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MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
5:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
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Middlesex, Vermont 05602
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Peter Hood, Members Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner by speakerphone. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, Recreation Director Mitch Osiecki and Conservation Commission Chair Lee Rosberg. Liz took the minutes.

Call to Order, Amendments, Guests

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Update on Town Shed Fuel Tank

With the interior lining of the town shed fuel tank corroded, Paul said no fuel is being stored on site and the highway department is purchasing its fuel from the City of Montpelier. Berby Petroleum has provided two estimates for an above-ground replacement tank including tank, parts and freight: a 2,000-gallon tank for \$8,615 and a 4,000-gallon tank for \$12,478. These estimates do not include the costs of mitigation and removal of the old tank which must be done by a certified company. Peter said the excavation can be done by the town to reduce costs. Steve suggested scheduling fuel deliveries weekly.

Mary asked if there had been other bids, though the town has a working history with Berby. Steve suggested surveying prices from competitors to insure the Berby estimate is in the ballpark. Peter said it would be best to secure the pad and the new tank before removing the old tank. Paul worried about prepping a pad before potentially discovering the need for more petroleum mitigation. Steve suggested locating the pad in a different area.

Paul said he will compile prices on other tanks and check for a new tank location. The Board agreed the 2,000-gallon tank was sufficient and that scheduling a regular fuel delivery will keep the tank full. Peter asked Paul to check on the price of fuel if more frequent deliveries are scheduled. Peter asked Paul to see if it was possible to not remove the tank, but to fully empty it, clean it and fill it with sand. Paul said he would explore all those options.

Town Recreation Updates

Town tennis courts: Mitch said VT Tennis Surfacing checked the tennis courts adjacent to Rumney School and praised the patching job Mitch did. Mitch said he will re-patch the cracks to make the courts playable. The company suggested adding an inch or two of asphalt instead of resurfacing. Mitch ordered new nets at a cost of \$200-\$300.

Walt Kelley Park: Steve confirmed there are eight to ten parking spaces at the park and that combining the parking with the fire station makes sense. Mitch suggested a walkway for the future. Peter recommended mowing a path to the shelter from the parking lot and mow around the shelter, picnic tables and grill to make the park more appealing. Mitch has spoken to U32 seniors about working on the park as part of their senior volunteer efforts. Peter hoped to have access to the river. The Board discussed the possibility of archeological finds and Mitch said perhaps someone from UVM could investigate. That's another reason why it's important to have a path. Mitch said there is a dump site with old junk behind the Welch Park fire station. Mary suggested asking the U32 seniors to clean it up, but Mitch said the material is too big.

Middlesex Conservation Fund Policy

Lee discussed the challenge of getting a broader spectrum of Middlesex residents to help make decisions about spending the Conservation Commission's fund monies. Lee and the Board agreed the commission should recommend how to spend the money instead of forming a separate committee.

MOTION: Steve moved and Mary seconded approving the revised Middlesex Conservation Fund Guidance document. The motion passed.

Lee updated the Board about the 600-acre parcel off Zdon Road that John Rock sold to Scott Beaudoin. Scott asked the MCC to halt all trail construction until the Town forest is surveyed to confirm the trail is not being built on Scott's property. All except 5 acres of his property is protected by a VT Land Trust easement. Lee and Charlie Merriman are asking the Land Trust to dig up the survey, if it exists. Peter said the town would not stop trail work or conduct a survey at Scott's requests. Peter suggested writing a letter on behalf of the Board to state the Town will not

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perform a new survey, but if Mr. Beaudoin has a survey of his own property, the Town is happy to review his survey to insure the trail isn't on his property. Lee would write the letter with SB Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Lee thanked the Board for supporting the Three-Mile-Bridge Cross Vermont Trail. Mitch and Lee left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Dorinda said she still needs an order from the Middlesex Cemetery Commission to write a check from the Edward Jones account to the MCC's Community National subaccount. However, she has not yet received an order. She does have the checkbook and the authority to write checks. The Board reviewed the month's financial report and

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded approving the May 8, 2018 minutes. The motion passed.

All orders were signed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed 5/21/2018 email from Risk Management Services regarding a claim to PACIF from a resident who said her truck had been damaged when a member of the Town Highway Department pulled her out of a ditch. Peter said the Town needs a policy regarding such incidents. However, the Town should not adopt a policy prohibiting municipal employees from assisting in emergency situations, especially when cars are off the road or causing hazards on the road. Mary suggested checking with other towns. Peter said the Board should respond to PACIF's concerns.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ABOVE MINUTES APPROVED JUNE 12, 2018

PETER O. HOOD, CHAIR

MARY JUST SKINNER, VICE CHAIR

STEVEN MARTIN

ELIZABETH SCHARF

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PHILIP HYJEK