

Selectboard Meeting

June 1, 2022

Meeting open 6:35

Tonya Santaniello, Ann Marie Visconti, Curt Robie

Selectboard elected and voted Ann Marie Visconti as Selectboard Chair.

VA Representative Steve Connor presence in Middlefield

Covid 19 struggled with outreach. Veterans don't know what they are eligible for benefits.

Almost all communities eligible for Chapter 115 Veterans Benefits

Steve has a TV show, local access tv. His channel can be found on You Tube – Central Hampshire Veterans Services. Northamptonma.gov open media

Ann Marie asked for his assistance to determine who Middlefield war veterans are for the town to set up monuments.

Steve- Town Clerk has record

Duane- Records stop at WWII

Steve- Information is recorded by the Town Clerk on the Death Certificates. He has work study students he could utilize for project to research War Veterans for Middlefield memorial

Curt- Vet with medical condition can you help?

Steve – Yes, exactly what we do. Any vet needs assistance, determine if eligible. Town pays and gets reimbursed 75%

Steve – BuildingBridges.org started with a veteran. Outdoor ministry for homeless veterans began with lunch program. Steve spoke about the impact of Covid 19 on the veterans who participated in the lunch program being stopped. Steve spoke about expanding the program throughout the state.

Selectboard voted and signed agreement to Legislative changes to Ron Radwich's extension as Fire Chief. Duane sending out certified mail.

Discussion with Skip regarding replacement signs for dump and cost. \$175 each

Discussion highway department truck and the wiring in the new highway department truck. Skip recommends keeping old truck due to low value on resale.

Skip got signs for road and will put up

Skip- Huntly proposal test wells and other requirements by next week

Curt- Town Common no requirement for handicap parking. Recommended to put one in. Selectboard decided to put one. Landscaping will have to move 3 trees

Skip – Town Common recommend hard surface walkway. Cleans better. Selectboard voted hard surface walkway

Selectboard discussion on pedestrian signs to be continued

Curt updated board HRM Insurance working with Kathy

Carol Waag Conservation Commission presented board with quote for spraying Japanese knotweed. Result of culvert study on Root Road

Decided Personnel Committee will be Tonya, Gita (finance), and Skip.

Review and agree to Legislative changes to Ron Radwich's extension as Fire Chief

Discussion Financial Planning Manual, Gita- recommends contacting Division Local Services (DLS) they will give town a template to complete

Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) \$192,225 we have until next June to utilize. Skip we have to put bid out for blacktop, dirt roads most beat up, West Hill.

Historical Commission donation \$1174.00, need curation.

Disposal Fees (extra money in budget) to keep the fee same

Need to assign tasks from audit

Ann Marie ordering lock box for transfer station

Curt we need to type up what town response is to Adleman.

Curt- Green Grant Inspection next Tuesday. Eric has done his inspection and sent to state. Insulation done

Old Business: MVP grants State received both. Curt sent in another for Highway and Fire today.

3rd week August at Gateway Bobby Garriepy active shooter. Ann Marie- want Police and Fire to participate in active shooter training. Recommending incident command training for fire and police

Tonya reporting for police unpaid invoice for details done last year with Rykor construction work in Blandford. Total over \$6000.00; amount to town \$1600.00. Tonya will follow up with Attorney General.

Resident Matt 13 Becket Road approached SB regarding septic fee. Ed Fahey (BOH) recommended he speak with SB and Middlefield BOH. Curt will check with Ed.

Close 8:00

Meeting notes approved on __7/13/22__ SB mbrs : __AM__ __CR__ __TS__