



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectmen

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Selectboard Minutes March 13, 2024

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Ann Marie Visconti, ^{Chair}Chair, with Curt Robie, selectboard member in attendance as well. Tamarin Laurel-Paine was absent to due illness. Town members present were: Ken Murray, Skip Savery, Kirsten Henshaw, Beverly Cooper, Jenny Dion, Doreen Black, Logan Judge, and Suzanne Lemieux. Mark Doane, Town Administrative Assistant was also present.

A discussion was held about investments for the Town, with Kirsten reporting that \$300,000.00 was already invest in the MMDT fund, and reported that we could move another \$126,000.00, however, it was decided not to at this time. A discussion was held about the stabilization accounts with a breakdown as follows: School stabilization has \$71,250.00; Capital stabilization has \$60,000.00; and General stabilization has \$295,631.00.

The new Town truck was reported by the Highway Superintendent to be quoted at a cost of \$255,692.00 and would most likely take a year before delivered. It was reported that a loan would be taken out at the best competitive rate, and would be paid off in three years using Chapter 90 money. No payment would need to be made until the truck is delivered.

Skip also reported that he plans on paving Chipman road this year, using \$450,000.00 in Chapter 90 money.

The Town Grader needs repairs after breaking down. After investigation, it was determined that the differential needs to be replacement. Skip is currently calling vendors to see about a refurbished differential. After much discussion as to where the funds would come from, it was recommended that the cost of replacing the differential come out of the general stabilization account. Exact price for the differential and installation are to be determined refurbished. It was recommended that the Highway Superintendent get the grader expenses by the next Selectboard meeting so it can get on a warrant.

The school district budget is not finalized; however, the Town portion will be increased over last year secondary to having more children in Middlefield this current year. Currently the Town has 27 school aged children. It was also reported that the Superintendent of schools stated at the last School Committee meeting, that the bonds have been paid off on the school buildings. It was reported,

however, that the high school/middle school roof need to have a total repair at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Curt reported on the Town Hall floor repairs, and stated that the figures he has are quotes, and not the actual bids. Bidding will be needed for removal and installation of new floors, however, the cost of moving office furniture et al will not need to go out to bid, as the cost is below bidding budget. He is currently working with the finance committee to get all the necessary approvals so that the floor expenses can be brought before the Town for approval.

Curt also reported that all the necessary individuals have signed the paperwork for the completion of the capping of the Skyline Trail dump owned by Anita Myers and family. Once everything is in place, scheduling for the signing of the final documents, and the payment to the Myers will be completed.

Due to needing to meet with the Finance Committee, the Special Town Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2024 has been cancelled, and is being rescheduled for April 13, 2024

Ann Panaccione and Ann Marie Visconti need to sign off on the Dirt Road Grant request.

It was questioned whether Sean Curran can be appointed as the Middlefield representative to HRMC or not. It was felt that since he is an employee of the Town, he could be appointed. He will be asked if he accepts. Wayne Suriner, Transfer Attendant will be appointed as the alternate.

The pending Annual Town Meeting Warrant was gone thru line by line, with changes made as recommended. Changes/recommendations will be brought to the finance committee.

There being no old business, new business, nor public input, the meeting was declared closed 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark W. Doand 
Town Administrative Assistant

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair: 

Curt Robie, Member: 

Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Member: _____