

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

MINUTES
MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
5:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Peter Hood, Member Liz Scharf and Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner and Bill Callnan by speakerphone and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order

Peter called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. The agenda was amended to include an appointment to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management Board and the appointment of Town Service Officer.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Chair. MOTION: Liz moved to elect Peter chair of the Select Board; Bill seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice-call vote since two members were calling in from speakerphone.

Granting Chair voting privileges. MOTION: Bill moved and Mary seconded allowing the Chair to vote. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Electing the Vice Chair. MOTION: Liz moved to elect Mary Just Skinner Vice-Chair; Bill seconded for the purposes of discussion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Appointment of the Select Board Assistant. The Board decided that this did not have to be an annual appointment, that the assistant could be hired or fired at the Board's discretion.

Designation of time and place of Select Board meetings. MOTION: Mary moved that the Select Board hold regularly scheduled meetings at 5 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month in the Town Clerk's office. Liz seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Designation of newspaper of record. MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded designating the Times-Argus as the newspaper of record. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Appointment of Road Commissioner. This item was passed over until current Road Commissioner Steve Martin was in attendance.

Appointments to the following town positions. MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded the following appointments:

- a) Interim Zoning Administrator – Cindy Carlson
 - b) Board of Adjustment – Charlene Bohl, Roger Hirt, John Demeter, Linda Jackson
 - c) Animal Control Officer – Erika Holm
 - d) Emergency Management Coordinator – David Jablonski
 - e) Fire Warden – Jason Merrill
 - f) Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Representative – Ron Krauth
 - g) Conservation Commission Members. (This item was passed over until further clarification from the Conservation Commission.)
 - h) Wrightsville Beach Management Representative – Jane Dudley
 - i) Central Vermont Solid Waste Management Representative – Anita Krauth
- The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Appointment of Town Service Officer. MOTION: Mary moved to reappoint Liz Scharf; Bill seconded. The Board discussed an email from Afsar Sultana advising towns that requirements to notify the state re: town service officer appointments had been put on hold while the Legislature considered doing away with the positions permanently. The Board agreed that in the meantime it would be wise to have a Town Service Officer in case of emergencies. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.

Granting the Select Board Assistant authority to sign excess weight permits. MOTION: Liz moved and Bill seconded granting Sarah authority, while she is Select Board Assistant, to sign excess weight permits. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING

Resignation of Joe D'Anna from Highway Department

The Board accepted the resignation of Joe D'Anna from the Road Crew effective April 1, 2016, and thanked him for his service. Since Road Foreman Paul Cerminara could not attend the meeting, Peter explained that Joe simply received a better employment offer from his previous employer and that Joe was leaving with no hard feelings. Bill thanked him for giving such long notice to carry the town through winter/mud season.

Sharing the Cost of a Defibrillator with Rumney School

Liz said that Rumney School nurse Martha Israel had floated the idea of buying a defibrillator to keep at the school. But because so many town functions (Town Meeting/ Harvest Dinner) are held there, Martha wondered if the Town would be interested in splitting the \$1,000 cost. Peter said he agreed it would be good to have a defibrillator in town. He wondered if the FAST squad had one. Even so, considering that the machine is designed to be used within 5-10 minutes of a cardiac arrest, he questioned the logistics of the town's access to one that would be locked up in the school. The Board asked Sarah to research the FAST squad's position on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of the February 16, 2016, minutes. **MOTION:** Liz moved and Mary approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016, Select Board meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.

The Board reviewed a letter from Hal Cohen, Secretary of the VT Agency of Human Services, asking for permission to extend the closing of the “temporary secure facility” on Route 2 from January 2018 to January 2020. The Board agreed to put the issue on the agenda for the March 22 meeting and to notify abutters.

The Board reviewed a letter from VLCT and the Agency of Natural Resources advising towns of the changes to the PILOT program that could affect Middlesex several years down the road.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Middlesex Conservation Commission soliciting the Select Board’s support for an effort by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to conserve the Patterson Brook Headwaters property which includes 763 acres in Middlesex, some of which covers the Middlesex Trail up White Rock Mountain and Mount Hunger. The Board invited MCC Chair Dave Shepard to attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

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