

Select Board Members

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MINUTES
MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
5:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
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Present: Chair Peter Hood, Select Board members Steve Martin and Liz Scharf, Treasurer Cindy Carlson, Cathleen Gent, CVSWM Planning Analyst and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order/Amendments

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed Cathleen. The agenda was amended to include the 2016 agreement with the Central Vermont Humane Society.

CVSWMD Update and Fee Hikes Explained

Cathy Gent, a planning analyst for the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, discussed how the district benefits Middlesex by offering Green-Up Day grants and by taking hazardous and other waste that is difficult to dispose of. More recently, the CVSWM is planning a \$1.5 million new facility between East Montpelier and Barre that it would own instead of renting two spaces in Barre and Montpelier. The district is planning a bond vote at the November General Election to raise the money for the facility. Each town in the district will have a chance to vote. The focus of the CVSWM is to eliminate all waste entirely.

To that end, Cathy said, the district is raising its FY17 fee from \$1 per capita to \$2 per capita. If the bond vote fails, then the per capita rate will return to \$1, she said. The Board thanked her for this explanation and asked her to keep in touch, especially as the bond vote nears.

Formally Committing the Reappraisal Funds for Reappraisal Purposes

MOTION: Steve moved and Liz seconded committing the town's reappraisal fund for the purpose of reappraising properties, in perpetuity. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Designating Discretionary Fund to Street Lights

Due to a formula error in the Excel spreadsheet used to devise the FY17 budget that the Select Board approved on January 12, 2016, \$2,200 was left out of the street light line item, Cindy said. The Board discussed the pros and cons of taking a whole new budget vote with the impact of a higher budget and decided to designate money from the Discretionary Fund to the budget to keep the budget increase to 2.06%

MOTION: Steve moved and Liz seconded appropriating \$2,200 from the Discretionary Fund to pay for street lights in the FY17 budget. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of the 2016 Town Meeting Warning

The Board discussed the logistics of a paper vote for Article 9 – whether to eliminate elected auditors – and determined that it should immediately follow Article 8 so as not to disrupt the meeting.

MOTION: Liz moved and Steve seconded approval of the 2016 Town Meeting Warning. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of the 2015 Select Board Report

MOTION: Liz moved and Steve seconded approval of the 2015 Select Board Report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board passed over the Certificate of Complete and Opening of a Highway in the interest of time.

The Board passed over the Rutland Town Resolution, in the interest of time.

MOTION: Liz moved and Steve seconded approval of the 2016 Stray Animal Holding Agreement with the Central Vermont Humane Society. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Steve moved and Liz seconded approval of the January 12, 2016, Select Board Meeting minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

All Orders were signed.

Peter noted that since the Town now owns the Cynthia Steed property, the Conservation Commission should take steps to board up the remaining cabin for safety purposes and to prevent inhabitation.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant