

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
PO BOX 238, MIDDLEFIELD, MA 01243  
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 21, 2022

**PRESENT:** Ann Marie Visconti, Chair, Tonya Santaniello, Member, Curt Robie, Member, Doreen Black, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, Ron Radwich, Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Ken Murray, Beverly Cooper

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:44 P.M.

**Review and Sign Warrants:** Warrants reviewed and signed.

**Review Mail:** Discussed PVPC email received regarding 12/22/2022 meeting at 5PM. Discussed flower bill that needs to be moved from Fire Dept. to Council on Aging.

**Review & Approve meeting minutes for 11/2/2022 & 11/30/2022:** Curt made motion to approve 11/2/2022 & 11/30/2022 meeting minutes, Tonya seconds. Approved.

**Resident Inquiry regarding food sales during good weather months:** Discussed inquiry from Lance Whalen, 227 Skyline Trail, about selling food during summer months. Discussed that Town Bylaws will need to be reviewed and Board of Health agent, Ed Fahey will need to be contacted.

**FY23-24 Select Board Budget forms:** Curt recommended scheduling a meeting to just talk about Budgets. Discussed the need to know what free cash is so we can move forward.

**Discuss FY22 Year End, Town finances & free cash calculation:** Bev stated she thinks free cash will be around \$225,000.

**Discussion on new website admin, possibly move to Gmail accts:** Steve Harris discussed handing over control of maintenance for the Town website to Catya Belfer. Discussed difficulties with emails getting rejected and delayed. Discussed that we pay annually for in motion hosting but would like to see about moving to another hosting company.

**Discussion on Public Health Excellence Grant & Inspections:** Discussed Northampton Nurse's grant that is for 10 years. Discussed speaking with Rachael Cain who said Middlefield is on 2 separate lists and needs to decide who they want to use, Hampshire County or Berkshire. Discussed that the Northampton Nurses come to the Senior Center every month but the Hampshire Nurses never show up. Discussed that Middlefield uses Ed Fahey out of Berkshire for Inspectional services because Northampton does not provide that yet. Middlefield does have \$4500 in account to use towards inspectional services. Curt asked if each has a clear document of what exactly they provide to the Town at what cost. Email will be sent to get information. Middlefield is good through June 30, 2023.

**Grants & Construction estimates for various town projects including Senior Center/Town Hall:** Discussed both MVP grants are moving along. Curt made motion to have Ken Murray be the liaison for the Tri-Town Grant, Tonya seconds. All Agree. Discussed Block grant with Huntington & Chester, the Senior Center is too expensive so it does not qualify. Fire Station roof is waiting for warmer weather so the snow will melt off. Highway roof is complete. Discussed update on HMP/MVP grant.

**Survey estimates for Skyline Dump:** Discussed proposal of \$1300.00 to have BEK re-survey property. Discussed using Reserve, ARPA, or another account to pay for it. Ann Marie made motion to approve proposal, Tonya seconds, all agree.

**Continue budget and planning for ATM:** tabled

**Review Town Hall office changes and needs:** tabled

**Plan meetings & Town Hall office hours over Christmas/New Year's:** Town Hall will be closed Monday, 12/26/22 & Monday 1/2/23 in observation of Christmas & New Year's.

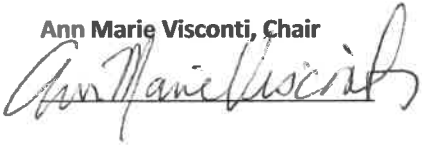
**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Discussed emails from Eversource regarding weather event. Discussed email regarding Police Bridge Academy enrollment for last names Q-Z. Enrollment will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 for online classes and in person classes/testing if there are open seats available.

**Public Input:** none

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Ann Marie made motion to adjourn, Tonya seconds. All Agree. Meeting Adjourned 8:55 PM.

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair



Tonya Santaniello, Member



Curt Robie, Member

