for a sample of a smoke-free policy that would be self-enforcing. Hass noted that New Directions also promotes healthy walking, biking and farmers-market projects.

#### **Austin Weed's Eagle Scout Project**

6. Austin Weed told the Board he would like to build a picnic table shelter at the Walter Kelley Memorial Park to fulfill an Eagle Scout requirement. His plan is to start in July and finish by September and will raise funds and donate labor. The Board agreed that the town will obtain the building permit and waive the fee. Peter said he and Doug Hanson will coordinate a location.

**MOTION: Mary moved to approve Austin Weed's proposal to construct a picnic table shelter at the Walter Kelley Memorial Park. Liz seconded. The motion carried.**

#### **Fire Department Tanker Replacement**

7. Doug advised that the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department tanker was long longer roadworthy and that the department would like to replace it with another used truck, no older than ten years, in 2015. Doug asked for permission to salvage the tank from the truck and then sell the truck chassis to use as a deposit for a new truck. The tank would go to Bolduc Salvage. Meanwhile, the MVFD figured it could sell the truck for \$5,000-\$6,000. The Board asked Doug how often the tanker was used and what kind of fundraising or contribution the MVFD could make toward the new tanker since Doug said no grants were currently available. Doug said he would gather this information and wondered if it would be okay for the MVFD administrative assistant to donate his wages toward the new tanker. The Board appreciated this offer and said the administrative assistant should keep track of his hours, submit them to the town and then donate the check back to the town.

#### **John Krezinski**

8. John stopped by and asked if the Board had any questions about the barbed wire incident on Zdon Road. He said he will have an invoice to submit to the town. The Board told him that the claim will be submitted to the town's insurance company.

#### **Waiving HS-122 Fees for FY2015**

9. **MOTION: Steve moved to waive the penalties for failing to file an HS-122 in 2014. Liz seconded. The motion carried.**

10.

- a) The Board deferred approval on the Annual Financial Management Questionnaire
- b) **MOTION: Mary moved to approve a driveway permit for Matt Alberghini as reviewed and recommended by Paul Cerminara. Liz seconded. The motion carried**
- c) The Board passed over approving the revised March 25, 2014 minutes and the April 8 and April 22, 2014 minutes due to time constraints.
- d) The Board signed the signature cards.
- e) The Board reviewed PVR's letter confirming final redetermination of the town's

EEPV and COD

f) **MOTION: Mary moved to approve allowing the Green Mountain Relay to use the Town Hall parking lot as a runner exchange on either June 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Steve seconded. The motion carried.**

g) All orders were signed. Peter said the Town Recreation Committee has disbanded and that the field by Rumney needs maintenance. The Board agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

#### **Other Business**

11. Cindy discussed replacing two town computers that currently use XP. **MOTION: Mary moved to purchase the new computers with funds from the discretionary account for a total withdrawal of \$2,607.98. Steve seconded. The motion carried.**
12. The Board discussed whether the town should allow residents to purchase driveway culverts at the same price the town pays and whether to collect Vermont sales tax, which the town doesn't pay on such purchases. The Board discussed the 30% savings to the residents and the benefits of providing this service. The town auditor, Bill Yacavoni, told Cindy that it was an acceptable practice to provide this benefit because the town was not making a profit. However, Vermont sales tax would have to be paid. **MOTION: Steve moved to charge sales tax and file the appropriate report with the State of Vermont so the Board could continue to provide driveway culverts to town residents at the same price the town pays. Mary seconded. The motion carried.**
13. **Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson