

Select Board Members

Peter Hood, Chair
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Vice Chair
 Phil Hyjek
 Steve Martin
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MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
5:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
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MINUTES

Present: Chair, Peter Hood, members Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Phil Hyjek and Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner by speaker phone. Treasurer Cindy Carlson. Dorinda Crowell. Budget Committee: Bill Dorigan, Ruth Dockter, Elias Gardner and Barry Bolio. Jessica Buckley. Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order/Welcoming of Guests/Amendments

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and welcomed the guests.

Appointing Dorinda Crowell as Treasurer/Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Trustee of Public Funds

Dorinda confirmed that she was interested in taking over for Cindy who is retiring on January 31, 2017.

MOTION: Liz moved and Phil seconded appointing Dorinda Crowell as interim Treasurer/Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Trustee of Public Funds upon the January 31, 2017 effective resignation of Cindy Carlson from those positions. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Board thanked Cindy for her many years of service and congratulated Dorinda on her new responsibilities.

FY18 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Peter noted that the FY18 budget, which was near finalization, resulted in a modest 2.07% increase over the previous year. However, since Washington County had not settled on a county tax, he suggested passing over the budget until the next Select Board meeting on January 24th. The Board discussed whether to put the MVFD request for a \$118,000 refurbished tanker to the voters at Town Meeting as a separate article. The issue would be discussed further at the next meeting when the Select Board approves the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting Warning. It was agreed that a penny on the tax rate would raise approximately \$11,000. The Board postponed voting on the budget until the next meeting.

LAND USE REGULATIONS: 3RD PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board paused its meeting to hold a duly warned public hearing on the proposed Middlesex Land Use Regulations. While the hearing had been warned for 6 PM in Town Hall, it was held in the Town Clerk's Office so Mary could participate in the conversation. Jessica Buckley and Planning Commission member Barry Bolio attended. Peter called the hearing to order at 6:05 PM.

The Board and public reviewed an amended reporting form on changes to the proposed zoning regulations since the last public hearing on October 25th per 24 VSA §4442(b). The reporting form also included past reporting forms dating to April 20, 2016, the

Planning Commission's first public hearing on the regulations. As the form noted, the only changes from the previous version were that, per the Planning Commission's request, all Permitted and Conditional Uses under 2.1 – 2.7 reverted to the existing 2011 regulations so as not to potentially conflict with the Town Plan.

Jessica inquired about a "temporary structure" definition. That was the only public comment.

Peter adjourned the public hearing at 6:20 PM.

Approval of the Revised Land Use and Development Regulations

Mary reiterated that the document the Board would be voting on was better written and clearer than the 2011 zoning regulations, but that the Permitted and Conditional uses under 2.1-2.7 had remained the same.

MOTION: Phil moved and Steve seconded approving the latest draft of the Revised Land Use and Development Regulations. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Peter noted that the new regulations were effective immediately.

Shady Rill Park

The Board reviewed emails from Middlesex Conservation Commission Chair Lee Rosberg that outlined Collin O'Neal's suggestion to the Commission Thursday that the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, where he serves as manager, assume upkeep of the Shady Rill Park should the Town of Middlesex take ownership if of it from the state. Peter said this suggestion, while welcome, also created more questions than it answered. The Board agreed it was very supportive of the idea, but asked that Middlesex's representative to the District, Jane Dudley, and Collin, meet with the Select Board at its next meeting to discuss specifics. Mike Fraysier from the VTDEC was also invited to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and signed the annual Certificate of Highway Mileage.

MOTION: Steve moved and Phil seconded approving the December 13, 2016 Select Board minutes. The motion passed.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed the 2016 Equalization Study Results that listed Middlesex Common Level of Appraisal at 93.67% and its Coefficient of Dispersion at 10.04%.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's 2016 Review.

All orders were signed.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant