

Select Board Members

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MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
5:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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Present: Chair Peter Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Select Board Members Steve Martin and Liz Scharf, CVRPC Middlesex representative Ron Krauth, Middlesex Fire Chief Doug Hanson, Theresa Wood and Kevin Marshia of the VT Agency of Transportation, Angelo Napolitano, and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order

1. Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Board welcomed Theresa, who is the community liaison for Waterbury Area Transportation Projects, and Kevin, deputy chief engineer, of the AOT's highway division.
3. The agenda was amended to add the following items: Doug's request to discuss fire department issues, when to mow the town's playing field by Rumney School, reconciling the special articles requests from the 2014 Town Meeting.

AOT's Plans to Redo Waterbury I-89 Ramps/Traffic Light at Route 2 & Center Road

4. Kevin outlined several highway projects in the Waterbury area in the upcoming years that will affect Middlesex. Specifically, the AOT will be resurfacing and reconfiguring the bridges and ramps at Exit 10 in Waterbury from 2014-2016. This will detour traffic down Route 2 so the state will install a temporary light at the intersection of Route 2 and Center Road.
5. Peter asked that the state consider making the light permanent, especially as Waterbury rebuilds and regular traffic increases. Ron agreed and called the intersection blind and unsafe. Keven said that might be a possibility depending on future traffic flow.
6. Theresa said that while the construction would be a major disruption, the AOT was planning "smart" work zones with digital updates on the scene and traffic alerts. The Board said Sarah should receive construction updates and apprise the town accordingly.

Considering Portable Speed Monitors

7. Angelo said the town could buy portable speed monitors for \$175 apiece that would digitally relate the speed of each car passing by and provide reports of the daily speed and number of vehicles. Peter said it might be worthwhile to buy two and move them around town. Angelo said he would do more research and report back to the board.

Scrapping the Old Tanker and Investigating a New One

8. Doug said the town's tanker went out on 10 calls last year, though only two of those calls were for Middlesex houses. The fire department would like to scrap the old tank on the tanker, give it to Bolduc's Salvage, and perhaps sell the truck, though it wouldn't get more than \$500-\$2,000. When that happens, Middlesex will only have one tanker at the new fire department, thereby leaving a part of the town by Rumney School "unprotected."
9. Peter said his concern was the cost/benefit to getting a new tanker, especially since the current one responded to only two house fire reports in Middlesex and since the department is made up of volunteers who might not even be around to drive it. The board asked Doug to price out new, used tankers to serve as backups and do a cost/benefit analysis.

Other Business

10. Peter signed driveway permits for Mark Sarni and Alfred Millard.
11. **MOTION: Liz moved to donate \$350 to the Pat and Frank Allen Nurse Scholarship of the Vermont State Nurses Foundation in memory of Middlesex's first Zoning Administrator and longtime resident, Frank Allen. Steve seconded. The motion passed.**
12. **MOTION: Liz moved to approve the July 8, 2014 Select Board minutes. Steve seconded. The motion passed.**
13. All orders were signed.
14. The Board discussed the state of the town playing field by Rumney school. It was agreed that the Recreation Committee wait until August 1st to do the first high mowing.

15. The Board discussed appropriating \$50 from the fund balance to special articles which were underfunded in the FY15 budget due to a minor mathematical error. The Board agreed it wasn't necessary to do so.
16. The Board agreed to take its annual vacation and not hold a meeting on August 12, 2014.
17. Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.