

**Select Board Members**

Peter Hood, Chair  
 Mary Just Skinner,  
Vice Chair  
 Phil Hyjek  
 Steve Martin  
 Liz Scharf

**MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Middlesex Town Clerk's Office**  
**5 Church Street**  
**Middlesex, Vermont 05602**  
**(802) 223-5915**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair, Peter Hood, Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner, members Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Phil Hyjek. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell. Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, Town Meeting Moderator Susan Clark and Select Board Assistant, Sarah Merriman.

**Call to Order/Welcoming of Guests/Amendments**

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed the guests. The agenda was amended to include Paul's request for a Special Select Board Meeting to approve a truck purchase.

**Scheduling a Special Select Board Meeting for March 3, 2017**

Bids for a new 10-wheel, tandem axle Town dump truck with plow to replace the 2010 International came in earlier than expected and Paul suggested the Board hold a Special Select Board meeting to approve one of the bids before Town Meeting since so many towns will be submitting orders after their town meetings. The Board reviewed the bids and the leading contender was another International (Hx620) with a Cummins X15, 505hp engine. With the trade on the 2010 International, the total cost would be \$60,000, versus \$81,450 for a Freightliner 114SD and \$87,320 for a Western Star 4700SF. The Board agreed to meet at 4:30 PM in the Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, March 3, 2017, to vote on a purchase.

**Charles Evans's Complaint about Lauren Heyl's Dogs**

The Board reviewed a February 23, 2017, email from Charles Evans complaining about loose dogs belonging to his neighbor, Lauren Heyl. Charles wrote that Lauren's dogs are constantly on his property at 89 Wood Road, that he has started carrying a starter pistol with blanks to scare off the dogs and that the four (or maybe 5) dogs bark so much that he cannot walk his property without being harassed. He has called Lauren and spoken to ACO Erika Holm, but the nuisance hasn't stopped.

The Board was informed that after a previous complaint in 2015 from a different neighbor, Lauren licensed her four dogs. However, she did not license them in 2016 and so far had not sought to license them in 2017, thought the due date was only a month away.

In an email to the Board, Erika noted the following: "Lauren Heyl continues to let her dogs run loose on to other people's property. These dogs harass the neighbors as well as the neighbors' pets. If she is not going to do anything differently to contain her dogs, then I think she needs to be advised that she has to get rid of the dogs or we may seize them. As a Town we do need to consider what that may mean, if they are not adoptable dogs." The Board reviewed the Town's Dog Ordinance and noted that since the first offense was over a year ago, this complaint cannot be considered a second offense. So, the Board

decided to send a certified letter to Lauren advising her that she was in violation of the Middlesex Dog Ordinance, that she faced a \$50 fine if she failed to get her dogs licensed by April 1, 2017, and that if her dogs continued to run loose or bark at night she would be one notice away from having her dogs impounded by the Town. The Board would review the letter at its March 3, 2017 Special Meeting.

### **Susan Clark/Preparing for Town Meeting**

Susan updated the Board about plans for the 2017 Town Meeting and input from the Town Meeting Solutions Committee, of which she is a member. She noted that there needed to be more chairs than at the 2016 meeting and that members of the BCA should tally hand counts, not the moderator. Mary said she would like representatives from the organizations asking for money to be present to answer questions.

### **Correcting Scrivener's Error in the Dimensional Standards in the 2017 Revised Land Use Regulations**

**MOTION: Mary moved and Phil seconded correcting the section references in the Dimensional Standards in Table 2.2 from 5.4 to 5.7. The motion passed.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

All orders were signed.

**MOTION: Mary moved and Phil seconded approving the February 14, 2017 Select Board meeting minutes. The motion passed.**

Peter signed the reappointment of Anita Krauth to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jane Dudley re: the Wrightsville Recreation District Board of Directors' opinion of the Shady Rill Park acquisition. Peter asked that the Shady Rill Park issue be added to an upcoming Select Board agenda.

The Board reviewed a Municipal Energy Survey from the CVRPC and a Hauling Exemption Survey from the CVSWMD and agreed to work on them individually until the March 14, 2017 Select Board Meeting.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant