

Select Board Members

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

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
5:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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MINUTES

Present: Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Bill Callnan, Steve Martin, and Liz Scharf, David Specht, Conservation Commission Member Charlie Merriman and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman

Call to Order/Welcoming of Guests/Agenda Amendments

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

Appointing Linda Jackson to the ZBA

After reviewing letters of interest from Don Hirsch, Bill Dorigan, Daniel Crisp, Angelo Napolitano and Linda Jackson, the Board discussed the merits of each and decided that as a former Lister and Planning Commission member as well as a longtime resident of Middlesex, Linda had the most pertinent experience to join the Zoning Board of Adjustment. **MOTION: Bill moved and Steve seconded a motion to appoint Linda Jackson to the Middlesex Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion passed.** Bill asked that a letter from the Board be written to the candidates thanking them for offering their service.

Approving Contract with Rich Lewis for Town-wide Reappraisal

The Board reviewed a contract from Rich Lewis, appraiser, for a two-year town-wide reappraisal starting in the summer of 2015 and completed in time for the 2017 June Grand List at a rate of \$75/parcel which equals \$67,950, assuming 960 parcels. **MOTION: Bill moved and Liz seconded the contract with Rich Lewis. The motion passed. The contract was signed.**

Wrightsville Reservoir Land Update

Following from an April 14, 2015 Select Board meeting during which Conservation Commission Chair Dave Shepard and member Charlie Merriman first brought an offer from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to transfer much of the 677 acres it oversees around the Wrightsville Reservoir to the town, Charlie said he discussed the proposal with the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Board of Directors and an engineer from the State of Vermont last week. The Wrightsville Board expressed enthusiasm about managing the land which otherwise might be transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers or meet some other end.

Liz asked why the town would want to take on this responsibility and Bill noted there would be a loss of PILOT money of approximately \$4,400 per year if the state gave up its ownership to the town. Charlie noted that the area is a watershed and its beach is used regionally, so ideally it should be preserved. Charlie asked if the Wrightsville Board

should pursue the matter further and the Select Board indicated that it would listen to proposals but otherwise was not enthusiastic about the idea.

Renewal of Washington County Sheriff's Department Contract

The Board reviewed a July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 contract renewal with the Washington County Sheriff's Department at \$28.50 per hour, a per-hour increase of 25 cents. **MOTION: Steve moved and Bill seconded approval of renewing the Washington County Sheriff's Department with a 25-cent/hour increase. The motion passed.** Bill encouraged the sheriffs to use their budget allowance to the max.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board advised Middlesex Country Store owner David Specht that it hoped to have an estimate on the cost of a mound system by the June 9, 2015 meeting.
- **MOTION: Bill moved and Steve seconded approval of the May 12, 2015 Select Board minutes. The motion passed.**
- All Orders were signed.
- The Board reviewed an email from Kim Bolduc heartily recommending that her fellow Central Vermont State Police Community Action Board Middlesex representative Everett Coffey be renewed for the second Middlesex position. **MOTION: Bill moved and Steve seconded reappointing Everett Coffey to the CVSPCAB for one year. The motion passed.**

Mary adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant