

Select Board Members

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

MINUTES

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

5:00 PM

Middlesex Town Clerk's Office

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Middlesex, Vermont 05602

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Present: Chair Peter Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Bill Callnan (by speakerphone). Treasurer and Zoning Administrator Cindy Carlson. Members of the Bill William Yacavoni, Auditor Helen Weed, Bill Rossmassler and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order/Amendments

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and welcomed guests. The only change to the agenda was a notation that the Conservation Commission requested \$2,000 in funding for the Conservation Fund, not \$5,000.

Review of the 2015 Town Audit

Bill Yacavoni presented his audit of the Town's books for 2015 and said everything looked fine. The only glitch was a change in reporting requirements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board re: how funds are identified in a town's budget. He recommended that at its next regularly scheduled meeting, the Board formally commit the reappraisal fund for reappraisal purposes in perpetuity. The Board accepted his audit report and thanked Helen Weed for her many years of service since this was likely her last audit meeting in light of a Town Warning article that will ask the voters to eliminate the positions of elected auditors in exchange for hiring a public accountant.

Approving Lease for Cynthia Steed and Descendants

MOTION: Steve moved and Liz seconded a lease granting Cynthia Steed and her linear descendants exclusive use of a small area around a cabin in the Notch Road property she is selling to the Town. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Bill Rossmassler said the closing on the 38.9-acre sale was scheduled for January 14, 2016, provided that a title search turns up clean.

Conservation Fund's Request for \$2,000

MOTION: Marry moved and Steve seconded adding a Special Article to the 2016 Town Warning asking if the voters will approve adding \$2,000 to the Town's Conservation Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: Steve moved and Bill seconded approval of the December 1, 2015, Select Board meeting minutes. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mary moved and Bill seconded approval of Red Hen's liquor license renewal. The motion passed.

The Board discussed the CVRPC's request for a "voluntary donation" from communities involved in an upcoming hazard mitigation plan and decided to table the issue until the end of the fiscal year.

Peter signed the VT AOT Grant Agreement for repaving Shady Rill Road.

All orders were signed.

The Board granted Timberline Events permission to use the Town Hall parking lot for a road race on the weekend of June 11, 2016.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant