



## Town of Middlefield Board of Selectman

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### SELECTBOARD MEETING

2023-05-24

Present:

Chair Ann - Marie Visconti, Member Curt Robie, Regrets Tonya Santaniello

Guests: Tamarin Laurel Paine, Adair Laurel Cafarello, Joseph Kearns, Doreen Black, FD Ron Radwich & Crystal Kruszyna, Ken Murray, Judith Hoag, Carol Waag, PD Jen Dion, Noreen Suriner.

- **Convene Meeting:** Meeting opened at 6:30
- **Review/Sign Warrants:** A motion was made and seconded to approve May 10, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.
- **TAA candidate:** Mark Doane was interviewed by the TAA Screening Committee who recommended him for the position. A motion was made and seconded to hire Mark Doane, all were in favor. Motion passed.
- **Police/Fire Updates: Ambulance:** Crystal K. stated that after email conversations and in general, a temporary list has been established for calls to Middlefield: First Hinsdale, second Dalton, and third Becket. Signed mutual aid agreements will be forthcoming. Discussed services. **Police & Fire Dept. personnel report:** FC Ron submitted a report of Board Members and firefighters plus 2 junior firefighters. PDC Jen Dion reported 4 police officers. An updated list will be made of equipment. Ron mentioned an old army truck that is past use and will discuss this with Skip.
- **Chubb Personnel: MIA** recommended increased coverage in medical benefits in three categories which would cost the town \$3,990.00. Ron recommended a price comparison. Our policy is due for renewal in mid- June, if time allows for a comparison, it will be done, if not it will be thoroughly investigated later.
- **Pickle Ball:** Training event is scheduled for June 17 from 10:00 to 4:00.
- **Town Audit Review:** The accountant was not in o discuss software. Employees purchasing materials for their departments should be using a credit card or setting up an account. The Treasurer will be consulted.
- **FRTA:** Chair of COA announced a meeting with FRTA at 1:00 at the Senior Center on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Curt will be attending.
- **Textile Bin:** A motion was made to have the textile bin located at Senior Center. Motion was not seconded and no vote was taken.
- **Town Center/Park update:** Handicap rules have changed from 4 ft to 5 ft. Walkway will be expanded to meet code. Curt will talk to Skip about plowing snow into park. There is \$1,450 in an account that can be used for park benches. Middlefield Days location was discussed.

- **Guidelines for town website:** Complaints about businesses posting events on Town Web Site discussed. Curt will connect with the webmaster to create an “In and About Town” web page for this purpose.
- **Town Kitchen:** Kitchen was inspected and recommendations of minor changes and getting a water test were made.
- **Public Input:** A question about who was in charge was discussed. In the future the Town Administer should be consulted.
- Made a motion to adjourn at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne C. Lemieux