

Select Board Members

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

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MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
5:00 PM
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PRESENT: Select Board Chair Peter Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and, by speakerphone, Bill Callnan. Also, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, ACO Erika Holm, and Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant.

Call to Order

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:04. There were no amendments to the agenda other than skipping to other business because guests were late.

Other Business

MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded approving the March 22, 2016 Select Board meeting minutes that were amended to correct a reference to a prior road foreman. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

All Orders were signed.

Correspondence: An April 11, 2016, email from Scott Skinner asking for a clarification of Town policy re: mowing on Leland Farm Road, was read into the record. Steve, who is also the Road Commissioner, noted that every Class 4 road is different and that, for road maintenance and safety reasons, the Town likes to mow as much as possible. Mary asked if a third party could mow land owned by another property owner and the Town. Steve said this was a special case because the Town gave the developer of Owen Ward's subdivision permission to build a road that as of now is not complete. Steve suggested that Paul and he discuss the matter with Scott personally.

Hiring of Tyler Wells/VLCT Highway Review

After placing two ads in the Times-Argus along with notices on Front Porch Forum and around town, Paul said he received five applications for the Road Crew position vacated by Joe D'Anna. Of those, only two had CDL certification and one of them was Tyler Wells. Tyler has just left the military and could start immediately. He is being paid \$16.50/hour whereas Joe was earning \$17.36, because he had the equipment experience Tyler lacks. Peter urged Paul to have Tyler trained on the handling the equipment as soon as possible; Paul said he was already on it.

VLCT, which is part of PACIF, the Town's insurance carrier, inspected the Town Shed and drew up a list of mandatory requirements the Highway Department needs to implement. Among them, everyday work procedures, separating the eating area from the

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work/equipment area, and implementing revised policies on hiring, procurement and drug/alcohol. Paul noted that VLCT is bringing the Town up to speed with VOSHA which can audit at any time. Once the policies are drafted, they will have to be approved by the Select Board.

In other business, Paul noted that Shady Rill Road will be closed for repaving shortly after school is out for the summer.

Revised Animal Control Ordinance

The Board reviewed a revised animal control ordinance. Erika requested that the hold time for stray dogs be changed from ten days to three since it's almost impossible for the Central Vermont Humane Society, where she works, to hold dogs for that long without incurring huge expenses and running into space problems. There were other issues regarding potentially vicious dogs vs. vicious dogs along with what penalties to impose. The Board will revisit the ordinance at its next meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Board reviewed the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Peter explained that the plan is currently being updated as required every five years in order to receive FEMA funding should a disaster occur. A committee will be formed of the Emergency Management Coordinator David Jablonski, representatives from the MVFD, Rumney School and other town officials with a goal of finishing a revised draft by July.

MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded approving the current Hazard Mitigation Plan with updates. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

2016 LEOP Approved

The Board reviewed the 2016 Local Emergency Operations Plan. Liz suggested updating it with cell numbers and more day care centers.

MOTION: Mary moved and Steve seconded approving the 2016 LEOP. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant