

Select Board Members

- Peter Hood, Chair
- Mary Just Skinner,
Vice Chair
- Mary Alexander
- William Callnan
- Steve Martin

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, August 27, 2013
5:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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Present: Select Board Chair Peter Hood, Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner, Mary Hood Alexander, Highway Foreman Paul Cerminara and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call To Order

1. Peter called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Highway Update

2. Paul said he hopes to finish the improvements on Center Road by the middle of fall. Mary Alexander asked about signage and he said new road signs have been ordered and, depending on the Corrections Department schedule, should be up by mid-September. Neighborhood Watch signs should be up in a couple of weeks. The crew has been dumping excavated materials into the gravel pit on Notch Road for future use on Class 4 roads.

Pull Off on Chase Road

3. Regarding Tony Iazzo's request to eliminate the pull-off on Chase Road (8.13.2013 SB Minutes), Paul said he and Road Commissioner Steve Martin agree the pull-off is necessary because there is no other place for vehicles to pull off on the narrow road for a mile between Iazzo's barn and Casey Ellison's property.
4. Sarah relayed messages from Select Board member Bill Callnan that he could see both sides of the argument and another from Tony Iazzo who asked why, after sixteen years, did the Highway Department feel a pull-off was necessary.
5. Peter said that the difference now is that there will be a full-time resident at the end of Chase Road who will need plowing. He also pointed out that without a pull-off, it might be necessary to permanently widen the road into the town's right-of-way to accommodate two-way traffic.
6. **MOTION: Mary Alexander moved to keep the pull-off within the Town's right-of-way on Chase Road. Mary Skinner seconded. The motion was approved.**

Al Kaiman's Barn

7. Mary Alexander said she was concerned about Al Kaiman's barn that constituents have reported is listing dangerously into Portal Road. She questioned whether it was in the Town's right-of-way and if the Town had any recourse to have it condemned and removed before it collapses on someone. Mary Skinner said the town should probably seek legal advice before taking any action. The Board directed Sarah to ask

the League of Cities and Towns and then place the matter on the agenda for the September 10 meeting.

191 and 195 Three Mile Bridge Road

8. Sarah told the Board that on September 4, 2013, the Town planned to close on 191 and 195 Three Mile Bridge, two abutting properties that had been damaged in Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011 and were slated to be bought out through a Federal Emergence Management Agency (FEMA) grant and a matching Community Development Block Grant from the state. However, due to the late filing of legal documents, it appeared that the funding from the two entities would not be available by the closing date unless the documents were submitted to the proper entities by August 28, 2013. If that happened, then at least 75% of the funding from FEMA would be available. The state funding would come after the closing. Moving back the closing date would create potential problems because RFPs for demolition had already been posted and were due September 19.
9. The question was, would the Select Board be amenable to fronting 100% of the money if the documents did not come through so the Town could stick with its scheduled closing date?
10. The Board agreed to convene an emergency meeting, if necessary, to consider the matter formally if attorney John Riley failed to submit the necessary paperwork in time or if the paperwork was denied.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. **MOTION: Mary Skinner moved and Mary Alexander seconded a motion to pay Erika Holm \$160 to attend a Vermont Police Academy training session on animal cruelty and to cover the \$35 fee. The motion passed.**
12. The Board considered which funds to use to pay for \$11,600 worth of mold abatement by S/R Services at the Town Garage and agreed they would need more input from Treasurer Cindy Carlson before making a final decision.
13. All orders were signed.

Adjournment

14. The Board adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant

