

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

**MINUTES**  
**MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Middlesex Town Clerk's Office**  
**5 Church Street**  
**Middlesex, Vermont 05602**  
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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chair Peter Hood, Vice Chair Mary Just Skinner, Members Phil Hyjek, Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Treasurer Dorinda Crowell, who took the minutes. Mike Pelchar of Planetary Matters, ORCA and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

**Call to Order/Amendments**

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Parking at Camp Meade Events**

The Board discussed parking solutions for future events at Camp Meade on US Route 2. Mike, a partial owner of the Camp Meade complex and adjoining properties, said his group, Planetary Matters, has been planning how to deal with cars and pedestrians at its December 28<sup>th</sup> S'MoresFest which is expected to draw 1,000 people. Mike said PM has added 100 parking spaces at Sally's Second Act across the street and at the white house adjacent to Camp Meade. In addition, they would like to offer parking at Welch Park and shuttle spectators to Camp Meade, which itself has room for 100 cars. Liz said she was concerned about families walking along Route 2 at night. Peter said PM should consider banning parking on the north side of the road and to install people with flashlights to direct traffic and crossing pedestrians. Or possibly no parking on Route 2 at all, Mike said. Phil asked about accessing Sticks 'n Stuff. Mike said they are open to allowing parking there. Mike left the meeting

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** Mary moved and Phil seconded approving the September 24, 2019, Select Board Minutes. The motion passed and those present signed the minutes.

All orders were signed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board discussed an email and report from TJ Kingsbury about the 802 Storage project currently under consideration by the Middlesex Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board members received the report via email from TJ who suggested the Board might want to discuss the solar array under consideration. Phil, a member of the ZBA, updated the Board about its September 11<sup>th</sup> visit to the site and subsequent public hearing on the applications. He said the PC and ZBA asked for additional documentation, including from attorneys representing abutting neighbor Jim Gallagher who have filed a cross appeal. Phil said the Board should pass over this issue while it is still in the appeal process before the two committees. He said a proposed hearing before the Environmental Court is on hold during this time. He said the ZBA may approve part of the application – such as the proposed R&D facility – with storage for that facility being a conditional use. He said the ZBA may hold off permitting until this use is confirmed. Meanwhile, the solar array is out of the ZBA's jurisdiction; the VT Public Service Board oversees that. Phil also noted that the VT Patients Alliance medical marijuana growing facility has broken ground. It's a green building and will be a good facility.

Peter told the Board he made a decision not to send a letter to the State re: housing of potentially dangerous patients at the Therapeutic Care Facility on US Route 2 after the patient in question was returned to prison. The Board discussed sending the letter anyway as a proactive move and to remind the State of its promise not to house patients there who were potentially a danger to the general public.

Sarah said blueprints were found for the Highway Garage on Shady Rill Road; this should cut down on the expense of DeWolfe's structural analysis, Peter said.

5:35 PM

October 2, 2019

Peter adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM

Minutes transcribed from Dorinda's excellent notes by Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS A WARNED AGENDA ITEM AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD ON OCTOBER 15, 2019.

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PETER O. HOOD, CHAIR

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MARY JUST SKINNER, VICE CHAIR

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PHILIP HYJEK

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STEVEN MARTIN

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ELIZABETH SCHARF