

**Approved:** Minutes of the Middlesex Select Board Meeting 2/22/2011

**Present:** Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Mary Just Skinner, Cindy Carlson, Mary Alexander, Steve Martin, Ned Swanberg, Matt Dwire, Jeff Farber, Bill Yacavoni, Helen Weed, Joanne Hull, Kim Martin, Ginny Burley, Mark Tillinghast

**Public Hearing concerning proposed updated zoning bylaws is called to order at 6:00 pm**

Ned Swanberg, VT Department of Environmental Conservation, Flood Plain Mapping Coordinator, presented a slide show on the recent FEMA flood updates and new flood maps that are expected to become effective September, 2011. Middlesex has 36 properties in the flood zone. Of these 36 structures, 15 are in a flood way. Ned suggests that in the future Middlesex consider including flood language for the fluvial flood areas in its Zoning Regulations.

Public Hearing adjourns at 6:30 pm

**Select Board Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm**

Bill Yacavoni, Auditor, reviews his Audit Report for 2010 budget period. Bill discusses the fund balance, reconciling property taxes and the financial report.

Kim Martin and Ginny Burley, Central VT New Directions Coalition – Kim and Ginny discuss the program offered by the Coalition and how they promote safety for substance use. There are parent education workshops held, an e-newsletter, and notices in the local papers. The Coalition has found that marijuana use is up and prescription drug use has increased over the past 2 years.

Mark Tillinghast, Middlesex Fire Department – Mark has put together a proposed budget to hire part time fire fighter members. The budget would allow for a paid chief, 2 part time fire fighters/emergency technicians, 15 paid calls for each fire fighter. Mark is suggesting a budget of \$73,760 for this type of organizational structure. Under the current fire department structure, elections are held to elect officers. There are no officer position descriptions. There are currently nine volunteers responding to calls on a regular basis. The Board discusses the possibility of dissolving the current organization and the Town managing the fire department. The Board discusses the possibility of starting with the 2011-2012 budget period, to pay a stipend to volunteers who show up at a fire call. Mark will come back with a recommendation for a stipend program. The Board discusses the possibility of paying members to attend training in addition to paying the training fee. The Board feels there should be some citizen involvement from members of the community to study and make a recommendation on the best way to operate the fire department.

Karen Kerin has requested a road sign for the private road off of which is her driveway. This private road is off VT Route 12, but her mailing address is VT Route 12. She reports that emergency vehicles have had difficulty locating her property. The town's highway policy states there have to be 3 year round houses on a road before the road can be assigned a name or be considered a class 4 road.

Overweight Permits: Bournes Inc dba Bournes Energy, New England Quality Services Inc. dba Earth Waste Systems, O'Casey Trucking dba Hinesburg Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., McLure Moving & Storage dba Excel Transport Inc., Scott Brown **Motion:** Mary Alexander moves to approve the overweight permits, Mary Just Skinner seconds. Motion carries.

The Committee for the Village Enhancement program has reviewed the submitted proposals from four engineering firms and recommends the project be granted to RSG Transportation. This project will including widening the shoulder area over the culvert below the Red Hen Bakery complex, installing a different guardrail system on one side of the road, a crosswalk at the country store and 3 new village entrance signs.

**Motion:** Bill moves approval of signing a contract with RSG Transportation as outlined. Matt seconds. Motion carries.

Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner, submits the Town Road & Bridge Standards for approval by the Board. The standards are dated January 4, 2011. There are additions for guardrails, grading and education training over the current standards.

**Motion:** Bill moves approval of the 2011 Town Road & Bridge Standards as recommended by Gary Lamell. Matt seconds. Motion carries.

Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner has submitted a grant agreement in the amount \$175,000 to reclaim, grade and repave 0.9 mile of Shady Rill and .02 mile of East Hill Road.

**Motion:** Mary Alexander moves to submit the grant agreement as outlined by Gary Lamell. Mary Just Skinner seconds, motion carries.

All orders are signed.

**Motion:** Mary Alexander moves to appoint the following Ballot Clerks: Barbara Buckley, Helen Weed, Janet McKinstry, Jane Tucker, Joanne Hull, Jenny Carlson, Paula Gosselin, Anita Krauth  
Mary Just Skinner seconds. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson  
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