

Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2012

Present: Susan Clark, Ron Krauth, Tim Murphy, Dave Shepard, Barb Whitchurch, Greg Whitchurch

Guest: Linda Jackson

1. Overview of Town Meeting Solutions Committee

Susan provided a brief description of some of the completed and ongoing projects and that the Town Meeting Solutions Committee (TMSC) has been and is involved with.

2. Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Meeting

Greg moved to approve the minutes of the September 10th meeting of the TMSC with a second from Barb. The minutes were approved.

3. Middlesex Village

Linda explained her interest in working on revitalizing Middlesex village. An important component would be getting the Middlesex Country Store back in operation. The old train station could also be a catalyst –finding a permanent location for it, restoring it and putting it into use. Linda has been observing actions by a group in Waterbury to encourage business and activity in their village that provide a good example of how to promote a community. She would like to see something similar in Middlesex and is looking for how to advance this concept. The TMSC could assist with publicizing a gathering to seek community input and interested volunteers. One possibility is a visioning session for the village. An effort along these lines was undertaken a number of years ago sponsored by the Conservation Commission, that culminated in a village charrette. Dave will try to locate a copy of the report for Linda.

4. Rumney Facilities Committee

The Rumney Facilities Committee is now working with an architect on potential improvements to the Rumney School facilities. Any bond vote won't be until at least next spring and maybe not until next fall. More public engagement work is forthcoming. The TMSC may be asked to help with facilitating these discussions.

5. Middlesex Operator's Manual

It has been five years since the last update of the Middlesex Operator's Manual (MOM). A new version would likely be in electronic form with a limited number of hard copies and would probably include updates but would not be a complete overhaul. One outcome could be to put MOM on the town website as a discrete document. Susan will check on the software of the current version.

Next meeting: Monday, November 19th

Meeting adjourned at 8:38.

Minutes recorded by Dave Shepard
